

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Williams S11833

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State of Alabama County of Covington

On this 18th day of January 1833 personally appeared in open Court held at Chambers before John William Deveraux Judge (of the County Court of said County) now presiding Samuel Williams aged about seventy-four years a resident of said County & State who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. First entered under James Moore a Lieutenant drafted from the militia about the year 1775 James Thompson was Captain resided at that time in South Carolina fifteen miles from Mathews Bluff on Savannah River marched to the Town of Savannah -- Shepherd was Major I think my time expired and I was relieved about a week before Savannah was taken by the British, Continued in service as a militia soldier about Savannah River until General Lincoln marched to Savannah then marched again to the Town of Savannah under the same company Officers General Lincoln commanded. I knew Pulaski the French General with his Company of Spear men. I was on the sick list and was sent home with a pass a few days before the Siege of Savannah continued in service. The fall of the year before Charlestown was taken was taken by the British moved to Edgefield District and volunteered under Captain John Ryan, Vann Swearingen was Lieutenant a scouting company continued in said Company & in service until the end of the Revolutionary War. I know of no other person convenient whose testimony I can procure that knows of my services as a soldier in the Revolutionary War except Thomas McDaniel now living in this County. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State nor ever has been.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Samuel Williams, X his mark

[Daniel Dozier, an ordained minister of the gospel, and Elias Spencer gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

I Thomas McDaniel residing in said State and County under oath do certify that I am well acquainted with Samuel Williams who has subscribed and sworn to the above Declaration and was acquainted with him in South Carolina at the last years of the old Revolutionary war and am personally knowing of his being in a volunteer Company commanded by Captain Ryan at the

time and places he has set forth in his declaration and that I believe him to be about seventy-four years of age and reputed & considered in his neighborhood here as a man of truth and a Revolutionary soldier to my knowledge and that I concur in the opinions of the foregoing statement.

Sworn to & subscribed at the time.

S/ Thomas McDaniel

State of Alabama Covington County

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned a justice of the peace in & for said County & State Samuel Williams who being duly sworn deposed & saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades to wit = For 2 years and 3 months I served as a private and for such service I claim a pension, and this deponent further saith that he is totally destitute of learning that he is wholly unable to give the precise dates of his service except by some notable occurrences of the times of his service -- that he served under Captain Thompson about Matthews Bluff upon the Savannah River sometimes stationary but mostly in scouting parties for the space of one year, which was a few months before the city of Savannah was taken, that soon after he left the command of Captain Thompson, he went to the city of Savannah under the command of Captain or Lieutenant Moore he served under Moore three months & was discharged at the end of his tour just one month before the taking of Savannah by the enemy. That after the taking of Charleston he served under the command of a Captain Ryan for the space of 12 months & Colonel Purvis they were most of the time about a place called Cuffee Town [sic, Coffee Town?] in Edgefield district South Carolina and was generally scouting the Country around about that place -- he was never in any particular battle or engagement -- & this is an amendment to the original declaration.

S/ John M. Burgin, JP

S/ Samuel Williams, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 2 years service as a private in the revolution.]