

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Williams R11594

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State of Georgia Forsyth County: SS

On this the 27th day of August in the year 1838 personally appeared in open Court John Williams a resident of the Town of Cumming Forsyth County in said State of Georgia aged eighty-six years two months and twenty-seven days who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States the 2nd day of December in the year 1776 with Captain John Wilson the day and year of his enlistment to the best of his recollection and under the command of Colonel Henry Dickson commanding the 6th Regiment of the line to the best of his recollection he says he served four months as orderly Sergeant and entered the service as such and then promoted to the rank of Ensign in the said Company commanded by the said John Wilson Captain and received his Commission as Ensign of said Company in the State of Virginia Halifax County and in the same County where he enlisted and says he served under the following named officers viz. the name of the Captain was John Wilson the rest of the company officers he does not recollect – the name of the Colonel commanding the Regiment was Henry Dickson. The names of the other field officers he has forgotten – save the General Davidson and Sumpter Davidson's Rank and grade he has forgotten he says Sumter was Brigadier General – he says the name of two of his messmates were by the name of William Barker & William Gregory, Gregory was the cook of the mess. He says he does not recollect the time he left the service precisely but says it was in the year Charleston (South Carolina) was taken by the British – he says he served under but one time of enlistment it being the period of five years – being the term of enlistment – Says he resided in the State of Virginia Halifax County when he entered the service – Says he was in two engagements in the Battle of Ramsour's Mill (called) [June 20, 1780] on the South fork of the Catawba River other Sumpters defeat [Fishing Creek August 18, 1780] on the bank of Wateree River he says that he marched through a part of Virginia, North Carolina and entered South Carolina in Spartanburg District and thence through Union and York districts of said State last mentioned to the place where Sumter was defeated and thence up into the Territory now called the State of Tennessee where the whites were fortified in Carter County Charles Robertson commanded the Fort and says at that place he received his discharge. He says he received his commission from Colonel Dickson as aforesaid and was discharged by Captain Wilson. He says he has lost both his discharge and commission and cannot find them or either of them – He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an 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.

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion that the above named applicant was a

revolutionary Soldier and served as he states.

S/ O. H. Kenan, JSCCC

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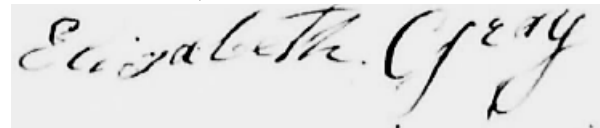
This is to certify, that it appears from a list in this office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line as settled their accounts and received certificates for the balance of their full pay, according to an act of assembly, passed the November session 1781, directing the Auditors of Public Accounts to settle and adjust the pay and accounts of said Officers and Soldiers from the first January 1777 to 31st December 1781, (see Hening's Statutes at Large, vol. 10, p. 462,) that a settlement was made on the 20th day of March 1783 in the name of John Williams as Sergeant Infantry and evidence of the indebtedness of the State to him was £128.14 delivered to Colonel John Gibson but as the original settlements or copies thereof or not to be found in this office, the term of service embraced therein cannot be stated.

Given under my hand at the First Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 16th day of July, 1855

S/ G. W. Chilton

[fn p. 7: affidavit dated August 30, 1855 given by Elizabeth McClain in Polk County North Carolina that she is personally acquainted with Hiram Williams for many years and has no hesitation in saying he is the son of John Williams; that Hiram was born in Rutherford County North Carolina where he now resides.]

[fn p. 8: affidavit dated September 25, 1855 given in Monroe County Georgia by Elizabeth Gray in which she states she is the daughter of John Williams deceased who was a revolutionary soldier; that she and Hiram Williams are the only two living heirs of said John Williams to the best of her knowledge; that her father John Williams was born sometime in the year 1769 in Caswell County North Carolina and died October 7, 1840; that her mother Elizabeth Williams died March 25, 1795.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Gray". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

fn p. 9: John Gray (relationship to Elizabeth not stated) gave testimony that to the best of his knowledge Elizabeth Gray and Hiram Williams all the only 2 living children of John Williams.]

[fn p. 10: H. F. Williams (relationship, if any, to veteran not stated) gave testimony on August the 11, 1855 in Russell County Alabama that he was present on the day when John Williams died in October 1840; and that John Williams' son Hiram was present on that occasion.]