

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Williams S3584

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State of Kentucky County of Lewis: Sct.

On this 27 day of September 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the Circuit Court for the Circuit & County of Lewis now in session Thomas Williams a resident Citizen of the County and State aforesaid aged seventy-six years on 25th day of May 1832 being first duly sworn according to law, on his oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, That he entered the service of the U S in September 1777 as a private in Captain Edward Lucas' volunteer Company of Infantry raised in the County of Berkeley in the State of Virginia, the Lieutenant was named Daviss [probably Edward Davis], the Ensign's name is not remembered, and marched to Fort Pitt, there we moved down to Wheeling in a Regiment composed of Captain Baldwin's [possibly Capt. John Baldwin's] Company and other Companies, the name of the Colonel and other staff officers not recollected, where we were stationed for some time, our Company was engaged in some Indian skirmishes, and had one man named Joseph Champion killed and one man named Troop wounded at Log Town 18 miles below Pittsburg, in December we returned and were dismissed after having served nearly four months, the certificate of discharge is lost, In September 1781 the Applicant Thomas Williams aforesaid resided in Berkeley County, one Peter DeMoss was drafted to serve as a private in Captain William Jawards [?] militia Company of Infantry and hired said Williams to serve his tour in his stead, said Williams engaged to do so, and was received, his Lieutenant was John Buchels [? possibly John Bucket?] Ensign not known, except that Major Bechinger [?] was there in the service, the Company was marched to Little York, and was engaged in preparing fortifications for the siege where we continued until discharged the snow was on the ground and the weather so cold that it was thought better to go home as our tour was ended, this Applicant states that his two terms of service exceeded six months. He states that he now lives in this County of Lewis and State of Kentucky and has been a resident thereof for six years, he moved from Berkeley County Virginia to Mason County Kentucky more than forty years ago, and in\_\_ served on the Wabash under General Clarke [probably a reference to George Rogers Clark], called Clark's broken Campaign he is known to Judge William Roper the Judge of this Court, he is known to Joshua Powers a justice of the peace for Lewis County he is known to John Thomas, & Benjamin Williams of Lewis County, in fact he is known to a numerous acquaintance all of whom as far as he knows well establish his character for truth & veracity.

S/ Thomas Williams



[Joshua Hours, Benjamin Williams and John Thomas gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The amended declaration of Thomas Williams

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace for Lewis County Thomas Williams who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith that, by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades: For 3 months and 15 days I served as a volunteer private soldier in Captain Lucas volunteer Company. For 2 months and 12 days as a private soldier substituted for Peter Demoss and Captain William Jarrett's Company of militia, and for such service I claim a pension.

Subscribed and sworn to this 16th day of September 1833 before me

Wm B. Parker, JPLC

[John Thompson, a clergyman, gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 13: On September 10, 1833 in Mason County Kentucky, Martha Willett gave a supporting affidavit in which she states that in the summer of 1781 the veteran cropped with the husband of deponent, Charles Willett; that Peter de-Moss [sic] was drafted and Thomas Williams served in his stead; that the veteran lived with his family in a house on the deponent's husband's farm at the time he went into service and again when he returned from service.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20.56 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months & 5 days as a private in the Virginia militia.]