

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Frederick Williams R11603

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State of Tennessee, County of Overton

On this 21st day of June A.D. 1851, Before me an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State above mentioned Personally appeared yet Elijah Williams aged 50 years a resident of Overton County who being duly sworn according to law declares That he is the son of Frederick Williams and Nancy Williams – That his said Father died about 20 years ago, in 1831, at Mount Vernon whilst on his way to Arkansas to seek a new home. That his mother Nancy Williams is now residing in Overton County and is aged about 91 years of age. That the following are his only surviving Brothers and Sisters, to wit Nancy Fraley aged 59, William Williams aged 54, Cynthia Moore aged 52, Mary Medlock page 42 years, John Williams aged 41 years and Hardin C. Williams aged 38 years. He also swears that he believes that his Father served in the war of the Revolution. He remembers well remembers to have his father say frequently that he served during the whole war from its commencement to its close, and the North Carolina Continental line, that he served part of his time as an officer and part as a private, And that he was at the battle of Guilford and Eutaw Springs – and many other battles, among which was the battle of Horse Shoe and battle of King's Mountain. He also knows of his own sales that he had a written discharge and other documentary papers which were burnt during his Father's life time.

S/ Elijah Williams, X his mark

Witness: S/ W. Ramsay

S/ W. Dale

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 21st day of June A.D. 1851 and I hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with Elijah Williams, who is a good and respectable citizen and a credible witness.

S/ Ormel Fisk, JPOC

State of Tennessee, County of Overton

On this 21st day of June A.D. 1851, Before me an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforementioned personally appeared Nancy Williams aged 91 years a resident of Overton County who being duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration, To wit: That she is the widow of Frederick Williams deceased late of Morgan County and State of Tennessee and formerly a Soldier and Lieutenant in the Army of the Revolution North Carolina Continental line, She further states that she was married to the aforesaid Frederick Williams in Guilford County North Carolina on or about the 1st day of October 1774, by a magistrate whose name to the best of her recollection was Lewis White, And that her name before her marriage was Nancy McNabb. That she was not quite 15 years old at the time of her said marriage. That her said husband died at Mount Vernon, in the spring of 1831 whilst on his way to Arkansas to seek a new home, being aged about 83 years, at the time of his death, that at that time his residence was in Morgan County, Tennessee. That the following are the only surviving children of Frederick Williams, and myself, to wit, Elizabeth Fraley aged 59 years, William Williams aged 54 years – Cynthia Moore aged 52 years, Elijah Williams aged 50 years, Mary Medlock aged 43 years, John Williams aged 41 years – and

Hardin C. Williams aged 38 years. She further swears that her said husband Frederick Williams served in the War of the Revolution North Carolina Continental line, as a private Soldier and afterwards an officer. He went into the service as a private and served as such two or three years when he was promoted to the office of Lieutenant which he held four or five years or to the final close of the war to the best of her knowledge. She knows of her own self that he held the said office over two years, and that he served seven years, during the whole period of the war, from its commencement to its close, She knows that he was at the battle of King's Mountain, Horse Shoe and Eutaw Springs, at which latter place she went with her husband to look at the Battle field after the battle was closed. She further states that her husband remained at home with her after her marriage as aforesaid only a few months when he commenced his services in the Army & continued said services without interruption for the term of seven years, during which time he was not engaged in any civil Employment but spent the whole time in the service of the United States. That her said husband received a written discharge, which together with a furlough and other papers were burnt by the burning of his house long since, and that she has now no documentary Evidence in support of her claim. That her said husband died at Mount Vernon about 20 years ago, and that the above named papers were burnt about four years before the time of his death as aforesaid. She further states that in consequence of old age and in paired memory she has forgotten many things. And she makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Pension which is due her from the United States, on account of the Revolutionary Services of the said Frederic Williams. And that her name is not now on the Pension Roll of any agency of any state. And that she is still a widow.

S/ Nancy Williams, X her mark

Witness: S/ W. Ramsay

S/ W. Dale

[Elijah Williams gave an affidavit in support of his mother's petition.]

The following documents were discovered 4/21/12 in the file of Mashoch Stephens FPA R10114. No explanation is apparent for why these documents were so filed (or rather, misfiled).

[f p. 13 of R10114]

State of North Carolina Comptroller's Office May 26, 1851

I William J Clarke Comptroller of Public accounts in and for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears of record in my office, in the record of payments major to sundry persons on account of military services in the Revolutionary War, as follows to wit:

Book No. 24 page 115 F. Williams £140.15.4 (one hundred and forty pounds, fifteen shillings and 4 pence) specie

I further certify that the names of Francis Williams and Fremagoen Williams appear, but that the above pavement does not seem applicable to them, as Francis was a private unable to write his name, and Fremagoen seems also to have been a private, and that I am of opinion that Frederick Williams is the person referred to in the above entry.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal of office the day and year above written.

S/ Wm J. Clarke, Comptr.

[f p. 15: A letter dated Gainsborough Tennessee June the 4th 1855 from James A Spurlock to the Commissioner of pensions on the half of Elijah Williams, said to be the sole surviving child of Nancy Williams, deceased, widow of Frederick Williams. The inquiry is as to the status of the pension due Elijah Williams' mother as the widow of a revolutionary war soldier.]