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Bounty Land Warrant record of William Williams BLWt2202-300

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Know all men by these presents

That I Richard H Mosby of Mecklenburg County Virginia, by virtue of a power of Attorney to me granted by Wm W Williams [William W Williams], of Barnwell District South Carolina, have appointed and constituted, and by these presents, do appoint and constitute Thomas L Thurston, of Washington City, my substitute to surrender to the Secretary of the Treasury, or any other person authorized to receive the same, all Land Warrants issued to the said Wm W Williams as the only son and heir of Captain William Williams of the North Carolina Line [etc. continues with boilerplate power of attorney language not transcribed]

[Attested February 27, 1838 in the District of Columbia, Washington County]

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State of South Carolina Barnwell District

The Declaration of William W Williams of Barnwell District South Carolina who deposes and says that he is the Son and only Heir of Captain William Williams of the North Carolina Line in the War of the Revolution that to the best of his belief and knowledge his father Captain Williams served from an early period in the revolution to the close in the 5th Regiment from the State of North Carolina in the service of the United States. He further declares that his father Captain Williams never did receive in his lifetime the bounty land promised to the officers and soldiers of the Revolution by the Government of the United States nor did he sell, assign or transfer his right to the same to any person or in any manner whatever.

Know all men by these presents that I William W Williams only kept heir of Captain William Williams of the North Carolina line in the War of the Revolution do authorize and empower Richard H Mosby of Mecklenburg County Virginia as my Attorney and Agent [etc. boilerplate power of attorney language not transcribed]

S/ Wm W. Williams {LS} [Seal]

A Copy

[attested in Edgefield District South Carolina October 20, 1837]

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The Affidavit of John S. Jeter taken in open Court at the Court of Common Pleas for Edgefield District South Carolina for the purpose of showing that William W Williams of Barnwell District in the State aforesaid is the only son and Heir of Captain William Williams of the North Carolina line in the War of the revolution. This deponent being duly Sworn testifies and says that from frequent conversations with Mrs. Elizabeth Williamson, wife of Doctor Vincent P Williamson both now deceased, he believes William W Williams of Barnwell aforesaid to be the only Son of the first husband of said Mrs. Williamson, namely Captain Williams of the War of the Revolution – that the said William W Williams has always been reputed to be the only son and heir of said Captain Williams and that this deponent has seen the Commission of said Captain Williams in the possession of his reputed son and a heir.

Sworn to before me 20th October 1837

S/ George Pope, Clerk

S/ John S Jeter

At a Court of common Pleas held for Edgefield District in the State of South Carolina satisfactory evidence was adduced in open Court to prove that William W Williams of Barnwell District is the State aforesaid is the only child and heir of Captain William Williams of the North Carolina line in the War of the Revolution and that Elizabeth Williamson Mother of said William W Williamson died at Barnwell C. H. in the year 1819 – Richard Gantt Presiding Judge

I can add that from a residence of many years in the immediate vicinity of Doctor V. P. Williamson with whom and his lady the most friendly intercourse subsisted between us I feel a moral confidence that the facts as stated in the affidavit above are entitled to full faith and credit.

S/ Richard Gantt

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State of South Carolina Barnwell District

The amended Declaration of William W Williams of the State and District above stated, taken before me for the purpose of showing and establishing his right to the Land Bounty due to him from the Government of the United States for the Revolutionary services of his father Captain William Williams who was first attached to the North Carolina Line and afterwards transferred to the Corps of Invalids as well more fully appear by his commission now in the possession of my attorney R H Mosby Esquire in Washington City. The commission confers the Rank of Captain and bears date the 13th day of July 1779 signed by John Jay President of Congress.

He further states that his father Captain William Williams died when he was small and before his recollection; he has been told by his mother that his death took place about the year 1787. His mother then intermarried with Doctor Peter V. Williamson, and removed to South Carolina, where he was raised and has resided ever since.

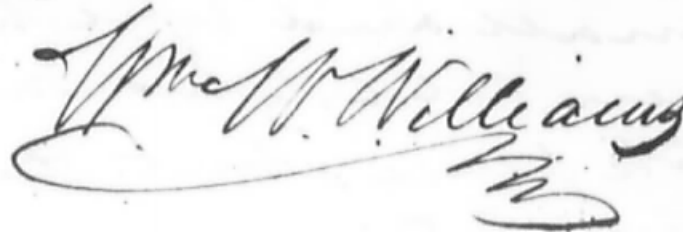
The commission now in the hands of my attorney R H Mosby and about to be presented as evidence of the Rank and services of my father Captain W Williams was given to me by my mother and his sword [?]. They have been ever since in my possession until delivered to our H Mosby for the purpose of assisting in establishing this right to the Land Bounty due my father for his revolutionary services.

After I arrived to the age of 21 years I procured from the State of North Carolina Warrants for the Bounty Lands of my father due him from that state, which I caused to be located in the State of Tennessee.

In conclusion I have to say that it has never been doubted that I am the one and only son

and heir of my father Captain William Williams, who was first an officer of the North Carolina Line and lastly a Captain in the Corps of Invalids as appears by his commission before mentioned.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 14th day of February 1838.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Wm Williams". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

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A Copy of the Commission of Captain William Williams of the North Carolina Line in the War of the Revolution

The United States of America in Congress Assembled

To William Williams Esquire Greeting – We reposing special Trust and confidence in your Patriotism, Valor, Conduct and Fidelity do by these presents constitute and appoint you to be a Captain in the Corps of Invalids in the Army of the United States, to take rank as such from the first day of April 1778. You are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of Captain, by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging and we do strictly charge and require all officers and soldiers under your command to be obedient to your orders as Captain and you are to observe and follow such orders and directions from time to time as you shall receive from this or a future Congress of the United States or Committee of Congress for that purpose appointed, a Committee of the States, or commander in chief for the time being & the Army of the United States or any other [of] your superior officers according to the rules and discipline of War, in pursuance of the Trust reposed in you. This commission to continue in force until revoked by this or a future Congress, the Committee of Congress before mentioned or a committee of the States.

Witness his Excellency John Jay Esquire President of the Congress of the United States of America at Philadelphia the 13th day of July 1779 and in the 4th year of our Independence
S/ John Jay

Entered in the War office
and examined by the board

Attest

P. Scull Secretary of the Board of War

[Note: the above is certified by the clerk of court as being a true copy of the parchment commission granted to Captain William Williams. The clerk's attestation is dated March 3rd 1838.]

[Note: J. D. Lewis has the following entry regarding this officer:

Was a Lieutenant and Adjutant. 4/1/1778, a Captain in the Invalid Regiment (National - known as the Continental Corps of Invalids from 1777 to 1783) and served until 4/23/1783.

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