

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Williams S32607

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State of Kentucky County of Cumberland: Sct.

Personally appeared before us composing the County Court of Cumberland County this 11th of February 1833 James Williams aged 70 [last digit unclear] years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following statement or declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

This declarant entered the service of the United States in the year 1778 under Colonel William Campbell and John Luny[John Looney?] as a volunteer and served in Virginia for three months. His second tour was performed in the same year under Colonel Sever [John Sevier] and Captain Henry Turney [?]. He served in the same country for three months. He was a volunteer this term and all the rest of his service.

His third tour was performed in 1779 under Colonel Sevier and Captain Chile [possibly Capt. John Chiles of Bedford County?]. He served this tour again on the frontier of Virginia. He served three months. His fourth tour was performed in 1779 under Sevier and Chile for three months. His fifth tour was performed under the same officers for the same time. His sixth tour was performed under the same officers for the same length of time.

His seventh tour was performed under the same officers for the same length of time – this was in 1780.

In 1780 he was appointed by Captain Luny and commanded a company of Rangers in the country around Powels Valley [Powell's Valley]. He served this time four months and this old declarant begs to inform the War Department he takes an honest pride that in 1813 he served under the glorious Shelby in Canada. He served in all two years and one month.

He has a living witness to prove his service. He resided in Sullivan County Virginia when he entered the service. He lived there until about 30 years ago and then moved to what is now Cumberland County Kentucky where he has resided ever since. He never received any discharges because his officers did not think it worthwhile to give the soldiers any. He fought a battle at Boyd's Creek in 1780 [December 8 or 16, 1780]. He has a record of his age at his own house free for inspection. He refers to John M Emerson, Milton King and many others for his character as to veracity and military service. He has no documentary evidence of his service he relinquishes all claim for any pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension rolls of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ James Williams, X his mark

[Edward L Bullock and Lemuel Stockton, there being no clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Question 1st I was born in Sullivan County Virginia in the year 1763

Q. 2nd I have in my own possession the Record of my age.

Q 3rd When called into service I was living in Sullivan County Virginia, lived there until the years 1802 then removed to Cumberland County Kentucky where I now live & have lived ever since.

Q 4th. I served as a volunteer private soldier in all my tours.

Q 5th. I was acquainted with & frequently saw while in service Colonels Williams Campbell & Cleaveland [Cleveland]

Q 6th. I never received a written discharge for any of my tours as I believe & now recollect but if I did they are lost or destroyed.

Q 7th. The answer to this interrogatory is near the bottom of the 2nd page.

S/ James Williams, X his mark

[fn p. 36]

I Robert Crockett¹ of the County of Cumberland State of Kentucky aged 78 years do on my oath state that from age and vicinity to James Williams I do know of his service and state that he served as follows. He entered the service 1778 and served 6 months under different officers. I also know of his having served in 1779 under Sevier & Chile. He served this year in all 12 months. In 1780 I know of his having served 7 months under Captain Luny and other officers.

S/ Robert Crockett, X his mark

[Attested by J M Emerson, JP on February 11, 1833.]

[fn p. 14: On August 8, 1838, in Hempstead County Arkansas, the veteran applied for the transfer of his pension benefit to the Arkansas agency giving as his reason for moving to Arkansas that the "greater portion of his children having removed to Arkansas and particularly those with whom he most desired to live."]

[fn p. 20: Finding by the clerk of the court of Hempstead Arkansas on July 2, 1855, that the veteran died in Hempstead County Arkansas May 2, 1851 leaving 2 children surviving him John W Williams and Keziah Perdue.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the Virginia militia.]

¹ [Robert Crockett S30353](#)