

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of David Williams R11572

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[The pension application was apparently removed by District Attorney Washington G. Singleton, who investigated many pension applicants from Harrison and other counties of present West Virginia. For details see the pension application of David W. Sleeth (S6111). The following is Singleton's report, on the cover of which he wrote "Not Entitled."]

David Williams — Applicant -

I the undersigned David Williams, being called on by W. G. Singleton agent of the Pension office, for a statement of my age & Revolutionary Services as a soldier give the following to wit. I shall be 73 years old the 15th May next. I was born in Augusty [sic: Augusta] County Virginia, and during the war of the Revolution lived in what is now Greenbrier County - and was forted all the time in the Summer season, at Donley's Fort [sic: Fort Donnally near the present town of Frankford WV] except the time herein after mentioned. Whilst at Donleys Fort all the settlers adjacent were there some three or four months in each summer - we lived pretty much in common, would turn out all in a body and work each other's corn &c by turns - whilst some were working others would be guarding or standing centinel - in this way we got along as well as we could - we all provided our own arms and ammunition & received no pay - we always selected some one of our own body in whom we could confide as a Captain or leader —

In the year in which Cornwallis was captured in York town [19 Oct 1781] I went from Greenbrier County with an expedition under Col. Hamilton to Lexington Kentucky. I was attached to Capt. James Armstrongs company - we remained in that country for some time but I cant tell how long. - I would not be willing to swear we were gone six months - but I am confident we were gone at least four months — David W. Sleeth wrote my declaration. I swore to it before George Gillilan [sic: George R. Gillilen]. Gillilan & Sleeth came to my house together for the purpose of takeing my Declaration - at the time I was and am still able to go to the county seat (Lewisburg) - my Declaration was read to me - it claimed two tours - one at Donleys Fort, the other in Kentucky & some "Spying but I dont know how much nor can I now tell how long I was engaged in Spying - perhaps one week or more. — the Statement now given is in substance the same as given to Sleeth. In Witness of all which I hereto subscribe my name Jany 24, 1835 - I made no settlement right [land claim] because I was too young. David hisXmark Williams
Witness Wm R Woods.

A Copy - W. G Singleton

Note - After the forgoing statement was given I read to Williams his declaration - which he states to be untrue and that it was essentially different from the one read to him by Sleeth.

W. G Singleton [illegible word] 11, 1835