

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Williams R11613

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State of Virginia Greenbrier County: SS

On this 10th day of February 1834 personally appeared before me George R Gillelan a Justice of the peace in and for the said County Caleb Williams a resident of said County and State aforesaid 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 his father Richard Williams departed this life on the 15th of December 1833 that his mother the wife of the said Richard Williams died previous to his Death that he the undersigned is the lawful heir and representative of said Richard Williams who had prepared in his lifetime and just before his death had procured the evidence of John Frier,¹ Jacob Kinison,² John Patton³ and John Mcferson all of which testimony is hereto annexed and he further states that his father had his Declaration drawn but died before he was sworn to it that he always understood from his Father that he was engaged against the Indians and in other Services in defense of his country during the greater part of the Revolutionary war that he frequently heard his Father recount the toilsome scenes of his youth spent in defense of his Country during the Revolutionary war he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares to the best of his knowledge that his father's name is not on the pension roll of any agency or any State except the present in the State of Virginia. Sworn to and subscribed



Pocahontas County Virginia to wit

This is to certify that Jacob Kinnison of said County did on this day personally appeared before me Thomas Hill one of the acting Justices of the peace for the County & State aforesaid and made oath that Richard Williams of the County of Greenbrier Served with him the said Kinnison as a Soldier in the time of the Revolution War seven months under Captain Matthew Arbuckle a regular officer at the mouth of the Great Kanawha River at Point Pleasant in the year 1777. Given under my hand and seal this 27th day of August 1833.

S/ Thomas Hill, JP

¹ [John Fryer S6866](#)

² [Jacob Kinnison S16905](#)

³ [John Patton R8012](#)

State of Virginia Greenbrier County: SS

On this 19th day of October 1833 Personally appeared before me Charles Hyde a Justice of the peace in & for said County of Greenbrier John Frier of said County aged 74 years who being first sworn according to law – doth on his oath state that he was well acquainted with Richard Williams & knew him well previous to the Revolutionary War. And that he the said Frier was stationed in the year 1777 at Point Pleasant & while stationed the said Richard Williams came there as a militia soldier & that he understood that the said William served a three month tour [tour] – and that he truly believes him to be a good soldier. And that he is a man in a low circumstance at present.

Sworn to & subscribed this day & year above written before me
S/ Charles Hyde

State of Virginia Greenbrier County: SS

On this 19th day of October 1833 Personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for said County of Greenbrier John Patton of said County aged 85 years who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath state that he is well acquainted with Richard Williams and knew him well previous to the Revolutionary war and that in the year 1774 the said John Patton served a tour of duty in the same company with the said Williams under Captain McLanahan & Lieutenant McCoy and was at the Battle that took place at Point Pleasant on the 10th of October in that year under the command of General Andrew Lewis against the Indians and knows of said Williams' serving six or seven months during the year 1774. That in the year 1777 the said Richard Williams was drafted to serve a tour of duty and was marched from the County of Greenbrier which was then Botetourt on to Point Pleasant under Ensign or Lieutenant John Williams and he always understood served three months at Point Pleasant on the Ohio River. That he knows of his being drafted and marched away and that he has every reason to believe he served his three months. That previous to his having marched to the Point he was in service and was forced and aiding to guard the settlement against the Indians. That in the year 1778 the said Richard Williams was detached or drafted under Captain Andrew Donnelly and served from four to six months during the year the Fort known by Donnelly's Fort was attacked by between two and three hundred Indians and that said Williams was one of about twenty-one that which stood the attack for the greater part of one day. That in the year 1779 the said Williams was in the service again under Captain Donnelly and was detached to take some cattle sent home by Captain Donnelly on to Colonel Christy's [William Christian's] Army against the Cherokee Indians and that he always understood that said Williams when he delivered the cattle by and with Captain Donnelly's permission joined the Army under Colonel Christy as a volunteer and served for three months but he was in the service previously under Captain Donnelly. That he has been acquainted with other service performed by said Williams, that the settlement in Greenbrier was harassed by the Indians from 1774 until 1781 and that said Williams was engaged every year that he was not on the other service in guarding the settlement from the putting out of the leaves in the spring until fall.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written before me
S/ Charles Hyde JP

State of Virginia Greenbrier County: SS

On this 19th day of October 1833 Personally appeared before me Charles Hyde a Justice of the peace in & for said County of Greenbrier, John McFarin of said County, aged 81 years,

who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, state that he is well acquainted with Richard Williams, and knew him well. And in the year 1778 the said Richard Williams was detached as a drafted under Captain Andw Donnelly [Andrew Donnelly] & served from four to six months – during that year the Fort known as Donnelly's Fort was attacked by between two & three hundred Indians & said Williams was one of about twenty-one that he stood the attack for the greater part of one day. That he has been acquainted with other services performed by said Williams, was engaged every year (that he was not on the other service) in guarding the settlements from the putting out of the leaves in the spring until Fall.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & above written before me.

S/ Charles Hyde, JP

[fn p. 5: On May 28, 1853 in Greenbrier County Virginia, David Williams filed a power of attorney in which he states he is one of the heirs and representatives of Richard Williams, a revolutionary war veteran. His relationship to the veteran is not stated]