

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Iles R5475

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State of Louisiana, Parish of St. Landry

On this the first of December 1843 personally appeared in Open Court before the Fifth Judicial District Court sitting in and for the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, being a Court of Record, William Iles, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Pension made by the Act of Congress, passed June 7th, 1832. He says that he was born in the County of Halifax in the State of North Carolina, on the fifth day of March A.D. 1763, and continued a resident of the aforesaid State, till he reached the age of 16 years when he was called out in the defense of his Country; and that he enlisted in the Army in April 1779, under General Somner [sic, Jethro Sumner?], Colonels Sowell [Benjamin Seawell] and Brickle [William Brickell] being Officers in the same Regiment. And that his immediate Captain was by the name of John Williams, for the purpose of joining General Gates. And that he proceeded to within forty five miles of the said General Gates, before he was defeated [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780].¹ Then General Sumner, the commander of the Regiment to which he belonged, turned up the State to Mecklenburg, but finding that he would be overpowered, he retreated from the West to be East side of the River Adkins [sic, Yadkin River]. He remained on the East side of the River Yadkin (but does not recollect how long) but however during the sojourn of the Regiment on the East side of the Yadkin it was reinforced by several Regiments, but he does not recollect the names of the Officers of said Regiments. On this Expedition he remained in Actual service five months and two days, and was, while the Regiment was on the East side of said River Yadkin, discharged. Thence he returned home where he remained two months: then went to Virginia, and in the County of Nansemond of said State, was substituted in the place of one William Carstarphin [sic, Carstarphen?] and marched out under Captain Elias Herrin of Colonel Gaskins' [Thomas Gaskins'] Regiment, up to the River until he reached Petersburg, where they Regiment halted, and a warm engagement ensued [Battle of Petersburg, April 25, 1781],² which continued only a short time. Thence the Regiment returned and crossed James River at Richmond and remained on the Richmond side, sometime but how long he does not recollect. His whole time of service in the Expedition under General Gaskins was six weeks, during which service he acted as Sergeant. And after his discharge he returned to Southampton in the State of Virginia, where in the same year 1780, he substituted himself in the place of John Carstarphen, and remained six weeks in the Army commanded by Colonel Bookwells [?, could be Bookwills], but he does not recollect the names of the subordinate Officers. At the expiration of the said six weeks, he was regularly discharged. Thence he returned to his Native State of North Carolina, where he only

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

² <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/810425-petersburg/>

remained two weeks, before he was again called out, against Tories, who were between Cape Fair [sic, Cape Fear River] and Pedee [River], for which service each soldier furnished himself, with a horse and military accoutrements. That Expedition was commanded by Philip Saunders and John Pritchett. His whole time of service against the Tories amounted to three months and thirteen days. He was then discharged and he returned home, and ever afterwards entered the Army.

And this Deponent William Iles hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present.

(signed) William Iles³

Sworn to and subscribed by the said William Iles in Open Court this 1 September 1843 before me.

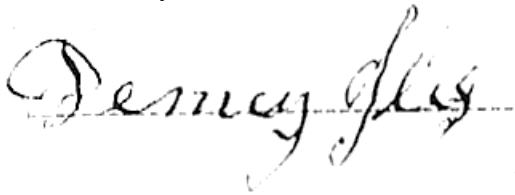
S/ R. Taylor, Clk.

To the Honorable the Judge of the fifth Judicial District Court in the Western Circuit Division of the State of Louisiana holding Court in and for the Parish of St. Landry.

The petition of William Iles an inhabitant and resident of the Parish of Calcasieu and State of Louisiana with respect represents, that he is desirous to apply for a pension by virtue of the Act of Congress passed June the seventh 1832, entitled "An Act Supplementary to an Act for the relief of the surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Revolution claiming the benefit of the said Act, serving in the Continental Army of the United States" at that time. He therefore prays that your Honor would receive his declaration in Open Court on Oath and that all such proceedings may be had in the premises, as are in conformity with Law and Justice and as in duty bound &c.

S/ William Iles

[p 2: On July 25, 1854, Demsy Iles, Sr. of the Parish of Calcasieu in the State of Louisiana executed a power of attorney in which he claimed to be the legal heir to William Iles, his father, a revolutionary war soldier.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Demsy Iles", written over a horizontal dashed line. The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the left of a closing bracket.

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³ Copy, not the actual signature of the veteran