

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Elisha Williams S3589

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State of Tennessee Williamson County: October Term 1832: On this 4th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court now sitting, before us Wright Stanley, Jabez Owen and William Johnson Justices of the court of pleas and quarter sessions for Williamson County Tennessee Elisha Williams a resident of Williamson County aged 73 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 provisions of an act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. I first enlisted as a volunteer while residing in Bedford County Virginia into Captain James Bluford's [James Buford's] company in the year that there was a call for troops to Williamsburg we were marched by Captain Bluford to Williamsburg which the British had left and there being a call for troops to go against the Indians we were marched back and immediately we were marched by Colonel Lewis [Charles Lewis] in the Indian expedition to the Long Islands of Holston. After destroying their villages and dispersing them we returned to Bedford soon after which my time of six months was out, and I received a discharge for six months service signed by James Bluford.

The next spring I entered into Captain Harry Bluford's [Harry Buford's] company in consequence of it following to my term by the class or division of the men. I was marched from Bedford to Long Islands of Holston where the Indians entered into a treaty with us and was mutually signed by the proper authorities. We joined Colonel Christie [William Christian's] troops at Holston. After the treaty we returned and our tour of three months was soon after out and I received a discharge from Captain Bluford.

In the same year I volunteered into Captain Charles Wadkins [Charles Watkins'?] company in an expedition against the Indians in the State of Kentucky. This was a two month tour. We marched to whom station on the Kentucky River. Here we stayed some time and I returned home having served nearly three months but I only entered for two months. I received no discharge this tour.

I next entered as a drafted man in Captain Clemon's [Clemmons' ?] Company we marched to Salisbury where we fell under Major Ward and Major Ross. From this place we were marched to Ninety Six [The Siege of Ninety Six May 21 – June 19, 1781] which General Green [Nathanael Greene] was besieging at that time. After remaining here some time General Green was compelled to retreat. I remained with the Army of Green until my tour of three months was out and in consequence of my Captain being broke of his commission I did not get a discharge.

I state 14 months service. I know of no person in this country who can prove my services. Isaac Ferguson was out in the service at Ninety Six and from circumstances knows I was out at the same time in the service. I was born in Bedford County Virginia in the year 1759.

I have no documentary evidence of my service. I have no record of my age. I lived in Bedford County until I moved to this country Williamson, about twenty years ago and have lived here ever since and still live here. I hereby [word completely obliterated] claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declare my name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State. I state Isaac Ferguson, G. W. Barker, Michael Dooly and Donaldson Potter command certify & There was no regular officer where I served & [illegible word] but General Green. I served two three-month tours each, by lot according to class or Division of the men. My first six months tour. I volunteered also in my two months Tour.

S/ Elisha Williams, X his mark

[Donaldson Potter, a clergyman, and Michael Dooly, Isaac Ferguson & George W Barker gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

I Isaac Ferguson<sup>1</sup> do hereby certify that I was at Ninety Six and know some circumstances taking place which were so related to me by Elisha Williams as convinced me he must have been there and seen those himself. I know him to be a man of veracity and fully believe he served as he has stated. This the day and year aforesaid. I have been acquainted with him for 20 years.

Sworn to in open Court October 1832

S/ Isaac Ferguson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Isaac Ferguson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "S/ Isaac Ferguson".

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$46.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 14 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]

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<sup>1</sup> Sic, [Isaac Furgurson \(Ferguson\) R3506](#)