

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Solomon Williams S3591

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State of Tennessee, Fayette County

On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July 1833 personally appeared before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for the County of Fayette in the State of Tennessee Solomon Williams aged Seventy 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 made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He served Tours of three months each in the drafted Militia of the State of North Carolina and was called out on active service at different times to guard the public stores at Harrisburg & Williamsburg in the State of North Carolina which last mentioned service this declarant thinks was about one month making in all 7 months service. That he served at different times under the commanded of Captain James Langston, Captain William Huster and Captain James Blackwell, Maj Cook [Richard Cook], Col Joseph Taylor The service was performed in the State of North Carolina against the Tories. This declarant further states that he took a tour of three months in the troop of horse commanded by Captain Blackwell though the said regiment to which they were attached were possibly foot troops and commanded by Col Joseph Taylor, marching from Granville to Cape Fear River and from thence to a Fayetteville at the time called Cross Creek and thence to Wilmington. This declarant states that he was in a skirmish with the Tories near the Raft Swamp [October 15, 1781]<sup>1</sup> where the Tories fled and were pursued by Blackwell's Company of Horse and ten or 11 prisoners taken. This declarant further states that he took a prisoner after pursuing him two or three miles. The troops were then under the Command of Genl Butler [John Butler]. He was at Wilmington and was sent as an express from that place with a certain Littleton Fuller to Newburn [sic, New Bern] for flints which was in pursuance to instructions from Major Cook. When they returned to Wilmington Cornwallis surrendered to Genl Washington [Yorktown, October 19, 1781]. This declarant was not at any time in Service with the regulars. This declarant states that he was born in Granville County North Carolina in the Year 1762 on the 1st day of January as he believes altho he has no record of his age but [illegible words ?] and have kept only from memory the Year of his birth. This declarant resided in Granville County North Carolina where he was drafted each time and rendezvoused at Harrisburg. He removed from Granville to Wake County N. Carolina 29 or 30 years ago and from there to Fayette County Tennessee where he has resided three years and from thence to the County where he now resides and has resided for the last three years. This affiant is known to Daniel S Barringer a Member of Congress, at the time this declarant left No. Carolina and the Honorable Mr. Mangum a Senator

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_raft\\_swamp.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_raft_swamp.html)

in Congress from N. Carolina and in the neighborhood where the declarant now lives he is known to Daniel Johnston and Joel L. Jones Sheriff of the County of Fayette and who now is the acting Sheriff of Fayette County Tennessee and this affiant is known to many respectable citizens of Fayette County Tennessee and in the neighborhood where he lives. This affiant had a discharge from Capt. Blackwell and he thinks he had a discharge or Certificate from Captain Langston and has lost or mislaid it long since and further does not know of any documentary evidence or any living witness by which he can possibly prove his services as he is in a Section of Country entirely separated from those who served with him. This affiant has no recollection of the date of entering or leaving the service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

The Court propounded the following interrogatories to the said applicant Solomon Williams:

1st Where and in what year were you born

Answer: 1762 in that year I was born.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it

Answer: I have no record of my age at present. My father had my age in a book that some way lost or mislaid.

3rd Where were you living when called into service and where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live

Answer: I was living in Granville North Carolina when I entered the service of the Revolution and have lived in North Carolina in Wake and Granville County till three years ago and from thence to this County of Fayette Tennessee.

4th How were you called into Service, were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom

Answer. I was drafted and volunteered if it may be called so. I was drawn as the 3<sup>rd</sup> [?] member to serve and was no substitute.

5th Col Philip Taylor one of the regular officers who commanded in the regiment of the Continental Army as he was called gave me a discharge.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it.

Answer I did rec. a discharge from Col. Philip Taylor after one tour and another from Capt. Blackwell Captain of a Militia Company which discharges have been lost or mislaid.

7 State the persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Answer I am acquainted with Daniel Johnston Esq., M. Faulkner Joel L. Jones Sheriff of Fayette County and in the neighborhood many others who will testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a Soldier of the Revolution as stated.

S/ Solomon Williams, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed mark this 9th July 1833

S/ Shas.[?] C. Hudson, Clk

[Thomas Hanks, a clergyman, and Thomas Holloway gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for 7 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]