

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Williams R11592

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State of Georgia, County of Habersham } SS

On this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April 1840 personally appeared in open court now sitting before the Inferior Court of Habersham County and State of Georgia John Williams a resident of Blue Creek in the County of Habersham and State of Georgia, aged Seventy-Seven years who being first duly sworn according to law doth make the following declaration (on oath) in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1782 with Lieutenant Ferguson and served under Captain Alexander D. Pope in a Battalion commanded by Major Jackson (the Regiment he does not know) and that he resided in Granville County North Carolina when he enlisted and that he marched from said County to Wilmington and on their march he was attached to a scouting party which was attacked by a body of Tories which they drove back and killed six of their party and two of their men was shot by the Tories and he received a wound in the right leg by a ball shot from them and that they then marched on to Wilmington, and then to Fort Johnson at the mouth of the Cape Fear River then to Town Creek and there was discharged by Captain A.D. Pope in 1783 and that from old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than six months as a private and for which service I claim a pension. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. The reason he has not made earlier application for a pension is that he has understood he had to prove his service by a witness which he could not do. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Williams, X his mark

S/ B. F. Patton, JP