

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of William Williams: S32597

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State of Indiana }
County of Warrick } On the eighth day of October in the year 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Honourable the Judge of our Warrick County Court now sitting in Boonville in said County William Williams a resident of the County of Warrick in the State of Indiana Aged Seventy three years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his Oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 that in the spring of the year 1777 he thinks April whilst living in Brunswick County in the State of Virginia this applicant being aged 17 years was classed in the first class of the Militia and called into service by the order of Colonel John Jones of said County of Brunswick under Captain Thomas Edmond as a private was marched under the command of said Captain Edmond from Brunswick County to old Swans point on James River where we were stationed until our period of six weeks tour was out Captain Edmonds company was the only one marched from Brunswick & stationed at Swans point there was no field officers and this applicant declares that during said six weeks he was in the military service of the United States in the Virginia Militia & was not during said time employed in any civil pursuit

In the fall of the same year whilst living in the same county this applicant went as a volunteer under Captain Ephraim Peoples for a tour of six weeks his company together with a company under the command of Captain Macklung marched from Brunswick to Cobham [probably Cobham Wharf in Surry County] and crossed James River to old JamesTown from thence to Williamsburg from thence to York and from thence to Hampton and there recrossed James River to Portsmouth where we were stationed until we were discharged after serving a tour of 6 weeks there was no field officer marched with the corps from Brunswick County General [Thomas] Nelson had the command of the Troops at Portsmouth there was a train of Artillery stationed at the ship yard whilst we were at Portsmouth which were the only Troops besides said two companies he recollects serving with this applicant states that he served said 6 weeks as a private that during that time he was engaged in the military service of the United States and was not engaged in any civil pursuit or employment during said period of six weeks that in 1778 he entered the minute [Minute Man] service and was repeatedly out on short tours for which he makes no claim. That in 1779 whilst living in the same County he went out under Captain John Macklung as a private in the Militia for the usual period of six weeks he went as a substitute for William Denton[?] rendezvoused at Hicks ford on Meherring [sic: Meherrin] River Marched out of the County to Stewarts tavern thence to a church in Dinwiddie County where we were stationed and was discharged after serving a tour of one month

In the year 1781 whilst living in the same county there was a call for men and I went as a substitute for Henry Moody under Captain Lawrence House our Major was Philip Holcomb Our Colonel was also called [John] Holcomb General [Robert] Lawson commanded was marched from Brunswick to [illegible word] on Pointy fork of James River [sic: Point of Fork at confluence of James and Rivanna rivers] and there joined Baron Steuben, who marched us retreating from the British who were there [6 Jun 1781] he marched that night passed Prince Edward Court house we went to Charlotte County where we remained until we received orders when we marched past Prince Edward Court House again on to [illegible] ferry on James River which we then crossed and went to Dandridges old field from thence to Bottoms bridge on the Chickahominy Swamp which we crossed and stoped in an old field here my time of service expired and I was discharged after serving a tour of six weeks during which period this applicant was not employed in any civil pursuit but was in the Military service of the United States

Whilst in Henry County in the year 1782 in the said State of Virginia I volunteered under Captain George Taylor for a Term of 6 weeks to take delinquents were stationed at the house of old James Taylor in said county under the direction of Col Abraham Penn of same County

went through the County taking Delinquents and deserters to Prince Edward Court house Served one month during which period this applicant was not engaged in any civil pursuit or employment but was in the military service of the United States this applicant has no documentary evidence by which he can prove his services nor does he know of any witness by whom he can prove them. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency of any State

[signed] William Williams

And the said Court now here propounded to the said William Williams the interrogatories required by the War Department and order and direct that the answers of the said applicant to them severally made under the Oath of him the said Williams administered according to law be herein embodied and they are as follows I was born in Brunswick county in the state of Virginia in the year 1760 I have no record of my age. I lived in said Brunswick County when I entered the service except the last I then lived in Henry County in Virginia after the war I lived in Henry County a year or two then moved back to Brunswick county where I was two or three years thence I moved to Patrick County in same state where I was three or four years thence I went to Stokes County North Carolina where I lived seven or eight years thence I went to Hawkins County in Tennessee where I resided four years from thence moved to Butler County Kentucky where I resided from eight to ten year from thence to Warrick County where I now reside I entered the service under Captain Edmonds by lot being in the first class I suppose I may say I was drafted. the second Tour under Peoples I volunteered the third tour I went as a substitute for William Denton the fourth Tour as a substitute for Henry Moody and the fifth tour as a volunteer. I have no recollection of the name of my company Battalion or Regiment I served with I recollect the names of no regular officers I served with but Baron Steuben was not with any regular troops but once and that but a short time retreating my services are stated in my Declaration I served in 1777 two tours in Virginia of six weeks each in 1779 I served one tour of one month in 1781 I served one tour just before Cornwallis was taken [19 Oct] and at that time I was moving in the waters of James River of six weeks[?] and I served one tour in bringing Delinquents in of one month I never did receive a discharge in writing that I now recollect. I am acquainted with the Rev Joseph Pearson Mr Edward Baker and James C. Graham of said County who can testify as to my character for veracity and as to their belief of my service as a soldier of the Revolution.

[signed] William Williams