

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Willis Williford S42074

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State of North Carolina Edgecombe County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August term 1818

On this 24th day of August in the year of our Lord 1818 personally appeared in open Court Willis Williford a private aged fifty-seven years, resident in the Said County of Edgecombe, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by a late 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" -- that he the said Willis Williford enlisted on the 20th July 1778 in Edgecombe County in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Capt. Ballard [Kader Ballard] of the 10th Regiment;<sup>1</sup> that he served faithfully for nine months in the said Regiment & under the same Capt. That he was discharged on the 21st of April 1779 from service at the town of Halifax State of North Carolina. That he is in reduced circumstances & needs the assistance from his Country for support & that he has no other evidence of his service than what is hereto annexed.

S/ Willis Williford, X his mark

I Solomon Fountain<sup>2</sup> do certify & made oath that Willis Williford did serve as he states in his affidavit, that I was personally acquainted with him while in service.

S/ Solomon Fountain, X his mark

We certify & make oath that Willis Williford is a poor man & in very indigent circumstances & he (if any) needs the assistance from his Country.

S/ Reuben Bradley

S/ Jonathan Thomas

S/ Joab Hiatt

S/ Charles Barnes, X his mark

[Edward Hall, clerk of the County Court, and Exum Lewis, Chairman of the Court attested the document]

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Schedule

District of North Carolina Edgecombe County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County

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<sup>1</sup> records indicate that the veteran actually served in the 3rd North Carolina Regiment

<sup>2</sup> [Solomon Fountain S41544](#)

of Edgecombe February term 1821

On this 28th day of February 1821 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the County of Edgecombe having a Jurisdiction unlimited in amount with power of fine & imprisonment and keeping a Record of its proceedings Willis Williford resident of the County aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law doth, on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows he enlisted under Capt. Ballard of the Regiment commanded by Col. Hogun [James Hogun], he served near three years and was regularly discharged -- he was in no principal Battle he was in a small skirmish above Salem NC. His original declaration was made \_\_\_ of \_\_\_ 1818 & a number of his pension Certificate is \_\_\_

S/ Willis Williford, X his mark

And 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

S/ Willis Williford, X his mark

Schedule of Willis Williford's Property

1 Gun

worth \$5.00

S/ Willis Williford, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing August 24, 1818, for service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina Continental line.]