

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Andrew Willis S35141

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State of Maryland Washington County

Be it remembered that on the thirtieth day of January in the year of our Lord 1818 personally appeared Andrew Willis of Washington County before me the Subscriber and associate Judge of the fifth Judicial District of the State of Maryland composed of Frederick, Washington and Allegheny Counties and made oath on the Holy Evangely [sic] of Almighty God, That he the said Andrew Willis enlisted in the year 1778 or about that period in Capt. Perry Benson's Company fifth Regiment Maryland line commanded by Col. Richardson [William Richardson]. That he served for about three years, and was discharged at Morris Town by General Smallwood [William Smallwood] on the fourteenth day of February in the year 1781.

I do hereby certify to the Secretary of the War Department of the United States, that the declaration of Andrew Willis aforesaid was made upon oath before me, on the day and year first above written.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal

S/ Abm Shriver

The said Andrew Willis also at the same time made oath That from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his country for support.

S/ Abm Shriver

State of Maryland Washington County: SS

I Andrew Willis do hereby relinquish all my right, title and claim to any Pension to which I may have been entitled by any Law of the United States, past previous to the Act of Congress passed March 18th 1818.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal on the 30 day of March 1818

Witness

S/ Tho. Kennedy

S/ Andrew Willis, X his mark

State of Maryland, Washington County, SS

On this first day of August 1820 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the said County Andrew Willis aged Sixty-eight years, resident in said County, who, being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: – That he served for upwards of three years in the fifth Maryland Regiment, but does not remember the year he was enlisted nor when he was discharged his memory failing him – he enlisted under Capt. Perry Benson, Col. Richardson on the Eastern

Shore of Maryland and was discharged at Morris Town. That his original declaration was made on the 31st March 1818 his Pension Certificate is No. 3991 and is dated 28th of October 1818.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an 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” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or 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

Schedule of property, &c

Has no property but a pot and some Stools – he lives with his son – he is a laborer by profession but unable to work, his wife is also old and frail and has no home of his own.

Witness

S/ Tho. Kennedy

S/ Andrew Willis, X his mark

[Attested August 1, 1820 in Washington County Maryland]

[p 15: On December 31, 1850 in St. Clairsville, Ohio, Isaac Willis applied for bounty land stating that he is an heir of Andrew Willis, a revolutionary war pensioner; that the veteran died in 1821 or 1822 leaving a widow who has since died; that there are two children (not named) of the veteran still living and another child who has died leaving one heir (also not named).]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing March 31, 1818, for service as a private in the Maryland Continental line.]