

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Willis R11639

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Georgia Bryan County

On this 2nd day of December in the year of our Lord 1833 Before me William Law Judge of the Superior Court for the said County of Bryan and State of Georgia personally appeared in open Court George Willis a resident of said County who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the Act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832: That he was born in Duplin County State of North Carolina but has no record of the day and year of his birth but from the best information in his power he believes he is now seventy-four years and upwards. That he volunteered as a private in the revolutionary war in a company of militia raised in Duplin County aforesaid in the year 1779 and marched from thence to the town of Charlotte in the State of North Carolina. His Captain's name was Shadrach Stalling. His Lieutenant's name was Daniel Teachy. After arriving at Charlotte they were placed under the command of General Butler. His Colonel's name was Johnson. His Captain was James Lanan [? possibly, James Lanier?]. Here they remained three weeks and then were marched to Augusta in the State of Georgia. Crossed the River Savannah at Augusta at this place the militia joined the regular troops under the command of General Lincoln. After remaining at Augusta for about 24 hours the Army took up the line of march and marched down to the mouth of Brier Creek. At this place recrossed the Savannah River and marched to Pons Pons in South Carolina from thence proceeded to Stono River about 20 miles from Charleston. Here a battle was fought between the American Army under General Lincoln and the British forces in which this deponent took part. During this battle he was under the command of Anthony Sharpe as his Captain. And afterwards having served his term of 3 months was permitted to leave the Army & go home in consequence of sickness. After his arrival home and recovering from his sickness he again volunteered as a private and joined the militia at Long Bridge commanded by Colonel James Kenyon [sic, James Kenan] and Major John Moulton. His Captain's name was Frederick Wills. During this service which was six weeks two skirmishes were had with the British forces the one at Long Bridge and the other at Rock Fish Creek. After this tour of service deponent again went to his home a few days after his arrival at home deponent again volunteered and joined Captain Aaron Williams' company of Light Horse as a private of which company Clifton Bowen was Lieutenant and Charles James Ensign. He joined this company in Duplin County North Carolina, marched from thence to New Bern as one of a

guard detached over two wagons sent to that place for arms and ammunition. Deponent remained as a private faithfully doing duty in the said company of Light Horse until the end of the war under the command of Colonel Williams and was then verbally discharged by him at that time in the said County of Duplin. That he served as a private under Captain Williams in said company of Light Horse eighteen months. That during the aforesaid services he marched through the State of North Carolina, South Carolina & part of Georgia and hereby relinquishes all claim whatsoever to every pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll or agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day & year 1st above written.

S/ William Law, Judge

S/ George Willis, X his mark

Georgia Bryan County

Personally appeared before me William Law Judge of the Superior Court for the said County of Bryan Stephen Bowen¹ a resident of the County of Telfair aged seventy-six years & upward who being by me duly sworn saith That he hath been well acquainted with the within named applicant George Willis for the last fifty years. That this deponent & the said George Willis were raised together in the County of Duplin and State of North Carolina. That this deponent was well acquainted with the said George Willis during the Revolutionary War. That deponent served as a private and noncommissioned officer in the Continental Army and has distinct knowledge and recollections of the services of the said George Willis. That the said George Willis did as he states in his declaration joined the Continental Army under General Lincoln at Augusta and marched with said Army and fought against the British forces faithfully as he has set forth in his declaration. This deponent also knows that the said George Willis served the time he has stated in the Company of the Light Horse commanded by Colonel Aaron Williams as a private and discharged his duties faithfully. That deponent was one of the guard with said Willis for the purpose of protecting the arms and ammunition strands supported from New Bern and as set forth in his declaration, and verily believes that all the facts stated & set forth therein are just and true, the said Willis being a man of truth & integrity.

Sworn to before made this 2nd day of December 1833 in open Court

S/ William Law, Judge

S/ Stephen Bowen



[Jonathan Willis, 67, a resident of Tattnall County Georgia gave an affidavit in support of his brother's claim in which he states he was too young to serve himself but distinctly recollects his brother's service.



[William Bird & Zachariah Wells gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[On April 20th 1834 in Liberty County Georgia, George Willis filed another application for a

¹ [Stephen Bowen W5853](#)

pension in which he sets forth substantially identical facts as set forth in his 1st application except that he indicates he now lives in Liberty County and has lived in the state of Georgia for the last 36 years; also, he reduced the period of his service under Captain Aaron Williams from 18 months to 12 months; and he asked the following: "And this deponent further saith that for the last 10 years he has been unable to work for a support in consequence of blindness and can now only see sufficient to direct him from place to place and that he is now entirely dependent for support on the charity of his friends."]