

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Williams R20123

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### Declaration of John Williams Sergeant Revolutionary Claims

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the act entitled "an Act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution," approved on the 15th of May 1828, I John Williams formerly of Prince Edward County, but now of Chesterfield County in the State of Virginia do hereby declare, that I enlisted in the Continental service of the United States as a Sergeant in the year 1777 for three years under Captain A. Kirkpatrick [Abram or Abraham Kirkpatrick] of the first Virginia Regiment on Continental Establishment, and after serving for that time, reenlisted for the War in 1780 and served until its termination, was Commanded by the said Kirkpatrick at the conclusion thereof and was a Sergeant in his Company of infantry, I further declare that I am now in my 79th year, and do not particularly recollect who was the Colonel of our Regiment after the death of Colonel Parker [Richard Parker], as changes were made, I have from the length of time, and living in an obscure manner forgotten many circumstances in regard to him my claim. Witness my hand and seal this 10th day of December 1829.

S/ John Williams, X his mark

I do certify that Sergeant John Williams enlisted in February 1777, for 3 years, after serving that time, he reenlisted in March 1780 for the War.

S/ A. Kirkpatrick, Capt.  
1<sup>st</sup> Va. Regt.

I certify the above to be a true copy of the voucher filed in the Executive Department of Virginia, on which land bounty was allowed to John Williams for services in the Revolutionary War. Given under my hand as Assistant Clerk to the Counsel, at Richmond, this 27th of November 1829.

S/ J. W. Pleasant, A. C. C.

Auditor's Office December 22 1829

I do hereby certify that it appears from the list in this office of such of the soldiers of the Virginia line of the Revolutionary Army on Continental establishment as received Certificates for the balance of their full pay, that John Williams a Sergeant of Infantry received on the 20 March 1793 8 Certificate for £128.14.

S/ Jas. E. Heath  
Auditor of Virginia

Received 28 December 1829

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Sir

Virginia Chesterfield County 29th December 1829

In conformity to your letter of the 15th Institute, I state for your information as far as my recollection serves me after a lapse of about 50 years, that I enlisted in the year 1777 perhaps February or March for three years under Captain A. Kirkpatrick which time I served in the northern Army and in the year 1780 early in that year I reenlisted for the War as a Sergeant under Captain Kirkpatrick of the first Virginia Regiment as well as I now remember, and was marched to the South in that year, and was in several actions, while our Army was commanded by General Green [Nathanael Greene], the Colonel of our Regiment was I believe Richard Parker till he was killed and afterwards I think Richard C. Aderson [sic, Richard C. Anderson] took the command of our Regiment, some little time before the war ended our Company was marched to Virginia and I received my discharge at Winchester in Virginia but as well as I recollect I was for a few weeks before I was discharged mustered in Captain Springer's Company, the Companies name about being broken and many men discharged but supposed that I did not regularly belonged to that company. My discharge a copy of which was forwarded to you with my declaration shows the time I received it, Colonels Green, Nevill &c were about Winchester perhaps about the time I was discharged. I send herewith a Certificate of the Auditor to show of whom I drew certificates for the pay of \$80 &c. It is long ago, that I may have forgotten many circumstances in relation to my claim.

S/ John Williams, X his mark

Revolutionary Claims  
Treasury Department,  
28 December 1829

John Williams of \_\_ in the County of Chesterfield in the State of Virginia has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that he enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued until its termination, at which period he was a Sergeant in Captain Springer's or Kirkpatrick's Company, in the Colonel Anderson's regiment of the Virginia line; and that he received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars, provided by the resolve of the 15th of May, 1778; and further, that he was not on the 15th of May, 1828, on the pension list of the United States, and that he has received as a pensioner since the 3rd of March, 1826, nothing

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records in his Office.

By order of the Secretary  
S/ F. A. Dickins

Treasury Department,  
Third Auditor's Office,  
29th December 1829

~~It appears by the records of this office, that a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars has been issued to \_\_ in the \_\_~~

It further appears that John Williams is not now on the pension list of any agency, and has not been so since the 3rd March 1826 ~~at the rate of \_\_ dollars per month.~~

It appears that a certificate for the reward of \$80 has been issued to John Williams a Sergeant and Colonel Gibson's Department of the Virginia line – of which detachment Captain Uriah Springer was an officer.

S/ Peter Hagner, Aud.