

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Rains Cook BLWT 2161-300

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State of Tennessee, Henderson County

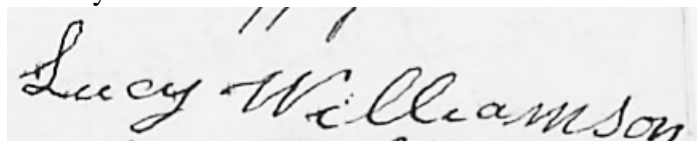
I Lucy Williamson widow and Relict of John W. Williamson and Heir at Law of Rains Cook Deceased do upon oath testify and declare to the best of my knowledge and belief that my father Rains Cook entered the service of the United States at the commencement of the Revolutionary War for and during the term of the war but at what period or under whose command or in what Regiment this Declarant cannot state as she was then not in existence but has heard her Father Rains Cook as well as she now recollects say that it was the Georgia line and that he the said Rains Cook was promoted to a Captaincy shortly after he had entered the Army of the revolution and that he continued in the service aforesaid until the end of the Revolutionary War.

I further declare that I have never received a warrant for the bounty land promised to the said Rains Cook on the part of the United States nor do I believe that he ever received it or transferred his claim to it in any manner whatever, Therefore

Know all men by these Presents that I Lucy Williamson aforesaid do hereby constitute and appoint E. A. Harris of the City of Washington District of Columbia to be my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name to demand and receive from the Secretary of War of the United States a Warrant for the quantity of Land due to me as aforesaid; and my said attorney is hereby fully authorized and empowered to constitute and appoint one or more substitutes or attorneys under him for the special purposes above expressed.

Attest: S/ James McAdams, JP

S/ Lucy Williamson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lucy Williamson". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. There are some faint marks above the signature, possibly from a stamp or another signature.

Representatives Hall 16th of May 1836

By Certify that I have known Mrs. Williamson from her childhood We went to School together for two years She was the only child of Captain Rains Cook said to be an officer of the Revolution, her father & mother died when she was very Young, she was Raised by her aunt, Reese of the County of Charlotte State of Virginia, Joseph Reese married her aunt, his Brother James Reese, married my aunt, Mrs. Williamson was first married to a gentleman in the County of Charlotte, Virginia, by the name of Townes after his death she was married to Mr. Williamson both of whom I well knew and I know that the application is on her own account.

Respectfully

S/ A. Huntsman [?]