

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Charles Williams S35122

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First Judicial District of Maryland Saint Marys County

On this 5th day of May 1818 before me the subscriber one of the associate Judges of the first Judicial District of Maryland composed of the counties of Saint Marys, Charles and Prince Georges personally appears Charles Williams aged 57 years resident in Saint Marys County and the said District who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war; That he the said Charles Williams enlisted in March 1780 in the company Commanded by Joseph Marbury attached to the 3^d Maryland regiment. That he continued to serve to the end of the war in the service of the United States, when he was discharged from service at Frederick Town in Maryland. That he was in the battles of Camden [SC, 16 Aug 1780], Gilford Court House [sic: Battle of Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], Ninety Six [Siege of Ninety-Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781] and Eutaw [sic: Battle of Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781] and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support. And that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services. Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid J R Plater

Additional proof

The aforesaid applicant Charles Williams of Saint Marys County Maryland, is a very poor man, and stands extremely in need of the assistance of his Country - probably as much so as any applicant under the pension law. And altho the certificate of the Auditor of Maryland shews that he enlisted in March 1780, and was present in Nov'r. 1780 - yet from a variety of proof before me of soldiers that served to the end of the revolutionary war under oath, I have not the smallest doubt of his having served the length of time - and that he was a faithful soldier. The following facts strongly corroborate this proof to wit. He was allowed by the United States 100 acres of Land for his services in the now state of Ohio. Also by the state of Maryland fifty acres of land westward of Fort Cumberland. These were grants to soldiers that were in actual service at the close of the war. They conclusively shew that some mistake has occurred in not inserting his name on the muster roll for a longer period. He was certainly three years in the army. For it is further in proof before me that at the time of the peace he was sent with the troops from Charles Town [Charleston] South Carolina to Annapolis in Maryland, his time not being expired by two weeks, he was marched to Frederick Town Maryland under Captain [William] Beatty and Major [Henry] Hardman as a guard to Burgoynes troops [captured at Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777] then prisoners at that place - where he served untill he was discharged.

given under my hand one of the associate Judges of the first Judicial District of Maryland

John Rousby Plater

State of Maryland, first Judicial District

On this Eleventh day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record having unlimited original Jurisdiction with a power to fine & committ for the first Judicial District aforesaid, Charles Williams aged about 56 and a resident of Saint Marys County Maryland, who being duly sworn according to Law on his oath declares as follows, that he enlisted as a private in April 1780 in the company commanded by Captain Joseph Marbury of the third Maryland Regiment under Colonel Gunbey [sic: John Gunby] for three years and was discharged at Frederick in Maryland in April 1783 at the close of the war that he was in the battles Camden, Gilford, Eutaw Springs and 96 and that on the 5th day of May 1818 he made his first application for a pension and that the number of his Certificate is 12039. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 5th day of May [sic] 1818 and that I have not since that time by Gift, sale or in any other manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with an intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of

an act entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th March 1818. and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, securities, contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed, save only \$40 received annually from the state of Maryland

A Schedule of property — none —

Debts due from me

John C Ashcom	\$16.00
Thomas Allstan	30.00
Clement Knoll	19.00
The heirs of Jesse Jordan	80.00
Thomas Simms	1.62½
Calvert Egerton	24.00
Mills Alvey & Co	15.00
Charles Turner	3.00

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That he is old and infirm and unable to pursue any occupation but of a drover. that he has six [sic] children between the ages of ten and twenty five years four males and three daughters all of whom hire themselves out and work for themselves.

NOTE: On 15 Nov 1833 Williams applied for a new certificate to replace the original that was lost on or about 30 Jan 1833 at or near the home of his son, James Williams in Saint Marys County. A Treasury-Department document states that Mary Hill, one of the two children of Charles Williams, received part of the pension from the last payment to the date of his death on 16 Feb 1839.