

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Roger M. Williams R11626

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[fn p. 7]

State of South Carolina Edgefield District: SS: Court of Ordinary April 18th 1846

Be it known that on this the 18th day of April in the year 1846 Personally appeared in Open Court Mary Williams a resident of the District and State aforesaid, aged seventy years past, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Statements, in order to obtain the pension, which was due her husband, the aforesaid Roger M Williams at the time of his death, under an act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That she is the widow of Roger M Williams, who was a soldier and served as she always understood and verily believes, faithfully and truly in the War of the Revolution. That the said Roger M Williams went into service of the United States from the County of Brunswick and State of Virginia as a private volunteer Soldier and was afterwards promoted to the rank of Sergeant, as she always understood him, and from those who served with, and knew him in the time of the War.

She is unable to give a narrative of his services or the names of the Officers under whom he served. That she has no documentary evidence in Support of her claim: and knows of no person now living by whom she could prove the services of her said husband Roger M Williams. That her husband the aforesaid Roger M Williams made application¹ for a pension during his lifetime. She thinks in the year 1834 or 1835, under an act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832: but died without ever receiving a pension and declarant has been informed that the declaration of her said husband Roger M Williams is now on file in the Pension Office, and to which she refers for a narrative of said services in the time of during the War of the revolution.

S/ Mary Williams



[fn p 8: Findings by the court of Edgefield District South Carolina on April 18, 1846, that satisfactory evidence had been presented to show that Roger M Williams was a soldier of the revolution from the State of Virginia and County of Brunswick; that he died December 29, 1836 in Edgefield District South Carolina leaving Mary Williams as his widow; that she is still his widow; that Roger M Williams applied for a pension in his lifetime but "from bodily infirmity

¹ I found no evidence of a prior application filed by Roger M. Williams in this file, nor did I find any note indicating that such a file ever existed in the War Department's records.

and old age he was unable to prosecute his claim to a successful termination previous to his death. That the said Roger M Williams and his wife, formerly Mary Persell, were married on the 23rd day of August 1801 in Edgefield District South Carolina."]

[fn p. 17]

State of South Carolina Edgefield District: Be it known that on this 20th day of April 1846 personally appeared before me, Matthew Gray, an acting Magistrate in and for said District Joshua Hammond² a resident of the State of Georgia and County of Monroe and ninety-four years [of age] past who being first duly sworn saith That he was well acquainted with Roger M Williams in the State of Virginia previous to the War of the Revolution, and in the State of South Carolina after the war, and he always believed, and still believes that from his personal knowledge of said Roger Williams, that he was a true Whig and served faithfully in the War the Revolution from and in the State of Virginia.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above mentioned
S/ Matthew gray, Magistrate E. D. S/Joshua Hammond

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joshua Hammond". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

[fn p. 5: the widow executed a power of attorney dated May 18, 1852 in Edgefield district South Carolina authorizing her attorney to pursue any claims he might have for a Revolutionary pension based on the service of her husband Roger Williams deceased.]

[fn p. 3: power of attorney dated October 27, 1852 signed by Butler Williams, aged 50, a resident of Edgefield County South Carolina in which he states he is the son & executor of Roger M Williams deceased, an applicant for a pension for his service in the revolution.]

[fn p. 5: affidavit dated May 18, 1852 given in Edgefield district South Carolina by Elizabeth Gardner, 66, who testified that she was present and saw Roger M Williams and Mary Williams joined in marriage many years ago in the home of said Mary, who at that time was a widow Miller in Edgefield District South Carolina; that they were married by a Methodist Minister; that the said Roger Williams died December 29, 1836.]

² [Joshua Hammond S21803](#)