

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Caleb Williams S3588

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State of Tennessee, County of Stewart} SS

On this twenty fifth day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before James C. Mitchell – the presiding Judge of the Circuit Court (of the fifth Judicial Circuit) of the State of Tennessee including the County of Stewart, now sitting, Caleb Williams, a resident of the State of Tennessee and County of Stewart, aged Seventy-two years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 – That he entered the Service of the United States, under the following named officers and served as herein stated --

I volunteered in the Cavalry in Hillsboro North Carolina for three months and May or June, as well as I recollect, 1780, under Col. Taylor [Lt. Col. John Taylor] – we served sometimes under one Captain and sometimes with another I was most commonly with Captain David Scoby [David Scobey] – we were stationed at Hillsborough North Carolina, to guard and protect the town and settlement. I was in no engagement – ~~was discharged by Colonel Taylor.~~

I volunteered the Second time in Hillsborough North Carolina in the Infantry, I think in September or October 1780, for three months under Colonel John Taylor, Thomas Bivens Orderly Sergeant – we had no regularly appointed officers – our principal business was to guard the town of Hillsboro and the prisoners in Jail – previous to my being stationed at Hillsboro, this time, Fanning [David Fanning] a Tory had taken and evacuated the town [September 12, 1781] – we were stationed at Hillsboro the whole of this six months till the British came, when we had to leave the place. After the British passed on, we returned and remained a few days, until General Greene [Nathanael Greene] and Brigadier General Butler [John Butler] came – ~~I was again discharged by Colonel John Taylor.~~

Generals Greene and Butler being at Hillsboro, I volunteered a third time, for three months, the precise time I do not recollect; but think it was in January or February 1781, under Captain Harris [perhaps Obadiah Harris], Lieutenant Patillo, the other officers I do not remember – we marched to Guilford, where the Guilford battle was fought [March 15, 1781] – on the day of the Guilford battle, I was one of the guard over the Baggage wagons during the fight we were ordered to move the wagons, we took them about 15 miles to the High Rock Ford on the Haw River, called the Troublesome Iron Works. General Greene reached that place after the battle and we lay there 10 or 15 days – from there we marched to Ramsey's Mill on Deep River in pursuit of the British, where we lay several days and hanged five men – General Butler at this place we took charge of the sick and wounded and parted with General Greene – I went on with General Greene to Camden South Carolina. I was discharged this time by Captain Harris. I have no documentary evidence and know of no person whose testimony I can procure who can testify as to my Service.

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

I was born in Dorsett [sic, Dorchester?] County of Maryland September 20, 1760  
2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

The record of my age is in my Grand father's Bible in Maryland

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

I was living in Orange County North Carolina, when I entered the service. I lived in Orange County North Carolina several years after the war – from there I moved to the Crab Orchard in Kentucky where I live one year – from there I moved to Lincoln County Kentucky where I lived seven or eight years – from there I moved to the Red River in Montgomery County Tennessee and remained one year – from there I moved to North Cross Creek in Stewart County Tennessee, where I have lived ever since, and now live in Stewart County Tennessee.

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

I volunteered every time – I never Substituted --

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

I recollect none of the Officers except Generals Greene and Butler, Col. Taylor, Captains Harris and Scoby and Thomas Bivens Orderly Sergeant – the general circumstances of my service I have already related.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

~~For the first & second campaign I was discharged by Colonel Taylor~~ the third time by Captain Harris and it is ~~they are~~ all lost.

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

I refer to Henry L. Atkins and Davis Yarborough

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court.

Test: S/ John H. Clements, Clk

S/ Caleb Williams, X his mark

[Henry L. Atkins and Davis Yarborough gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 9: On September 26, 1832, Caleb Williams gave a power of attorney to Philander Priestley to pursue his pension claim.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina militia.]