

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Willis S41351

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At a Court of Quarterly Sessions continued and held for Louisa County on Wednesday the 14th day of June 1820 –

District of Virginia to wit

On this 14th day of June 1820 personally appeared in open Court (being a Court of record for the County of Louisa) – John Willis aged sixty-two 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 1st May 1820 that, he the said John Willis enlisted for the term of three years on the \_\_ day of \_\_ in the year 1777 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Mucklehany [probably Captain James McIlhaney] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Brent [probably Colonel William Brent] in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment: that he continued to serve in the said Corps until 1780 when he was discharged from the said service in the Jersies, that he then enlisted again for during the war on the \_\_ day of \_\_ in the year 1780 in the Jersies in the Company commanded by Captain Winston [John Winston] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Davis [William Davies] in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in the said Corps until [illegible] when he was discharged from the said service in the State of Virginia (pace being then concluded). That he was in the Battles of Stony Point at the siege of York – and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services –

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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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

The following is a true schedule of all my estate (necessary clothing and bedding excepted) viz.

One horse, one cart, seven chains, two axes, three hoes, one plow, one pair of traces, one spinning wheel, one dozen knives & forks, – that I am a farmer but weak and infirm and unable to pursue my occupation with any prospect of a support – that I have a wife named Sarah about fifty years of age – who is very sickly and unable to render me any assistance – that I have no other income.

S/ John Willis, X his mark

Louisa County [Virginia]

This day Walter Austin<sup>1</sup> came before me a Justice of the peace in the above County and made oath that he is well acquainted with John Willis that they both served under Captain Winston [John Winston] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Davis [William Davies] in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment and that said Willis continued in the Service until peace in 1783 given under my hand and seal this 20th day of October 1823.

S/ Charles Dabney, JP

Hanover County [Virginia]

This day Hensley Grubbs<sup>2</sup> came before me a Justice of the peace in the above County and made oath that he is well acquainted with John Willis that they both served under Captain Winston in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Davis in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment and that he Willis continued in the service until peace in 1783. Given under my hand & seal this 14 day of January 1823.

S/ Lewis W Taylor, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing October 20, 1823, for 3 years service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

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<sup>1</sup> [Walter Austin S37693](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Hensley Grubbs S37962](#)