

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hickman Williams R11629

Winna Williams f22NC

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State of Tennessee, Lawrence County: Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions January Term 1825

On this 6th day of January 1825 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for said County Hickman Williams aged 62 years on the 21st or 22nd of February next resident in Lawrence County Tennessee who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows, to wit that he enlisted for two years & a half as returned but for one year as he intended in the last of May 1776, in the County of Wake in the State of North Carolina that he served under Captain Jacob Turner in the third Regiment commanded by Colonel Jethro Sumner of the North Carolina line in the Continental establishment & that he continued to serve in said company & Regiment until discharged in Halifax North Carolina in the summer of 1777 in August by Colonel John Williams but has long since lost his discharge that he never was in any engagement but was guarding & in Charleston at the time of the battle of Sullivan's Island [June 28, 1776],¹ that my family consists of myself aged as aforesaid, able to do some work but not able to support my family, My wife aged about 66 infirm & unable to support herself, My Daughter Willy about 40 able to support herself, my Daughter Dilly about 36 able to support herself & Patsy about 18 able to support herself. That the reason he did not apply before the passing of the act of the 1st of March 1823 was & is because he has always been able to support his family by his labor until reduced by a spade of sickness in the Spring of 1824, that he is by occupation a farmer, that he has disposed of none of his property since the year 1818 but for the use of his family & I have no evidence of my service or discharge but my own oath

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or other wise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

S/ Hickman Williams

Schedule

15 Acres of land in Entry for which I owe \$45.00, the Fees to procure rant
3 Cows & 3 yearlings, 1 Small Heifer, one Horse, one mare & one year old Colt, 2 Sows & pigs,
4 head of Hogs, 1 Rifle & 1 shot gun. 1 large & 1 small Trunk, 4 Bowles [sic], 2 sets of tea cups

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_ft_moultrie_1.html

& Saucers, 2 pails [sic, pails?] & 1 oven, 2 large Dishes, 11 plates, 2 axes & 1 tomahawk, 1 mattock, 2 shaft plows, 2 weeding Hoes, 1 Table & 7 Chairs, 1 Hand Saw, 2 Augurs & 3 Chissels [sic], 1 Drawing knife, 1 Shovel & Tongs, 2 Jugs, 2 Butter Pots, 2 Spinning Wheels & 1 looking glass

All I owe except for my land is \$17.52 ½ & I have no debts owing to me but \$1.25.

S/ Hickman Williams

Sworn to & declared on this sixth day of January 1825 before Richard Hill, Thomas Welsh & George [illegible last name].

Justices of Lawrence County

S/ M. H. Buckanan, Clerk

[The above is certified to be a true in the court records.]

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State of North Carolina, Secretary's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid do certify that the name of Hickman Williams does not appear on the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, but on reading his declaration it is believed he served as therein stated. A Warrant was issued for two and one half years services of Hickman Williams in the revolutionary war, on the Certificate of a field Officer, certifying that he had served in that length of time as a private Soldier in said war.

Given under my hand at office in Raleigh this 20th April 1825.

S/ Wm Hill

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State of Tennessee, County of Lawrence, SS

On this 4th day of June 1851, personally appeared before the undersigned Justice of the Peace in & for said County Isaac W. Alford administrator of Winna Williams deceased who was the widow of Hickman Williams late of this County deceased & made oath in due form of law & according to the best of his knowledge, information & believe that Hickman Williams was a soldier of the Continental line in the War of the Revolution in the State of North Carolina & served several years in said War & that he was inscribed on the pension Roll of the Nashville, Tennessee agency in or about the year 1825 under the act of March 18th, 1818 & drew a pension till his death in the year 1826 & that he was a resident of this County – that he left at his death, him surviving, a widow named Winna Williams and of whom this affiant is administrator & that said widow was originally named Winna Clifton & was married to the said Hickman Williams at the County of Franklin, in the State of North Carolina, the exact date not recollected but prior to the year 1780 & before the termination of the service of her said husband Hickman Williams in said War of the Revolution, and that said Winna Williams, widow of said Hickman Williams died in this County on the 21st or 22nd day of September 1837, whereby she became by reason of surviving with the passage of the act of Congress of July 4th, 1836 entitled to a pension from the 4th day of March 1831 at the rate of \$80 per year to the day of her death, & that by reason of her ignorance of her just rights she did not claim the same whereby the same inures to the benefit of her children – that said Winna Williams the widow aforesaid left the following children now surviving to wit Nancy Alford (formerly Williams); Willa Williams, Thomas Williams, James Williams, Jesse Williams, Elizabeth Chaffen [?] (formally Williams), Dilla Williams and Patsey Price (formerly Williams) and that this affiant is as aforesaid the administrator of her estate & claims the amount of pension due the said Willa Williams widow aforesaid at her death on behalf of & for the sole use of the said surviving children of said Willa Williams & the past that place Certificate for the same may issue & be delivered to Vespasian Ellis for him.

S/ Isaac W. Alford

Isaac W. Alford

Sworn to & subscribed before me this fourth day of June 1851
S/ R. D. Parish [?], JP

[p 20: On February 19, 1852 and Lawrence County Tennessee, Bridges Williams, 81, a nephew of Hickman Williams gave an affidavit supporting Alford's petition in which he states that Hickman Williams and Winna his wife were married in Franklin County, NC; that they were married upwards of 70 years; that they resided in affiant's father's house for some time after their marriage; that he is satisfied they married sometime prior to 1780; and he names the same children as set forth in Alford's petition. His affidavit is dated 2/ 19/1852.

Bridges Williams

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing February 17, 1825, for service as a private for 2 ½ years in the North Carolina Continental line.]