

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John J. Williams R19099

Nancy Williams f53NC

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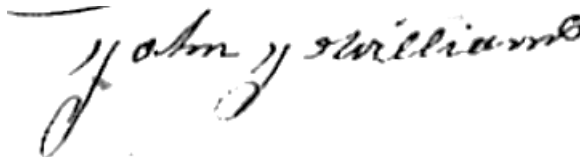
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State of Tennessee, Roane County} September Term of the Circuit Court 1832

On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Circuit Sitting for the County & State aforesaid it being a court of record John J. Williams aged 73 years who being first duly sworn according to law makes upon oath the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832: that in September 1<sup>st</sup> 1781 he entered the service of his country in Wilkes County North Carolina as a drafted soldier under Captain Alexander Jordan & marched with said company to Salisbury N. C. where the company was attached to the Regiment under Colonel Malmedy [Francis de Malmedy, Marquis of Bretagne]& Major Rowan at Salisbury this applicant was attached to a Company of artificers, commanded by Major James Cole Mountfloreance; he served the whole of his tour which was for three months as an artificer and was discharged the 24<sup>th</sup> day of December 1781 by the aforesaid Major Mountfloreance which discharge has been worn out a copy of which this applicant has preserved, this applicant immediately after he was discharged and entered the service of his country as a Substitute for John McHenry in Captain Gates's Company of Militia and was again attached to the artificers, under Major Mountfloreance Salisbury N. C. he served out three months in the company of artificers and was discharged at Salisbury N. C. by the aforesaid Major Mountfloreance, this discharge has shared the fate of the former a copy of which this applicant has preserved this discharge was obtained March 25<sup>th</sup>, 1782 applicant was an no engagement he knew General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] & Colonel Locke [Francis Locke] who was a regular officers. This applicant after he was discharged from service returned to Wilkes County where he resided 19 years; from thence he removed to Jackson County Tennessee, where he resided in that & Overton 19 years from [there] to McMinn Tennessee where he lived one year and from thence he resided in Bledsoe [?], Rhea & Roane Counties & was and now resides in Rowan County, and that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service, that he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State to his knowledge.

Sworn to in court September 13<sup>th</sup>, 1832.

S/ John J. Williams



S/ H. S. Purris, DC

[James Robertson and Willis Crow gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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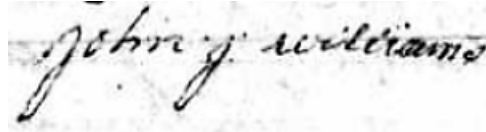
State of Georgia, Lumpkin County

On this twentieth day of January in the year 1848 Before me the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace for the said County of Lumpkin personally appeared John J. Williams who on his oath declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the Company commanded by Captain William Sloan in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Francis Lock [sic, Francis Locke] in the Service of the United States that his name was placed on the pension roll of the State of Tennessee whence he has lately removed that he now resides in the State of Georgia where he intends to remain and wishes his Pension to be there payable in future. The following are his reasons for removing from the State of Tennessee to the State of Georgia viz. Because his children all had and wished to move to the State of Georgia. And are now all living in the State of Georgia. And the deponent wishes to live with them as he was too old and infirm to live well by himself.

Sworn and subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid.

S/ J. H. Worley, JP

S/ John J. Williams

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John J. Williams". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right.

[p 13: In Campbell County Tennessee on January 16, 1860, Nancy Williams a resident of Campbell County, aged about 75, filed for a pension as the widow of John J. Williams; in this petition she alleges that he drew a pension of \$96 a year; that she married him June 3, 1815 in Fentress County, Tenn. and that he died October 6, 1849. She signed her application with her mark. Her claim was denied because she failed to provide sufficient proof that she was the widow of the particular John J. Williams who was a pensioner of the United States.]

[p 19: In an amendment dated March 31, 1860 to her application for a pension, the widow states that she married John J Williams on June 5, 1815 in Fentress County Tennessee; that they were married by Stroder Frogg Esqr.; that her marriage is recorded in a family Bible in the handwriting of her husband; that her husband lived part of the time in Roane County Tennessee then moved to Georgia where he died in 1847. She signed this document with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as an artificer in the North Carolina militia for 6 months.]