

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Williams S11831

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State of Virginia Westmoreland County: SS

On this 14th day of May in the year 1834 appeared before Francis C Triplett a Justice of the peace for the County of Westmoreland in the State of Virginia, William Williams a resident of said County in the State aforesaid aged seventy-three years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832. –

That he was born in the County of Somerset in the State of Maryland about the year 1761 as he has been informed and believes, but he has no record of his age – and that he came to Westmoreland County in the State of Virginia about the year 1767 where he has continually resided up to the present time; – that he cannot state with entire confidence the exact month of his enlistment in the militia, but as well as he can remember a transaction so remote, states that he entered or was enrolled in Captain William Nelson's company of the Virginia Militia sometime during the winter of 1778; that by reason of old age, extreme bodily infirmity and loss of memory, unaided by any record evidence of his service, he cannot state the dates of the many tours of duty he was required to perform nor the exact duration of those tours, but that in the year 1778 in the month of March he was ordered out, and marched by the said Captain Nelson thirty miles down the Potomac River to a place called Homany Hall [Nomini Hall?], in the lower part of Westmoreland County and was there in service two months and in the month of June, July, August and September was continually on duty guarding the shore of the Potomac and the public warehouse on Mattox Creek making four, or more, months service: that in the year 1779 in the month of May or June he was again called out and was embodied the whole summer and fall in guarding a parcel of boats that had been collected at the mouth or near the mouth of Mattox Creek, for the transportation of the troops as occasion might require, and was engaged in this service fully 6 months and that in the year 1780 he was again called out under Captain Eliot Monroe who had succeeded Captain Nelson for the purpose of repelling a rumored invasion of the enemy at a place called Nomanie [Nomini Hall?], and were engaged in this and other service nearly two months, and that in the year 1781 he was repeatedly on duty, and engaged in such service as guarding ferry boats, to prevent them from falling into the hands of slaves, and watching the movements of the enemy's vessels on the said River in order that families might remove their property from its borders: and that he was employed in this service fully four months in that year: that from the fact that the County of Westmoreland is bounded, its whole Eastern extent (a distance of thirty miles) by the Potomac River, and its numerous indentations by large navigable creeks letting into the said River in which the enemy's vessels were nearly all the war, in order to guard against incursions from these vessels, the whole body of the militia of that County was detailed and subject to be called out at a moment's notice: that he has rendered

the military service stated above amounting to eighteen months as a soldier in the war of the revolution; that he has no documentary evidence of his service, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service; and that he is prevented, from poverty and bodily infirmity from attending the court. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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: that for his character for veracity, and belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution, he will refer to Thomas N. Berryman the senior Justice of the peace for the County of Westmoreland and Captain Henry Bowcock one among the oldest inhabitants of said County.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year first aforesaid.

S/ Wm Williams

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Wm Williams". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Wm Williams".

[Henry Bowcock and William H Triplett gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 18 months service as a private in the Virginia service.]