

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hardin Williams R11581

Jane Williams

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State of Kentucky, County of Cumberland} to wit

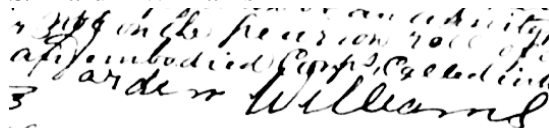
This day December 9th, 1833 personally appeared in open court Hardin Williams aged 68 years who being first duly sworn according to law makes the following statement or declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the Army of the Revolution in the year 1780 in the fall of the year, under the following named officers, Captain Henry Turney, Colonel Sevier [John Sevier] and Major Robert Coyle [sic, Robert Kyle, a/k/a Robert Koil]. He states that he was in continual service from the Period of his first entrance into the Army on the frontier parts of Virginia and Tennessee¹ guarding the frontiers from the depredations of the Indians and Tories, and that he was in Continual active service until the Winter of 1782, That he served at different places during the time of his service and was in active service in all for the term of two years and upwards. That he resided at the time of his entrance into the Army in the County of Sullivan State of Tennessee [sic, North Carolina] on the Holson [sic, Holston] River. He served all his time as a volunteer private. He never was in any battle. He resided in Sullivan County until the year 1801 when he moved to Kentucky whence he moved to the State of Illinois where he now lives. He refers to Robert Crockett and James Williams who can well attest his standing for veracity and credit as a revolutionary soldier. He has no record of his age. He states that he has never received any pension or annuity and that his name is not on the Pension rolls of the Agency of any state. He has no discharge or documentary evidence of his service.

Subscribed and sworn to the day & year aforesaid.

He hereby relinquishes every Claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency of any State. That he served with an embodied Corps called into Service by Competent authority, that he was [indecipherable word or words].

S/ Hardin Williams

Handwritten signature of Hardin Williams in cursive script, written in dark ink. The signature is somewhat stylized and includes the name 'Hardin Williams' clearly.

[James Baker and William Cheatham gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Kentucky, Cumberland County Sct.

This day James Williams² a Citizen of my said County, came before me in person and

¹ Sic, North Carolina. Tennessee was not formed from NC until after the Revolution in 1796.

² [James Williams S32607](#)

made solemn Oath to the statement following, to wit --

That he is the same James Williams now on the pension roll from said County of Cumberland at the rate of \$80 per annum from the 4th of March 1831 during his natural life, That he is aged 71 years.

That he is the brother of Hardin Williams who is about to make application for a pension for his services in the revolutionary War, that said Harden Williams is now in the 79th [sic, 69th] year of his age – That said Hardin Williams volunteered from the County of Sullivan State of Tennessee on the Holston River – in the fall of the year 1780 under Captain Henry Turney & Col. Sevier & Major Robert Cyle [sic], and was Continually in service under said officers at different places as scouting parties in guarding the frontiers against the Indians & Tories, that said Hardin Williams was in continual service at different places, for the purposes above mentioned, until the winter of 1782 in all he continued in active service for the term of two years & upwards. That said James Williams was at different times during his said Hardin's service in Company with him under the same officers before named.

Given under my hand & seal this 21st day of October 1833.

S/ James Williams, X his mark {Seal}

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Kentucky Cumberland County Sct.

Robert Crockett of my County on this 11th day of November 1833 personally came before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in & for said County and made solemn oath to the Statement following to wit: That he was born in Frederick County Virginia on the 13th of August 1755. That he is now & has been well acquainted with Hardin Williams now an applicant for a pension for his services in the revolutionary war, since the year 1778. That said Williams served as a militia [man] in Sullivan County Tennessee on the Holston [River] and guarding the frontiers & suppressing the Indian depredations – but how long said Williams served he cannot state – He recollects to have seen said Williams in service in the Big Creek Fort, in Sullivan now Hawkins County Tennessee on the Holston commanded by Captain James Robertson, a resident near that Station.

S/ Robert Crockett



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State of Kentucky, Cumberland County} SS

Be it Remembered that on the 20 day of January 1835 Personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Hardin Williams a resident of the County of Cumberland State of Kentucky aged seventy years in the month of April last who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following declaration, by way of an amendment to his former declaration for a pension. He states that at the time his former declaration was made he stated that he was in actual service from the year 1780 to the winter 1782 he states that at the time he made said Declaration he was not advised of the materiality of designating the particular tours or designating the difference between the service performed when called out by the authority of the government, and those performed while in the fort, when there was no call by the authority of the government but was done by way of defense he says that he was in service constantly and will now state the particular manner by way of Explanation about the year 1776 his father moved to a fort on Holston River called the Long Island fort where they stayed two or three years then moved to Robertson's fort on Big Creek that there was a Continual Guarding said fort and in the year 1780 the militia was Classed and your petitioner enrolled and in the month of April 1780 he was called out for a tour of three months under

Captain James Robertson in Major Coile's Battalion Colonel Sevier's Regiment and immediately entered the service of the United States as a private militiaman and served out the full term for which he was called out being three months and was Honorably discharged by his Captain during which time he was employed spying & guarding the fort & spying [?] round the frontier, he will here correct a mistake in his former declaration wherein it is stated that his first tour was in the fall 1780 he distinctly recollects it was in April that he was called out the first tour after his tour was out and he discharged he remained at the fort still doing duty though not under a regular call until fall when he was again regularly called out according to his class and he immediately entered the service as a spy under the same officers as before stated and he continued in active service three months as a spy & was again discharged by his Captain, he remained in fort until the following spring to wit 1781 when he was again regularly called and for another tour of three months, he was then part of the company of Captain Henry Turney the same Battalion & Regiment as before mentioned and served out the full term faithfully and was again Honorably discharged by his Captain, he states that immediately on his term expiring John McKee was regularly called out and he was not well able to perform the duty and this declarant substituted in his place and resumed the Service and continued as a substitute three months that being the time for which McKee was called out for and he was again Honorably discharged by his Captain – he states that as soon as his term as a substitute was out he was called out in his own place & served three months under the same officers and in the same character and was again Honorably discharged by his Captain.

