

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Daniel Williams R11569

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Philad'a County [Philadelphia County PA] S.S. [4 May 1835]

And now came Daniel Williams a Coloured man who being duly sworn saith he is now in the 78th year of his age Born in the State of Virginia County of Accomack that during the Revolutionary War he was drafted into the service of the Continental Army in which he served near five years as a Waggoner, and had charge of a Waggon & 2 Horses and remained in that Station until the close of the War. that he was at the Battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Germantown [4 Oct 1777], Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], York Town [siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] (and many others) during the War. that when he left the service he received from is Commanding officer an honourable Discharge which he has mislaid and Lost. that he never has at any time received from the United States compensation for his services except Rations and Cloathing that after the war he returned home to accomack and remained there for several years and then removed to the State of Maryland where he resided 13 years and then came to Philad'a. where he has resided 27 years during which time he has been blessed with health sufficient to enable him by his industry to support and provide for himself and family. that he is now old poor and infirm and require some aid from the Government he has in the Prime of Life faithfully served.

Daniel hisXmark Williams

Philad'a County S.S. [25 April 1835]

And now came John Blake a Coloured man who being duly sworn saith he is now 76 years of Age that he was born in Accomack County State of Virginia. that he lived near to Daniel Williams a Coloured man with whom he was well acquainted from childhood that he well remembers in the time of the war that he was drafted into the service of the U S Army to drive team and that he was a free Born man that he was gone 4 or 5 years and again returned home at the close of the war. and that he allway understood and heard that he was in the Continental Army during the time of his absence that deponent has resided in Philad'a about 13 years past, where he again met said Daniel Williams with whom he is well acquainted and knows he is the same person as above stated – and that he has frequently seen him engaged in driving the team

John hisXmark Blake

And also came Hester Blake Colourd woman and wife of the above named John Blake who being duly sworn saith she is now 70 years old that she is well acquainted with Daniel Williams from her earliest recollection near Horntown in Accomack County; that the statement above made by her husband John Blake she verily believes to be correct and true.

Hester herXmark Blake

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 28th day of April 1835

Philad'a County SS [12 Dec 1835]

And now came before me John Thompson one of the Justices and Aldermen of the County of Philad'a Alexander More [Alexander Moore, pension application S5773] who being duly sworn saith he is now aged 81 years, that he received from the US a pension. that he is well acquainted with Daniel Williams a Coloured Man who was a Waggoner in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War – that deponent was a Private in the Army under Genl Washington, was in the Battle of Brandywine, Germantown, and at the Battle of Yorktown, that he well remembers the said Daniel Williams being during that time with the Army and attached to Waggon department driving team and continued with them until the close of the war. that deponent removed to Philad'a from Virginia soon after the War where he has resided ever since that he has know Daniel Williams residing in Philad'a for many years and knows him to the same person Discribed above.

Alexander hisXmark More

NOTE: A note in the file claims that the reason for rejecting Williams's application was that "He did not serve in a military capacity." If Williams was a soldier, however, the pension act of 1832 and the regulations of the Pension Office entitled him to a pension.