

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

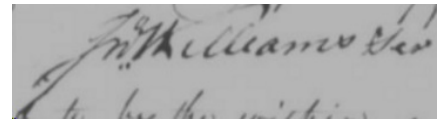
Pension Application of John Williams S40697

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John Williams of the County of Coshocton and State of Ohio, being duly sworn deposed & saith, that he enlisted, at Hagerstown, County of Frederick, now Washington) in Maryland, into the service of the United States under the Continental Congress, as a private Soldier against the Common Enemy, in the war of the Revolution on or about the middle of March seventeen hundred & Seventy Six. That he enlisted into John Nelson's Company of infantry belonging to the first Pennsylvania regiment under the Command of Colonel De Hause, & served in said company & regiment one year, the period for which he enlisted, & Received his discharge at Philadelphia in March 1777 – and enlisted again in March 1777, for the period of three years into Capt William Olden's [sic: William Oldham's] Company, at Philadelphia, that shortly after said enlistment on account of a dispute between his officer & himself he deserted from said Company; and joined in the Summer of 1777 the thirteenth Virginia Regiment under the Command of Colonel Russel [sic: William Russell] – that he was placed in the Company of Captain [Uriah] Springer, & continued in the said thirteenth Regiment, the period of three years, for the most part Stationed at Pittsburgh, where he received his discharge in 1780. That immediately upon being discharged he again enlisted, into Capt Springer's Company, of the same Regiment, but then as he thinks under the command of Colonel John Gibson, That he enlisted & served as a first Serjeant, during the remainder of the Revolutionary war; That his last period of service was more than three years, which he performed at Pittsburgh, And in September seventeen hundred and eighty three, at Pittsburgh, received his final discharge from Colonel John Gibson. And this deponent saith that as a Soldier of the Revolutionary war he served more than seven years against the Common Enemy, has never received any pension from the United States, And that he does hereby relinquish his right to such pension (if any) as may have been granted him. And this deponent further saith that he is a citizen of the United States of America residing in the County of Coshocton & State of Ohio & that by reason of his reduced circumstances, is much in need of assistance from his country for support

Jno Williams Sen



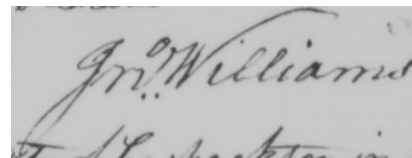
Sworn & subscribed to by the within named deponent, John Williams, this twenty third day of April eighteen hundred and eighteen before me

Benj Robinson/ associate Judge

For the purpose of Obtaining the Benifits of an act for the Relief of Certain Surviving officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution Approved on the 15th of May 1828 I John Williams of Millcreek Township in the County of Coshockton in the State of Ohio Do Hereby Declare that I Enlisted in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution for and During the War and Continued in its Service untill its Termination at which Period I Was a Sergeant in Captain Uriah Springer's Company in the 13th Regiment of the Virginia Line Comanded by Col. John Gibson and also Declare that I Afterwards Received a Certificate for the Reward of Eigty Dollars to to which I was Entitled under a Resololve of Congress Passed the 15th of May 1778.

And I further Declare that I was not on the fifteenth Day of March 1828 on the Pension List of the United States

July the 2nd 1828



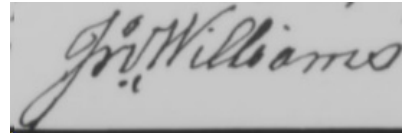
Coshockton, Coshockton County Ohio/ July 19, 1828

Sir Being one of those revolutionaries who appear to be Embraced by the law of 15th May 1828 I have herein Enclosed my Application agreeable to the form prescribed in Our news papers.

I have also Enclosed a certificate of Pension under the law of 1818 granted to me of the further provisions of which I was prevented by the law of 1820 [requiring proof of poverty], this certificate is enclosed for the purpose of enabling you to refer to my Original Affidavit and Evidence on file I presume in the War Office. In that you may particularly discover the several Enlistments for I Enlisted first for one year, then for three years and last for during the War, that you may also carefully Examine the companies and regiments in which I served at the different Periods, My Object in soliciting your particular attention to this declaration is because there were several of the same name in the Army and one in the same regiment with myself, and who perhaps might be referred to for me.

If my papers inclosed are not in form or satisfactory or if satisfactory evidence of my Identity or Service or Enlistment is not to be found I wish you to advise me of the fact as by Subjecting myself to considerable Expense and trouble I believe I can produce living testimony of the fact, or if any other forms are necessary I will thank you to forward tem with such instructions as you may deem necessary.

