

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Stephen Williams S36846

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State of Louisiana, Parish of St. Helena

On this sixteenth day of March 1824 personally appeared in Open Court in the Parish Court of said Parish and State, being a Court of record, Stephen Williams aged Sixty-four years, and a resident in the aforesaid Parish of St. Helena, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his Oath make the following declaration, in Order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the first of March [sic, May] 1820, that he the said Stephen Williams enlisted for the term of twelve-months sometime in the month of March 1781 in the State of North Carolina in the Company commanded by Captain Edward Yarborough in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Armstrong [James Armstrong] in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in said Corps [until] April 1782 when he was discharged from the said Service in April in said last year in the State of North Carolina. That in the month of November 1777 he entered the five months service under Captain Allen [William Allen] and continued to serve in the said Corps until April 1778. That he was in the Battle of Briar Creek [March 3, 1779] in the State of Georgia, called Ashe's Defeat whilst in this five months service that in the Month of June 1780 he entered the three months service under Captain Alford [Julius Alford], and was in the Battle of Camden called Gates Defeat [August 15-16, 1780]. That he was at the battle of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781], and was first Sergeant in said 12 months company commanded by Captain Yarborough, and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except the foregoing and the annexed Affidavit of Jesse Swaney.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or other wise 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 18th 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.

Sworn to and declared

S/ Stephen Williams

On the 16th of March A.D. 1824 in Open Court for the Parish of St. Helena State of Louisiana before the undersigned Judge of said Court.

S/ L. H. Morre, Parish Judge

State of Louisiana, Parish of Feliciana [sic, East Feliciana ?]

July 22, 1823. Personally appeared before me the undersigned Justice of the Peace Mr. Jesse Swaney [sic, Jesse Swinney]¹ and after being duly sworn Deposeth and saith that sometime during the Revolution of the United States of America from the crown of Great Britain that he was acquainted with Mr. Stephen Williams now of the Parish of St. Helena of the war State, that said Williams was of the Class of Soldiers termed the New Livy in a company commanded by Captain Yarborough under Colonel Little [[sic, Archibald Lytle] and Colonel Armstrong and that the said Williams duly served his time and was mustered Now of service.

Sworn & subscribed before me the above day & date written.

S/ Z. Morgan, JP

S/ Jesse Swimy [sic], X his mark

In the presence of John Whiten, Junior

Schedule

one horse worth \$40	\$40.00
about 18 hey end of Hogs, ditto	<u>\$40.00</u>
	\$80.00

Out of which I owe about \$50 and have about \$20 owing to me, I have an indifferent Set of Blacksmith's tools worth about \$30 & about \$15 worth of Clothing; house & kitchen furniture, I have my wife Only residing with me, who is about 62 years of age and very much impaired in health & constitution not having for the five last years been able to cook her own Victuals, I am a blacksmith by trade & am only able to work an hour or two in a day ever since the invasion of this State, during which, I was in the militia at the Navy Yard near Madisonville & took Cold and have since been much afflicted with Rheumatism.

S/ Stephen Williams

filed 16th day of March 1824.

S/ John Allen, D. Clk

From about the year 1816 until 1821 I had not been able to work at my trade or do anything on a farm, and was Obligated during that period to rely principally on my credit, which began to decline; being at that time (1821) as near as I can recollect \$265.86 in debt, and my Notes for the sum having interest at the rate of 10% per annum.

I think it was in the year 1821 I sold a mare to John Youngblood for one hundred dollars he paid the same to James H. Harvey and Ephraim Bates I being in their debt as well as in debt to several Others, I had no property but the mare aforesaid that would sell at any price, and knowing that if One of my creditors sued me, it was more than probable that all to whom I was indebted would do the same, and if so, what little I had would be sacrificed and perhaps not do more than paid the costs of suits, and thinking that if I could delay time 6, 8 or 12 months I might by some means save my little property to live on and I had recovered my health so as to work a little at my trade and plow some, and had likewise made application for the benefit of the pension act as a Revolutionary Soldier; I therefore in January 1822 (I think it was) gave my Daughter Elizabeth the following property (viz.) My improvement (which is covered by Spanish Grants and which I expect will be lost) One horse, thirty head of Hogs, One set of Blacksmith's tools, and house hold furniture, which property I have traded on since and is the same which I scheduled in the application made and filed in 1823, and which was returned for want of form. Some time in the Summer of 1822, I swapped the horse I gave my daughter Elizabeth to John Youngblood for the mare I had formerly sold him in the fall of 1823 she died in the pea field. I

1 [Jesse Swinney R10364](#)

then gave the Blacksmith's tools to James Anderson for a horse and ten dollars the ten dollars I gave in part payment for a beef cow. Being still in debt, in November 1824, I sold John Youngblood Eight head of Hogs for Forty seven dollars, and about the same time I sold my horse to S. J Viers [?] for Fifty dollars, both those debts were due the first day of January last—but as Yet I have not received payment—I hope with my little tradings to be able to settle nearly all my debts, without defrauding either Creditors or Country, and wish I could say my misfortunes ended there but not so—since last July I have been sorely afflicted, neither myself Or my Wife can go about without the utmost difficulty—and I can truly State that we are in suffering circumstances, and if that Country for which I fought in my Youth, forgets me at this period I know not what will become of us—As relates to my not applying for a pension prior to the 16th March 1824, I have to State that when my papers were returned for want of form, You wrote me that you found On your record my application made June 16th 1820. I applied repeatedly to Mr. Salesbury our Parish Judge, but for want of the proper form there was nothing done in the business, he died in 1822 and his successor Mr Kinchen had the same difficulty to surmount—and when you sent on such a form as you wished to Mr Moore (Our present Parish Judge) it got misplaced, those are the principal causes that delayed my applying (effectfully) [sic] from 1820 until the 16th March 1824. Henry Hall, Esqr., James West & John Youngblood of the Parish of St. Helena State of Louisiana being duly sworn deposeth and sayeth that the foregoing statement are true. Sworn & Subscribed in Open Court.

S/ Henry Hall, JP

S/ James West

S/ John Youngblood

S/ L. H. Moore, Parish Judge

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 4, 1825, for service as a private for one year in the North Carolina Continental line.]