

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Henry Williamson R11632

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State of Virginia } S.S.

Bedford County }

The declaration of Henry Williamson Sen'r. made on the 19 day of Jany. 1837 in order to obtain a pension under the act of Congress passed on the 7 day of June 1832 for the Benifit of Revolutionary officers and Soldiers

That he the said Henry Williamson Sn'r. was called on to perform a tour of duty in the United States service from the County of Loudoun about the first of April 1781 and that he rendezvoused at a place called Lacey's Tavern in said County. That he was marched from there in the Company Commanded by Capt John Lewis. That John Frazer was the Lieutenant in said Company, and that Josiah White [possibly Joel White] was the ensign, and I the said Henry Williamson Sn'r. was the orderly Sergeant in said Company.

That the company I was in was marched from Lacey's Tavern Through Prince William County to Fredericksburg in Stafford County, and from thence we were marched through Caroline County to Hanover, and from thence to the City of Richmond in Henrico County, and from thence we were marched to the Morbin Hills near James River [sic: Malvern Hill 15 mi SE of Richmond] the place of General rendezvous, at which place Col. John Alexander was the commander in chief, and Major Jacob Read was our Major.

That after we had been at the Morbin Hills for some time we were again marched back to the City of Richmond at which place Colo. John Alexander and Majr Jacob Read [Jacob Reed] left us, and we were then put under the Command of Colo. Charles Dabney and Major Campbell. Colo. Dabney then marched the Troops under his Command to Charlottesville in albemarle County at which place the Legislature of Virginia was then in Session [after 28 May 1781], at which place a part of the British army had gone [Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton's Legion, 4 Jun]; From Charlottesville we were marched to the Point A Forks on James River in Fluvanna County [sic: Point of Forks at the confluence of James and Rivanna rivers], at which place we were met by General Anthony Wayne, who Took the command of the Troops and marched us back to the City of Richmond where I vollenteered and joined Captain Samuel Noland, from Richmond we were marched back again to the Morbin Hills, and from thence we were marched down James River to old James Town, we there found General Lafayette and the day after our Troops arrived there They attacked the British Army and fought them till they got on board their vessels and sailed off from James Town [Battle of Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul, at which the troops under Lafayette and Wayne were defeated by Cornwallis]. That I was in the said Battle of James Town. That the Troops were then marched out from James Town about five miles to a church where we left the wounded men, and we were then marched off towards Gloucester County until we were met by Colo. George West's Regiment of men from Loudoun County Virginia a number of whose men were without arms. I then got a permit to go home with several others, and we who had got permission to go home were ordered to stack our arms and let Colo. George West's men take them. We had orders from our Commander to be ready again at a moments warning to join the army again when ordered. I arrived at home about the fifth of September 1781 after a tour of duty of about five months. That after my arrival at home, I could not engage in any business in consequence of expecting every day to be called on again and remained in that situation till the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at York Town in Virginia [19 Oct 1781]. that the five months which I served and nearly two months I was kept in suspense ought to count for a six months Tour of Duty, and that I now Claim a six months Tour. that I never made an application for a pension before and am not on any pension list either Continental or State Service whatsoever

Question 1st Where and in what date were you Born?
Answer I was born in the Count of Fairfax and State of Virginia on the 26th day of November 1756 as I am informed and was carried to Loudoun County Va. when I was a boy in which County I lived about thirty two years

Question 2nd What is your age at this time?
Answer I was Eighty years old on the 26th day of November 1836 last past, and am now Eighty years 1 months & 23 days?

Question 3rd Where have you lived since you left Loudoun, in what Countys, and what length of time in each County?
Answer After leaving Loudoun County (where I lived about thirty two years) I then removed to Bedford County where I lived about thirteen years. I then removed to Franklin County where I lived there about twenty years. I then removed to Bedford again in which County I have lived ever since

Question 4th Who were your neighbours in Franklin & Bedford Counties that you can call on to testify as to your respectability and standing in society?
Answer I refer to Colo. James Callaway [pension application W9771], Rev'd Moses Greer [S8609], and Capt William Callaway of Franklin County and to Capt Lewis Wingfield & Nicholas Robertson Esquires Capt James M. Haden Capt Wm Preston, Benj. Musgrove, Elijah Turner Sn'r. and Col. Sam'l. Hancock of Bedford County for that Information.

Question 5th In what way were you called into service, were you drafted or were you a volunteer?
Answer I was called out as other Drafted Militia

Question 6th Was you an officer or soldier when you was called out into service?
Answer I was an orderly Sergeant in the Company I marched in under Capt John Lewis

Question 7th Did you ever receive a discharge If so state what has become of it?
Answer I never received any discharge. After I had served a Tour of about five months, I got a permit to go home with others in our company but was to be ready to go back at a moments warning when called for, but before I was called for Lord Cornwallis surrendered at york Town in Virginia, and I was not again called for which is the reason that I did not receive my discharge

Signed this 19th day January 1837

Henry Williamson

[Jacob Warner (pension application R11143) and Jacob Miller (R7200) certified that Williamson had served as stated.]