

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Williams S38474

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The District of Virginia SS

On this 3rd day of May 1824, personally appeared in open court, being a court of record for the County of Henrico William Williams aged 69 years, 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 May 1820, that he, the said William Williams enlisted for the term of 2 years on the 10th or 11th day of February in the year 1776 in Charles City [County] in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain William Gregory in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Buckner [probably Mordecai Buckner] in the line of the State of Virginia on the United States Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in said Corps until 1778 when he was discharged from the said service at Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania after the death of Captain Gregory he was commanded by Captain Nicholas Hobbson [Nicholas Hobson] & Lieutenant John Bell and that he was in the Battles of Trenton, Brandywine and Germantown and that he has no other evidence, now in his power, of his said services, except which is hereto annexed.

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 in any manner whatever 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. That he has no real or personal estate necessary clothing and bedding excepted and has no family was a carpenter but old age has rendered him unable to pursue it, that he is in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to support himself without the assistance of his Country for support.

Sworn to and declared, on the 3rd day of May before

S/ Joseph H. Mayo

S/ William Williams, X his mark

County of Henrico to wit

This day William Williams personally appeared before me a Magistrate for the County aforesaid & made oath that he resides in the County aforesaid & has resided therein for the last forty years.

Given under my hand this 13th day of June 1824.

S/ Ben Sheppard

County of Henrico to wit

William Williams this day personally appeared before me a Magistrate for the County aforesaid & made oath that the reasons why he has not applied for a pension before this time is that immediately after the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 he was advised to apply for a pension as he was entitled to it and he did apply first to one & then to another to make out his Papers & several Gentlemen attempted to prepare them but being unacquainted with the forms they failed and no Papers were ever forwarded to the war Department until recently in support of his claim to a pension.

He further makes oath that sometime in the year 1822 that he owned a small piece of farmland in the County aforesaid which he sold for \$40 which is all the Property personal or real that he has disposed of since the 18th of March 1818.

Given under my hand this 4th of August 1824

S/ Ben Sheppard

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing August 4th, 1824, for two-year service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]