Respectfully yours &c.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Williams". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

NOTE: The file contains a letter dated 5 July 1853 from Matthew Williams of McConnelsville OH referring to a claim as heir of Sgt. John Williams.

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Addendum to John Williams S40697


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[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) in two files.]

[undeciphered] John Mills Affidavit

I John Mills of Ohio County and State of Virginia being duly qualified according to Law make oath that I was well acquainted with John Williams Now a resident of Coshocton County in the State of Ohio as early as the year 1778 and from that time up to the present and when I was first acquainted with the said John Williams he was a soldier in the Continental army and served as such to the Conclusion of the Revolutionary war at which period he was honorably Discharged at the time of his Discharge he was Sergeant in Capt Uriah Springers Company in the seventh Regiment of the Virginia Line
Witness my hand this 22nd day of July 1828

John Mills



The State of Ohio } Before me William G. Williams an Acting Justice of the peace in
Coshocton County } Millcreek Township County and State aforesaid personally appeared John
Williams and after being Duly Sworn according to Law made oath that he served during the Revolutionary
war as a Soldier of the same from March 1776 until the fall of the year 1783 Makeing about Seven years
and Eight months under three several Inlistments the first under Cap John Nelson for one year and served
the the same in said Nelson Company Secondly with Captn William Oldham for three years and served
said term in the thirteenth Virginia Regment raised by Colo Russle and thirdly with Capt Uriah Springer
for during the war and served until the Cese of the same in the Seventh Virginia Regment agreeable to
John Mills [W5378] affidavit and that all the above Inlistments and Sevises were in the Virginia State line
and [several undeciphered words] Sworn to and subscribed before m the 30 of December 1831

Jno Williams

Coshocton County and State of Ohio Dec 30 AD 1831

Dear Sir I take the liberty of Adressing these Lines you in order to Explane the Object of the
Enclosed Evidence which is if practicable to Obtain the full amount of Bounty Lands due me for my
Servises as a Soldier of the Revolutionary War and being Informed by the Commissioner of the General
Land office that the allowances are made in these Cases by your Excelency these are to Desire your
Honour as a friend to the Aged and Infirm but one the Defenders of the Blesings of Government we Now
Enjoy, to Consider my Clame and make me such allowance as by Law you are authorized to do [several
undeciphered words] Evidence is Sufficent to take the Trouble of haveing my warents Issued and forward
them to me by mail to Coshocton Ohio and Receive in Return therefor my Sincere thanks as I am Ould
and not qualified to do business unable To pay large fees to Others to do it for me I hope that you will
attend to it in this Case and Oblige me thereby as I have lost my discharge and Conclusive Evidence is
hard to be obtained to prove my Servises and know of no one Living except Mr Mills and his affid was
procured for another Object and the reason why the original is not forwarded is that it is desired to
preserve it for the purpose it was procured [illegible] Evedence would be of any Servis there Could be
Enough who was [several undeciphered words] were to have been a Soldier but know nothing about the
Conditions of my Inlistment only from Common Report at that Time.

Respectfully your most Obedient Humble Servant

To his Excellency the Governor of the State Of Virginia



1832 Jun 14 Rejected

State of Ohio Coshocton County S.S.

On the 19th Day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and thirty Two Personally appeared before Me Samuel Rea a Justice of the Peace and Acting as Such in and for said County John Williams Resident of the Aforesaid County and After being duly Sworn according to Law Doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain a Warrent or Warrents for Bounty Land Due him for Services in the Revolutionary War as a Soldier of the Virginia Line of the army To Wit that he served During the Revolutionary as a Soldier of the Virginia Line from March 1776 untill the fall of the year 1783 Making About Seven years and Eight Months under three Severall Enlistments First Under Capt. John Nelson for one year and served the same in the said Nelsons Company Second Enlistment with Capt William Oldham for three years and served for that Period in the thirteenth Virginia Regiment Raised by Col. Russel and thirdly that he then Enlisted for During the War in Capt. Uriah Springers Company and served in the 7th Regiment in the Virginia Line (To the Best of his Recollection) Commanded by Col. Gibson and was Discharged in the said Capt Springers Company by the said Col Gibson and at that Time of his Discharge he was Orderly Sergeant in the [illegible] Sworn to And Subscribed before me this 19th Day of November AD 1832
Samuel Rea Justice Peace
Jno Williams