

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Williams S39129

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District of West Tennessee

On this 26th of May 1818 Robert Williams came before me and claimed to be placed on the pension list of the United States, that he may receive the benefits of the provisions of an Act of Congress passed the 18th of March 1818 and titled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval service of the United States in the revolutionary War" And after being duly sworn deposed and saith that he enlisted in the 8th North Carolina Regiment of Continental Troops in the Revolutionary War commanded by Colonel James Armstrong sometime early in the month of February 1777 in Captain James Mayo's [sic, James May, Jr.] Company in which he served until about the month of March or April when Captain Mayo resigned and this deponent came under the command of Captain Tartarson [sic, Francis Tartanson] at Halifax in North Carolina and marched under his command to the Northward and was in the Battles of Germantown [October 4, 1777] and Brandywine [September 11, 1777] after which Battle of Germantown this deponent was sent as one of the Sick to the Hospital at Bethlehem and after his recovery being a Shoemaker was employed in that business absent from the Regiment until the latter end of the year 1779, when the Regiment (to which he then belonged having been transferred in the meantime in the reduction of the 8th to the 2nd Regiment) being the 2nd North Carolina Regiment commanded by Colonel John Patton and in Major Murprey's [sic, Hardy Murfree's?] Company in the said Regiment with which Regiment this deponent marched to Halifax in North Carolina and was discharged his time of service having expired in the month of February 1780 being three years from the time of his Enlistment. This discharge has since been lost or mislaid so that this deponent cannot find it, it was signed by Colonel John Patton the commander of the Regiment.

This deponent further states that he never has heretofore been allowed any pension by the US nor even a State Government. And that from his reduced circumstances he needs this pension for a Support being now in the 85th year of his age.

Sworn to & subscribed before me

S/ Robert Williams, X his mark

S/ John McNairy, District Judge

District of West Tennessee

Howel Tatum [sic, Howell Tatum]¹ maketh oath that he was an officer of the first North Carolina Regiment and knows that Colonel James Armstrong commanded the 8th Regiment he also knew Captain Francis Tartarson [sic] belonged to that Regiment that they marched to the northward in the spring of 1777: And this deponent has understood and verily believes that the

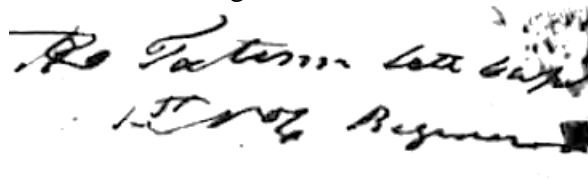
¹ [Howell Tatum R2027](#)

Regiment was engaged both in the Battles of Brandywine and Germantown that he also knows that the Regiment was reduced at the Valley Forge about the month of June 1778 and the noncommissioned officers and Soldiers were transferred to the first and second regiments or to one of those regiments as well as some of the Commissioned Officers. That this deponent did not know Robert Williams until about seven years ago but is now enabled to say from the conversations that he has had with him since this deponent knew him and his particular description of times and places where occurrences took place during his Service that he actually did serve as stated in his deposition that he well knows that the second Regiment of North Carolina troops as well as the first (with whom the deponent was) did pass through Philadelphia in the month of December 1779, and from that to Halifax in North Carolina where they arrived about the last of January or first of February in the year 1780, and left Halifax for Charleston on the fifth or sixth of February in the Same year being the Same Halifax where the deponent Williams states that he was discharged by Colonel John Patton who this deponent knows was the commanding officer of the Regiment at that time and by calculation of time amounts to three years or thereabouts from the time Williams states his first enlistment this deponent has frequently conversed with Williams with respect to the route from Philadelphia to Halifax when he has stated to this deponent movements and circumstances that this deponent knew from his own knowledge to be Correct and Such as could only be Known by a person marching the Same route and at the Same time from which this deponent is enabled to say that there can be no doubt that the said Williams did Serve in the Revolutionary Service the period stated in his Affidavit. Joined to this his good character and reputation for trooth [sic, truth] entitles him to perfect confidence. And further this deponent Saith not.

Sworn to & subscribed before me 27th of May 1818.

S/ John McNairy, District Judge

S/ H. Tatum, late Capt.
1st NC Regiment

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "H. Tatum late Capt. 1st NC Regiment". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

State of Tennessee Davidson County

On this 28th day of July 1820 personally appeared in open Court of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of Davidson County and State of Tennessee Witnessed, Robert Williams aged eighty-six, resident in Davidson County and State aforesaid, who being first duly Sworn according to Law, doth, on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows in the eighth Regiment North Carolina line and Captain James Mays & Captain Talterson's [sic, Francis Tartanson's] Company in the date of his Original Declaration was on the 26th day of May 1818 as well as he recollects); and the Number of his pension Certificate is 9,458.

And 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. That the whole of his property is one horse and bridle valued to \$25. That he pursues no occupation on account of his in ability to pursue any occupation from old age (except to the cooper occasionally), that he has no one in family except himself.

S/ Robert Williams

State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 9th April 1819

I William Hill Secretary of State do hereby Certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the No. Carolina Continental Line in the Revolutionary War, that Robert Williams enlisted in said line as a Serjt. in Capt. Tartarson's Company of the 8th Regt. in 1777 for the term of three years, that he was a Corpl June 1778, a Private April '78, and discharged 1st February 1780.

Given under my hand the date above.

S/ Wm Hill, Secretary

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 26, 1818 service as a Sergeant for 3 years in the North Carolina Continental line.]