

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Williams R11619

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State of Tennessee Anderson County

On this the 18th day of May 1840 Personally appeared before me Michael Keeney a Justice of the peace for the County of Anderson and State of Tennessee, Samuel Williams a resident citizen of the County of Anderson State of Tennessee aged eighty-two years the 15th day of March last past from undoubted calculation having record of his age mas [sic, makes] this Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of [act of Congress passed] the 7th of June 1832. He states that he entered the service of the United States in Greenville district South Carolina, a drafted private soldier owing to the Great lapse of time he cannot state precisely the time of entering the same but to his best calculation he entered some time in the fall of the year 1778 and entered service under Captain Gilder and marched off from Rabons Creek and stationed there a while, and thence to the Saluda [River] and joined General Ashe in North Carolina and finally to the Battle of Brier Creek after having been stationed at different Points and places on the Saluda, and after the Battle at Brier Creek was marched back to the Saluda and thence to Rabons Creek and there was discharged by written discharge from Captain Gilder having served out his tour of 6 months.

And in a few days or a very short time thereafter he volunteered and engaged to serve as a 9 months soldier of South Carolina beginning sometime in the spring the precise time not remembered, and believed to be in the spring of 1779 under Captain William Christy and was marched on towards Stono River, and joined General Lincoln, the next day after the Battle at Stono, and was marched down [the following material in italics was taken from HertiageQuest.com, this page being omitted in the digital image posted on Footnote.com] toward Charleston and was stationed at different places me and thence to the salt Ketches [sic, Salkehatchie or Saltketcher River?] and Purrysburg and thence to Savannah after the battle and was discharged by his said Captain Christy at Savannah had a written discharge from his said William Christy Captain having served 9 months.

He was again drafted to serve 6 months under Captain Pinhorn and Colonel Dungavis and marched on and joined General Greene's Army near Ninety Six and was in the whole siege of Ninety Six, thence to Camden was not in the battle at Camden, and thence to the Eutaw Springs and continued there some few days after the Battle was not in the battle having arrived there next day after the Battle. He began this last said tour sometime in the spring of the year the

precise time of the spring not recollected and believed to be in the year 1781 after the battle of the Eutaw Springs he was marched to the salt Ketchie and was discharged by his said Captain had a written discharge served 6 months

This was the last of his service except a hasty call without any determinant order or time to follow after a scattering band of Tories that he helped to chase towards St. Augustine.

He was born in Orange County North Carolina: after the end of the war continued in South Carolina some time and finally went to Chucky River [sic, Nolichucky River] now included in East Tennessee continued there some years and had his house burned down in his property and discharges turned with his house, from thence he moved to Anderson County Tennessee, and has lived there about 40 years, he lives in the remotest part of the Cumberland Mountain beyond the great Waldens Ridge, and has been in and afflicted condition stripping him of the use of his limbs so that he has been unable and wholly incapable of going and getting his business attended to and in fact was ignorant and wholly unable by his of how to proceed, and for a considerable length of time depended on a certain Richard Andrews to get the Pension for him, and he ascertains that he has not done anything valuable for him and he has of late been advised, through the friendship of Mr. John Williams, and some of the Ashers to apply to some known and the general attorney, and has been through the friendship of them visited by Robert A. Dabney with a view to getting his Pension.

He states that he does not know of any person by whom he can prove his service, believes he can Establish that he is known and reputed, as a man of veracity and his spoken of and reputed as having been called a Soldier of the Revolution, by some of his acquaintances, he states that his acquaintance is very limited for a man that has been living so long in the same place he being a home kind of man, and living so very remote, and having wholly unable to go about for so long and not being any scholar nor having no information believes he can establish by the Keeney family and others that he is called a man of veracity. He states he does not live near any clergyman and has no intimate acquaintance with any man of that character, but Mr. Boat Right [Boatright or Boatwright] to wit Chesly H. Boatright a highly Respectable man a Baptist preacher living about 3 miles from him.

*Sworn and subscribed this 18th May 1840
before me*

S/ Samuel Williams, X his mark

S/ Michael Keeney, JP

State of Tennessee Anderson County

I Michael Keeney a justice of the peace in and aforesaid County certify that I have been personally acquainted with Samuel Williams the applicant for a Pension for 30 years past or upwards and that I have often heard him speak of his service in the Revolutionary War, and that I believe he served in said war substantially as he has a lay aged and that I understand him to be reputed by his acquaintances as an honest man of undoubted truth and is reputed among that he is respected by his immediate acquaintance as a Revolutionary Soldier I certify that he is a kind of hermit, and not a man of extensive acquaintance, that lives in the mountains in the remotest and least known parts of the County and is entirely unable to attend court, and has been afflicted too much so for something like 10 years to go about. I further certify that I have no doubt of his being 82 years old as he has stated judging from his appearance and from a long acquaintance. I consider him too old to make as clear a Declaration as if he was some younger. I have a knowledge from information of said applicant depending for some time on a man named Andrews to get his papers prepared, to get a Pension from any terror gain him and putting

questions I believe he served. He is a man of entire good character, and so reputed by every person that I have ever heard speak of him. I have lived and now live in less than 3 miles of said applicant. Given under my hand at the house of said applicant in the County of Anderson State of Tennessee this the 18th day of May 1840
S/ Michael Keeney, JP

State of Tennessee Anderson County

I Chesley H. Bootright, a minister of the Baptist Church and having lived about 3 miles from Samuel Williams, in Anderson County Tennessee, certify that I have lived near 3 years that distance from him and know him to be very old and unable to travel about, and transact business and would not think it unlikely that he would be eighty years, in fact I suppose he is eighty I from a small acquaintance with him thank him to be a homeless man of good character, as to his having been in service I recollect to have heard him speaking something on the subject probably of being among the Indians or Tories but as to what is the understanding of the people on the subject I am unauthorized to say.

S/ Chesley H. Bootright [sic]