

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Williams S40691

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The State of Ohio Hamilton County SS

Came personally before me James Silver one of the Associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County aforesaid Benjamin Williams who being duly sworn saith that he engaged in the revolutionary war in the Army of the United States as a private soldier (as well as this deponent now recollects) sometime in the years of 1780 or '81 in Capt. Winchester's [perhaps James Winchester's] Company – at George Town [Georgetown] in the State of Maryland & he thinks under Col. Adams [Peter Adams] and in General Gist's [Mordecai Gist's] Brigade of the Maryland line – & marched to York Town in the State of Virginia and was at the Siege of York Town and assisted in the capturing of Cornwallis' Army [October 19, 1781] – Sometime after the capture of Cornwallis this deponent was transferred to Capt. John Revelee's [perhaps a mistaken attempt to name Capt. Francis Revelly (Revely, Revelley, etc.)] Company of Infantry – belonging to the same Brigade as aforesaid & Remained a soldier in said Capt. Revelee's Company to the end of the War – which was about three years that this deponent served in the Revolutionary war –

That this deponent is now old & infirm and possesses but very little property & in indigent Circumstances – and stand in need of assistance of his Country.

Sworn & subscribed before me this 22 day of November 1819

S/ James Silver

S/ Benjamin Williams, X his mark

State of Ohio Hamilton County: SS

On this 1st day of September 1820 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the said County Benjamin Williams aged Sixty-one years resident in said County who, being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows that he the said Benjamin Williams enlisted for the term of three years in the year 1781 in the state of Maryland in the company commanded by Capt. Winchester in the Regiment commanded by Col. Adams in the line of the State of Maryland on the Continental establishment. He continued to serve in the said Corps until the end of the War when he was discharged from the said service in Annapolis in the state of Maryland that his original declaration was dated on the 22nd day of November 1819 that he has received a pension certificate, given at the War Office of the United States on the 12th day of June 1820 which said certificate is numbered 17478. 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. And I solemnly declare under oath that I am by Occupation a Farmer and I have a wife and eight children living the youngest of whom is Eleven years of age my children are all capable of earning a living by their labor, four of whom now reside in my family Joseph aged 20 years, William aged 17 years, Ezekiel aged 13 years and Eliza aged 22 years. My sons labor for me on the farm namely Ezekiel and William: Joseph is for the most part acting for himself. With their assistance I am able to make a living but if that was withdrawn I could not support myself by my labor. I am much afflicted with the Cholic and cannot labor on the farm continually and when I do labor I can only do light work and without the assistance of my sons I could not carry on the farm that I now occupy under a lease. My wife is a very sickly woman and can do but little tour supporting the family. I solemnly declare under oath that I need the assistance of my Country for support

Sworn to and subscribed this 1st day of September 1820 in open Court

S/ Danl. Gaw [?], Clk

S/ Benjamin Williams, X his mark

Schedule of Property belonging to Danl. Williams a W. States Pensioner on the Ohio Agency made doon to and disbursed this 1 st day of Sept ^r 1820 namely	Sum at this time indebted in the following sums namely
One horse " " " " \$35.00	To R. G. Laps " " \$20.00
2 cows very old " " 16.00	To John Tawor " " 25.00
2 female pigs " " 12.00	To Physicians for medicines and attended on my wife and children " " 23.00
2 young hifers " " 8.00	To St. Guilford " " 30.00
2 calves " " @ 2.50 12.50	To S. L. Williams " " 12.00
4 sows & 15 Pigs " " 16.00	To John Garrard " " 15.00
19 sheep " " @ 1. 19.00	To D. Made " " 12.00
1 Plow " " " " 3.00	<u>\$140.00</u>
1 set hurnep " " " " 1.00	
1 Shovel & tamps " " " " 1.00	
1 Old table " " " " 1.50	
4 old Chairs " " " " 1.00	
2 Pots " " " " 1.50	
1 Bake oven " " " " 1.00	
1/2 doz knives & pen knives 1.50	
1 tea kettle " " " " 2.00	
a few Pewter Plates " " 1.25	
4 large Pewter dishes " " 2.00	
1 pt. and Irons " " " " 1.00	
<u>\$125.25</u>	

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing November 22, 1819, for service as a private for 3 years in the Maryland Continental line.]