

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Williams S35728

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Mississippi Territory Madison County

By virtue of a commission to me directed by the Honorable Harry Innes Judge of the District Court of the United States for the District of Kentucky I have proceeded to examine Thomas Williams & Joseph Greenwood after duly qualifying the same & the said Thomas Williams deposeseth & saith that while in the Service of the United States of America during his contest with Great Britain on the 27<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> of August 1776 at the Battle of Long Island [August 27, 1776] & in the State of New York he received a Wound in his wrist that he continued in the Army until legally discharged. The claimant gives as a Reason why he did not claim a pension heretofore is that most of his Officers were killed & that he did not know until about 5 years ago that any pension was allowed to the disabled & that he is not on the Pension List of any State & further saith not – Sworn to & Subscribed before me at [illegible, looks like Harrisville?] in the County aforesaid on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of February 1814

S/ Thomas Williams, X his mark

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I Edward B Gaither practicing physicians in Washington County Kentucky do certify that on the 27<sup>th</sup> July 1814 agreeable to appointment by the Judge of the Kentucky district, have examined Thomas Williams relative to a wound said to have been received in the revolutionary war & find a scar on the carpus of the wrist to the lower end & about the middle of the radius, where is to be seen another scar, which wound has destroyed all distinct motion in the wrist & has so contracted the fingers as to render them of but little use. He states on oath that in cold weather the motion of the fingers are so entirely lost that he is unable even to draw his cloaths, & I find on examination that his left arm is rather smaller.

Given under my hand the date above written

S/ E. B. Gaither

[p 21: On July 27, 1814 in Washington County Kentucky Ephraim Townshend made oath that he served with Thomas Williams in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Hazlett [spelled Harselott] in the Delaware Continental line at the battle of Long Island and that Thomas Williams was wounded in that battle. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

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State of Kentucky Barren County

By Virtue of a Commission to me directed from the Honorable Harry Innis Judge of the District Court of the United States for the District of Kentucky, I have proceeded to examine Henry Williams with respect to Thomas Williams the claimant (as a pensioner). The said Henry Williams being sworn deposed and saith that he was well acquainted with the claimant Thomas Williams before the Revolutionary War with Great Britain and since that the said Thomas Williams served in said War as a soldier until the time for which he enlisted expired, he then returned to the place of his residence in Kent County State of Delaware where he resided about 2 years, he the [then] removed to Orange County State of North Carolina where he resided a number of years & in the time of his residence there he served two Tours of duty in the Militia Service before the expiration of the Revolutionary War; from thence he removed to barren County Kentucky where he has lived upwards of ten years, which is still the place of his residence, this Deponent further states that the said Thomas Williams for the support of himself and family has been honestly employed (from the parents) in the business or occupation of a farmer and further saith not.

S/ Henry Williams, X his mark

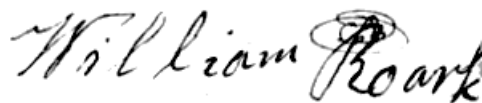
Sworn to before me this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 1814

S/ W. Logan, Commissioner

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William Roark deposed and saith that he was well acquainted with the Claimant Thomas Williams when he lived in Kent County in the State of Delaware, that after the said Williams return from the Service in the Army said Williams and myself with Others removed to the County of Orange in the State of North Carolina, and that during his residence there he served a tour with him in the Militia Service before the expiration of the Revolutionary War, & this deponent afterwards removed to the State of Tennessee & from thence to Barren County Kentucky where I now reside & that the said since my arrival in Kentucky moved from North Carolina to Barren County and has lived in the same neighborhood about 10 or 11 years and that the said Williams always supported the character of a good Republican Citizen and has for the support of himself and family been employed in the way of a farmer and further this deponent saith not.

S/ William Roark



Sworn to before me this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June 1814

S/ W. Logan, Commr.

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State of Kentucky Caldwell County Sct.

