

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Christopher Williams R11564
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State of Virginia, King and Queen County

On this 10 day of April 1835 personally appeared in open court before the court of said county & state, Christopher Williams age 72 years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, that he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1781 in October with Capt. Christopher Rone [Christopher Roane] for the war and did serve in Capt. Rones [Roane's] company of artillery of the state establishment (or line) until the close of the war 1783 as the following statements will show.

Period of Service	Duration of Service	Names & rank of the field officers
Oct 1781	2 years	Col. Harrison
1782	11 months	Capt Rone
Nov 1783	some days, how many I can't recollect	Lt. Harper

Age and place of above when entered the service	Proof
72 years old	A. Shackilferd ¹
King & Queen County Virginia	Geo. Gardner ²
	Polly Watts

I enlisted in October as before stated (the day I do not recall). Capt. Rones company was stationed at York Town where I remained until the first of November 1783, then I was marched to the city of Richmond when I received a regular written discharge from Capt. Rone, (which I have lost) making the time I was in the regular service 2 years and some days. (the number of days I don't recollect, there was no other troops left at York Town after the surrender of "Wallace" [Cornwallis] but Capt. Rones company of artillery which was turned over to the Continental establishment. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name ins not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. S/ Christopher Williams, X his mark

We John Sumerson a clergyman in the county of King & Queen and Wm Morris residing in the same do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Christopher Williams who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to be 72 years of age that he is reputed and beloved in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier in the revolution and that we concur in that opinion sworn to and subscribed this day and year aforesaid.

1. Where and in what year were you born? Ans. In the 1763

¹ Sic, [Alexander Shackelford S7506](#)

² [George Gardner S2228](#)

2. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it now? Ans. My age is recorded in the family bible.
3. Where were you living when called into service, where have you been since the revolutionary war and where do you now live? Ans. In King & Queen County.
4. How were you called into service? Were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom? Ans. I enlisted as stated in my declaration.
5. State the names of some of your regular officers who were with the troops when you served such continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service. Ans. I have done this in my declaration.
6. Did you receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it. Ans. I received a regular written discharge from Capt. Rone which is lost or mislaid.
7. State the names of person to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and belief of your service as a soldier of the revolution. Ans. Mr. William Morris, Capt. Robt Blend and many others I could name.

And the said court do hereby declare their opinion after the interrogation of this matter and after printing the interrogations prescribed by the war department that the above same applicant was a revolutionary and served as he stated and the court has signed the preceding certificate is a clergyman resides in King & Queen County further testifies that it appears to them that John Summerson who and William Morris who has signed the same is a resident in the county of King & Queen and is a credible person and that their statement is entitled to credit.

I Robert Pollund Jr. clerk of court of King & Queen County do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said court in this matter for the application of Christopher Williams for a pension.

Council Chambers April 26, 1783. I do certify that Christopher Williams is entitled to the proportion of land allowed a private of the state line who was enlisted in the war and discharge by order of government. Benjamin Harrison Tho. Meriwether.

A warrant NP445 for 200 acres issued to Christopher Williams the 26 April 1783.

A copy from the records of the land office of Virginia

Test

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April 23, 1835

I Alexander Shackelford a revolutionary Soldier aged 75 years on the 27th day of next October of King & Queen County and State of Virginia do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Christopher Williams and that the said Christopher Williams was a soldier in the revolutionary war he enlisted under Captain Christopher Rone in the year 1781 October and did serve to the end of the war.

Given under my hand this 13 day of May 1834.

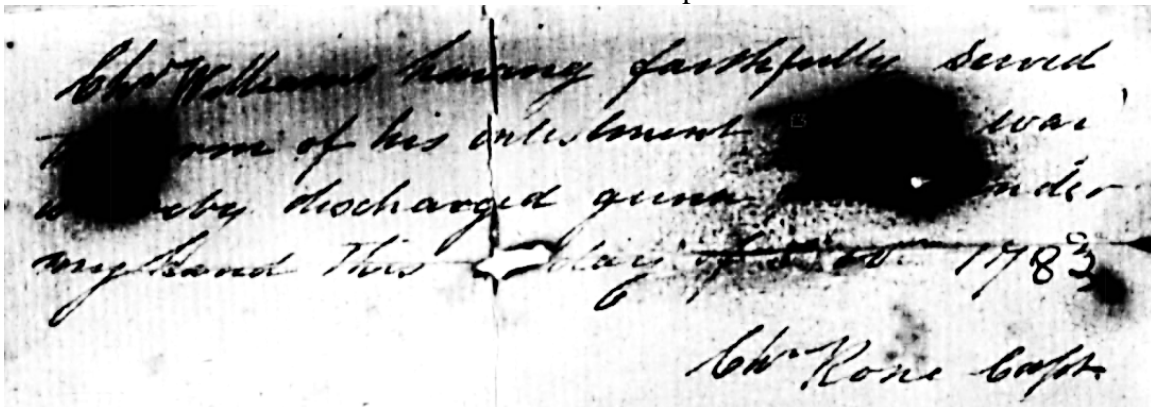
S/ Alexander Shackelford, X his mark

The affidavit of George Gardner a revolutionary soldier aged 75 years of the County of Middlesex and State of Virginia he being first duly sworn according to law says he was well acquainted with Christopher Williams of King & Queen County & state aforesaid, that the said widows was a regular soldier in the revolutionary [war] that he enlisted under Captain Christopher Rone of the state of artillery, he enlisted as well as I now recollect in October 1781 for the war and did serve during the war and further deponent saith not.

S/ George Gardner, X his mark

Ch^f Williams having faithfully served [word obliterated by a inkblot] of his enlistment [one or more words obliterated by an ink blot] discharged. Given under my hand this [paper torn] day of [illegible word] 1783

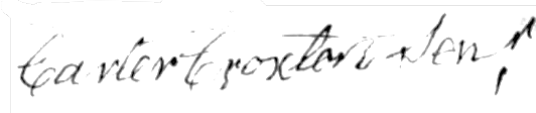
S/ Ch^f Rone Capt.



Christopher Williams having faithfully served
the term of his enlistment was
by discharged given under
my hand this day of [illegible] 1783
Ch^f Rone Capt.

The affidavit of Carter Croxton³ a revolutionary soldier aged 74 years -- He being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath say that he is well acquainted with Christopher Williams of the County of King & Queen Anne State of Virginia, and that the said Williams was a regular soldier in the revolution, that he enlisted under Captain Christopher Rone he does not recollect the time when he enlisted but perfectly recollects that the said Williams was in the regular service soon after the surrender of Wallace at York Town and continued until the close of the war and further this affiant saith not.

S/ Carter Croxton, Sen^r



Carter Croxton Sen^r

³ [Carter Croxton S9250](#)