He was again in the spring 1782 called out again for three months under the same officers and faithfully served out the full term or which he was called & was again Honorably discharged by his Captain.

In the fall of the same year men was called out to go to the Cherokee nation and at the time of rendezvous this declarant was ordered to continue in his old Company as a spy which he done one of his brothers went on to the nation & was killed in battle (that is as it was reported so it is he did not return) in this tour he faithfully served three months under the same officers and was Honorably discharged by his Captain.

He remained in the Fort that winter and in the spring 1783 he was again regularly called out for three months under the same officers & faithfully served out the full term and was again regularly & honorably discharged by his Captain he cannot certainly state that he was again called until after the final close of the war of the revolution but he continued at said Fort & served many other tours against the Indians, and thus it will be seen the reason it was stated in his former declaration that he was in Constant Service – he was not been informed of the necessity of making the distinction he has now he now avers when he was not out on regular calls that he was compelled as a matter of necessity & Tories also to defend the Fort and now he is positively avers that he faithfully served all the tours herein mentioned in an embodied Corps called into service by Competent authority and that he was Either in the field or in Garrison, and for the time During which the services was performed he was not employed in any Civil pursuit and for which service he claims a pension and he hereby relinquishes every Claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any state.

He states that he has no documentary Evidence nor does he know of any person who can testify as to the whole of his service his brother James Williams & Robert Crockett³ can testify as to part whose affidavits is herewith presented

[W]here and in what year were you born [?]

Answer: I was born in the month of April in the year 1764 in the State of South Carolina in ninety six district [sic Ninety Six District] agreeable to the information of my parents which I believe true

3 [Robert Crockett S30353](#)

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans: I have none nor did I ever have one I have understood my father had a record of my age which was lost during the war about the time he was killed by the Indians.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: At the time I was called into Service I lived in what was then North Carolina (now Tennessee) in what was then in Sullivan County I remained in that neighborhood for some time after the close of the war from there I moved to Lee County Virginia where I lived until the year 1803 I then moved to Cumberland County Kentucky where I lived until about the year 1822, I then moved to Alabama where I lived until the year 1830 I then moved to Illinois where I lived until April last when I moved to Cumberland County Kentucky where I now live.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans: I presume all my tours except one may properly be denominated drafts as I was with other militiamen classed and called out as it came to our terms, though in my former declaration I stated it as volunteering not thinking at that time that it was proper to call it drafting not thinking that classing and drafting the same thing in the way I have now explained I served all the tours but one and that I served as a Substitute for John McKee

5th State the names of some of the 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: There was no regular officer Commanding any troops where I served nor did I serve in any militia Regiments other than Colonel Sevier's the General Circumstances of my services I have stated in this declaration as far as I now recollect.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans: I received discharges for Each tour in writing Signed by my Captain – but have lost them though how when or where I know not I did not expect them ever to be of any use & therefore bestowed but little attention to them

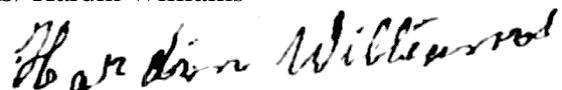
7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans: Of those Gentlemen who has Certified for me the Honorable Martin Beaty, Colonel A. S. Bramlett and in deed all the old settlers I feel confident that all acquaintances with speak well of my character for veracity and their belief that I served as a soldier in the War of the Revolution.

He further states that there appears at this time to be a mistake in his former Declaration as to his age this has happened through mistake he presumes by alteration or he was not understood so it is a mistake which he discovered since his papers was returned and when he heard his said declaration read he understood it to state his age as he now states it.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Hardin Williams



[The Rev. John Mulkey gave a supporting affidavit.]

[p 8: Pleasant H. Williams, 56, of Clinton County, Ky, made application on October 12, 1852 in Cumberland County as the heir of Hardin and Jane Williams stating; that his father, Hardin Williams died in Union County, Illinois September 15, 1837, leaving Jane his widow; that Jane died October 1, 1843 in Union County, Illinois. Leaving the following named as her only

surviving children, to wit: Pleasant H. Williams; Elizabeth Rose; Polly Hopkins; Jane Long; Keziah Martin; Sally Frog; Priscilla Frog; Nancy Eaves; Patsy Eaves and Lucy Wilson; that Hardin and Jane were married in Hawkins County or Sullivan County, Tennessee in 1791; that Jane's maiden name was Hart.



P. H. Williams]

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[Bible record:

Hardin Williams was born April the 27th 17[^{last two digits indecipherable, but from his testimony would be "1764"}]

Jane Williams was born the 4 day of July 1774

Betsy Williams was born the 2 day of March 1792

Polly Williams was born February 17th 1794

Pleasant H. Williams was born April 10, 1796

Jane Williams was born May 18th, 1798

Kezia Williams was born October the 20th, 1800

Priscilla Williams was born March the 27, 1802 [could be 1803]

James Williams was born May the 17, 1806

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