

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Roger Williams R11615

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Virginia County of Bedford SS

On this 11th day of September in the year 1832 personally appeared before us Henry Brown and Samuel Mitchell justices of the peace in and for the said County Roger Williams an inhabitant of the County aforesaid in the State aforesaid, aged upwards of Eighty years and unable by means of bodily infirmity to appear in Court who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. In the year 1777 he was drafted as a militia man then residing in the County of Cumberland in the State of Virginia to go against the British who were expected to land at Hampton in the said State. He marched under Captain Archibald Allen to Williamsburg where he was mustered under General Nelson. The other officers he does not now recollect but remembers that one Major Carrington accompanied them part of the way and afterwards returned home being a Supernumerary officer. He marched through several Counties the names of which he has forgotten, served out his tour and was discharged but whether he had a written discharge, and what was the length of the tour he cannot recollect but he says he had a credit for a full tour which he thinks was three months – A few days afterwards but at which precise time he does not remember he volunteered to go against the British who were then in South Carolina and had driven General Greene across Dan River into Virginia. He enlisted under Captain Nelson and his Lieutenant was John Woodson called by way of distinction Poplar Foot and afterwards joined General Lawson's Brigade. He recollects several of the field officers viz. Colonel Holcombe, Colonel Shipwith and Major Tucker. He marched with General Greene's Army through different parts of North Carolina and was with him in the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] – he served out his tour but does not remember the length of it nor has he any documentary evidence whatever but he says he had credit for a full tour which was commonly three months – he removed from the County of Cumberland soon after the Revolutionary war to the County of Bedford where he has resided for more than forty years and he knows of no person by whose testimony he can prove his services except there is one Anderson Williams supposed to be yet living by whom if he is evidence could be procured the applicant might prove that he started as a volunteer for Greene's Army prior to the battle of Guilford – he was born in the said County of Cumberland on the 8th day of February in the year 1749 and has no other register of his birth than an entry in a family Bible now in his possession – he hereby relinquishes all claim to any pension except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

S/ Roger Williams¹

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before us

S/ Henry Brown

S/ Samuel Mitchell

[Moseley Arnold, a clergyman, and Tilman A Cobbs gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

¹ I do not believe the signature at the end of this declaration is the veteran's actual signature but rather is his name signed by the scribe who wrote the application as the hand writing is identical to the balance of the document.