

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Joseph Williams S40702

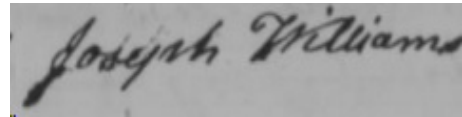
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Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

Statement of Joseph Williams residing in the County of Crawford, State of Pennsylvania, who applies for a pension from the United States in pursuance of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed the 18th day of March 1818

Said Joseph Williams saith, that on the 26th day of April 1777, he enlisted for during the war in Captain James Lee's company, in the Second Regiment of Artillery commanded by Colonel John Lamb, in the Pennsylvania line on the Continental establishment. served in the said company and regiment until the revolt of the Penna. line [1 Jan 1781], and was then transferred into Captain William Ferguson's company in the Fourth Reg't of Artillery commanded by Colonel Thomas Proctor, afterwards by Lieut. Colonel Andrew Porter, and served in the same company & regiment until the 30th day of August 1783, when he was discharged, which discharge is herewith forwarded to the Hon. Secretary at War. Said Joseph Williams was at Mud Island in the Delaware river when it besieged by the enemy [Fort Mifflin, 10 Oct - 15 Nov 1777], and was at the capture of General Cornwallis at Yorktown in Virginia [19 Oct 1781].

The said Joseph Williams hereby relinquishes all claim to any pension that may heretofore have been allowed to him by the laws of the United States, and further saith that from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his country for support [18 April 1818]



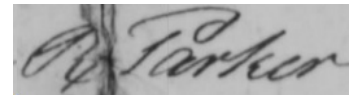
THESE are to CERTIFY that the bearer hereof Joseph Williams Corporal in the Penna Artillery Regiment, having faithfully served the United States from 6th April 1777 to this day and being inlisted for the war, is hereby discharged from the American Army. Paid [undeciphered initials]

Given at the war office the [illegible date]

By order of the secretary at war, A. Porter Lt. Col. Com[mandant].



30th August 1783 Registered in the books of the regiment, [Robert Parker] adjutant



District of Pennsylvania

On this tenth day of June eighteen hundred twenty personally appeared in open court of Common pleas for the County of Crawford Joseph Williams aged sixty three years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration That he served in the revolutionary war as follows towit in the fourth Regiment of Artillary in the Company of Capt. William Furguson and under the command of Col. Thos. Proctor the number of the pension certificate of the deponant is five thousand four hundred and sixty three (5463) and I 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 disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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. Your declarant is by occupation a farmer and is unable to follow it with profit to himself he has no family and unless assisted by my Country must depend on public or private charity.

Joseph Williams

Schedule of your declarants property, one horse, one cow, six sheep no real estate

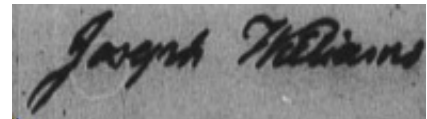
Joseph Williams the petitioner within named being duly sworn according to law doth depose and say that he is a resident of the township of Mead in the County of Crawford aforesaid and that he has resided there for the last twenty three years.

Joseph Williams

Sworn and subscribed in open Cour this 13th day of November 1820

[Williams gave the following statement in support of William Butler's pension application S49198.]
Crawford County, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Ss

Personally appeared before me Jesse Moore, President of the Sixth Judicial District of Penna. Joseph Williams, and having been duly sworn as the law directs, did depose and say, that in the year 1781 he became acquainted with William Butler at Newton in Buck County, Penna. who was then a soldier in Colonel Thomas Proctor's Regt of Artillery in the Penna. line on the Continental establishment, in which regiment this deponent was then a soldier. This deponent further states, that he served with the said William Butler at the taking of Gen'l. Cornwallis at York Town in Virginia, and afterwards marched with him into South Carolina where they both served in the same regiment until Peace was proclaimed, and arrived in Philadelphia about the same time the said William Butler did in August 1783, where they were both discharged. This deponent states that the whole time he served with, and was acquainted with William Butler in the army of the United States during the revolutionary war, was between two and three years; and that during this time he knew the said William Butler to be a brave and deserving soldier
Sworn & subscribed before me the fourth day of March 1819.

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in dark ink. The signature is written in a cursive style and reads "Joseph Williams".