In the record of proceedings in the Caldwell County Court among others all the following to wit

Be it remembered that at a County Court begun and held at the Courthouse in the town of Princeton the 25<sup>th</sup> day of May 1818 the following proceedings were had to wit

"Thomas Williams an Indigent Revolutionary Soldier personally appeared in order to be heard respecting his being entitled to the benefit of the wall of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval Service of the United States

during the revolutionary War, and being duly sworn deposed & saith that sometime in 1776, he enlisted under Captain Nathan Adams in the first Delaware Regiment commanded by Colonel John Hazlet that he was in the battle of Long Island where his Captain was killed & himself wounded – that he was at the taking of the Hessians at Trenton [December 26, 1776] & Princeton [December 3, 1777] where his Colonel was killed and that after having served in that Regiment of Continentals Eighteen months he was discharged which discharge he has lost, that after serving several tours in the militia he joined Colonel Gibbs' Regiment of North Carolina Continental Troops in which he served three months and was discharged on account of his disability occasioned by his wounds after which he served several tours in the militia – He further swears that from his reduced circumstances that he needs the assistance of his Country for support.

State of Kentucky Caldwell County. Sct.

[attested as a true transcript of the records in his office given by the clerk of the Caldwell County Kentucky court on September 29, 1818.]

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I Thomas Williams Late a Soldier in the Continental Revolutionary Army applying for the benefit of the law of Congress of March 18<sup>th</sup> 1818 entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & Naval Service of the United States during the Revolutionary War do hereby relinquish the pension granted me by the United States commencing on the 27<sup>th</sup> of July 1814 and all other pensions from the United States except the pension I am now applying for. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal at [indecipherable name]<sup>1</sup> in the County of Caldwell the County in which I reside & have resided more than 18 Months having ever been a Citizen of the United States this 29<sup>th</sup> of September 1818

S/ Thomas Williams, X his mark

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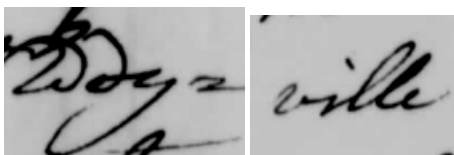
State of Kentucky Caldwell Circuit Sct. June Term 1820.

In the record of proceedings in the Circuit Court aforesaid among others are the following to wit,

"On motion of Thomas Williams he produced the following affidavits in writing which having been sworn to by said Williams here in open court the same is ordered to be recorded and certified which reads as follows to wit

"On this 27<sup>th</sup> of June 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the said Circuit Thomas Williams aged 79 years resident in this County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows, One in Colonel Hayslett's Continental Regiment in the year 1776 & 1777 he thinks and I was in the battle of Long Island where Lord Stirling was taken prisoner, that I was wounded in the arm in that battle. That afterwards in the militia I was in the battle of Shallow Ford [October 14, 1780] & in one at Balddings Swamp and in another at Lindley's Mills [September 13, 1781] in North or South Carolina where I remained until Charleston was taken [May 12, 1780], That on

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account of my disability occasioned by my wound I was placed on the pension list of the US on the 27<sup>th</sup> of July 1814 which pension ceased on my receiving a pension under the law of the United States of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818. My Certificate being numbered 12181 and dated June 28, 1819. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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. Two mares one about 12 years old and the other about 9, she is about 14 hands high the other about 13, not worth more than \$50. Two cows and calves \$20, five yearlings \$20 and two, two-year heifers \$12, 9 pigs \$13 & 5 sheep \$7.50. In all the estimation of the Court not worth more than \$150.

My Occupation is that of a farmer with very little ability to pursue it owing to my wound and to old age, my family consists of my mother 102 years old quite helpless and my wife 68 years old.

S/ Thomas Williams, X his mark

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Office of the Secretary of State of Delaware Dover – 3 June 1819

In this office there are no pay rolls of Captain Nathan Adams' company but there is in it "a muster roll of Captain Nathan Adams' Company & Delaware Regiment of Continental Troops commanded by Colonel John Hazlet & in the service of the United Colonies in barracks at Dover the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 1776" from which it appears that a person named "Thomas Williams" enlisted into said company on the 20 January 1776 and was serving therein as a private soldier at the time of the said muster roll. This is the only muster roll of the said company in this office, and the only paper to my knowledge that tends to prove the services of the said Thomas Williams, as a soldier in the revolutionary war.

Certified for the United States War Department

S/ H. M. Ridgely

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 29, 1818, for service as a private in the Delaware Continental line.]