

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Isaac Williams S31485

fn22VA

Transcribed by Will Graves

9/19/11

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of Kentucky Grayson County: SS

On this 24th day of September 1832 Personally [appeared] in Open Court before William Bount, Eli Bozorth & Charles H Stuteville the Court of Grayson County State of Kentucky now setting Isaac Williams aged seventy-eight years of age who being first 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 was born in Frederick County in the State of Virginia in the year 1754, that he entered the service of the United States as a militia man, was drafted in Frederick County State of Virginia and entered the service under Captain Arthur Boens [Arthur Bowen?] And Colonel Arthur Campbell about the year 1775 and marched into Battetot [sic, Botetourt] County Virginia against the Tories at which time he was gone about two weeks and when he returned he was marched against the Tories on New River in Virginia under the command of Ensign Robert McFarlin [Robert McFarland?] on this route they had an engagement with the Tories and himself & 30 others whipped 100 Tories, at another time he was marched into North Carolina and they took 20 Tories on Yellow Creek and sent them to the lead mines – he was almost constantly in service against the Tories on New River for 5 or 6 years, At one time he was drafted & on his way to Kings Mountain and was ordered to return and go against the Tories on New River in Virginia, and some short time after the battle at Kings Mountain he was drafted for six months and marched against the Cherokee Indians on the Tennessee River, at which time Colonel Severe [John Sevier] had a battle with the Indians – he was not in the battle not having reached there in time on this campaign they marched to Tennessee River and burnt the Indian Towns, and then marched to Highwassee [Hiwassee] River and burnt some Indian Towns on that River, and on this Campaign was in service about three months and had a great deal of fatigued & suffered very much with cold & hunger, he cannot tell the precise time he was in service it being so long ago, and having no account of the time but he is confident that against the Tories and Indians during the Revolutionary war he served in the militia of the State of Virginia upwards of three years actual service, That during his service he served under the following named Officers to wit, General William Campbell, Colonel Arthur Campbell, Captain Arthur Boens, Lieutenant Patrick Campbell, Ensign Robert McFarlin, Colonel Sevier, Captain James Crabtree, Captain Elliot, Captain Kile Captain Prewit, Colonel James Dosey, Captain James Kilkannon and others whose names he cannot now recollect. That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

The court propounded the following interrogatories to the applicant, Question by the court Where and in what year were you born? Answer I was born in the year 1754 in Frederick County State of Virginia

Question 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it? Answer. I have none.

Question 3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live? Answer I was living in Frederick County Virginia when called into service and I was drafted, the militia were classed and had to serve when a call was made for men without any further drafts. I was living in Washington County Virginia when called into service, and lived there during the revolutionary war. I lived in Virginia 10 or 12 years after the war and then moved to Kentucky and lived there ever since except 6 months in Indiana and now live in Grayson County Kentucky.

[Omitted: 4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?]

5th Question State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service. – Answer the Officers under whom I served all of those already named and the general circumstances of my service is the same as already stated in this declaration.

[Omitted: 6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?]

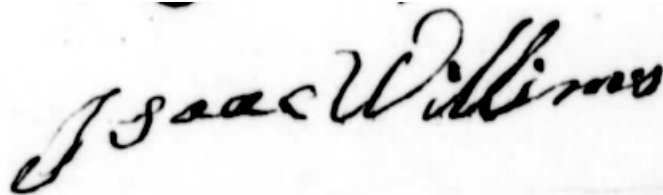
7th Question State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer. Theophilus Davis, Philip Fulkerson, Peter Fulkerson, Isham Nichols, David Born, John Jamieson, Ben Cleaver, Matthew Grimes, Jonathan Grimes.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Isaac Williams

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Isaac Williams". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[William Bolding, a clergyman, and Theophilus Davis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Kentucky Grayson County Sct.

This day Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in & for the County aforesaid Isaac Williams who being duly sworn deposeth and 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 in the Revolutionary War but according to the best of his recollection he served in the service of the United States two weeks under Captain Arthur Boens & Colonel Campbell in the year 1775 against the Tories and Botetourt County in the State of Virginia that he was almost continually in service after that time against the Tories in Virginia and North Carolina until the year 1782 that he was in service against the Tories under orders from Colonel Campbell of Washington County State of Virginia and was a part of his time under Ensign Robert McFarlin, he recollects positively that in the year 1781 (he believes) that he served six months a part of his time against the Tories and a part of his time against the Cherokee Indians in Tennessee on this Tour he served under Captain James Crabtree & others, he cannot state positively as to all of his

service but is positive he served at least three years in the militia of the state of Virginia in the revolutionary War in the service before stated that the whole of the service was performed between the year 1775 & 178? [last digit written over and unclear].

S/ Isaac Williams

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 20th day of May 1833

S/ William C. Wortham, JP

[fn p. 12: On November 19, 1833 in Harrison County Indiana, Mary Cole, 80, gave testimony that she was well acquainted with Isaac Williams of Grayson County Kentucky who has applied for a pension; that her husband Zachariah Cole, deceased (about 20 years ago) and Isaac Williams served together in the militia during the revolutionary war under Captains Bowen, Crabtree an Ensign McFarlin and Colonel Arthur Campbell's Regiment and William Campbell's Brigade.]

[fn p. 16]

State of Kentucky Grayson County Sct.

This day Isaac Williams personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in & for the County aforesaid who being duly sworn deposeth and 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 in the revolutionary War, but according to the best of his recollection he served in the year 1785 [sic] six months under General William Campbell that he entered the service in Washington County Virginia and was employed during the six months in the service of the United States in subduing the Tories in Washington County, Montgomery & Botetourt Counties and Wythe County in the State of Virginia, that in the year 1781 (he thinks) he served a tour of 6 months under Captain James Crabtree, a part of his time he was engaged after the Tories in Virginia and a part of his time after the Cherokee Indians that he served in these two tours at least one year being employed in each tour six months. That in the year 1776 he served six months under Captain Arthur Boens and in 1777 he served under Captain Arthur Boens six months all in the service of the United States and marched with said Boens through Washington, Botetourt, Wythe, Ash & Wilson Counties own New River in Virginia and I'll service was to subdue the Tories, and during this service we took a number of Tories and delivered them to Captain William Love at the Blue Springs in Wythe County Virginia from which place the Tories were sent to the lead mines and their put to labor, this statement is made in addition to the one already made, he here files the Deposition of Mary Cole and makes it a part of this amended Declaration.

S/ Isaac Williams

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 23rd of November 1833.

S/ William C. Wortham, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]