

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Madison S5724

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Virginia – Caroline – to wit:

On this 11th day of February 1833 personally appeared in open court before the justices of the said County William Madison aged Seventy years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

He states that he was born near a place called Chesterfield in the County of Caroline on the 10th day of May 1762 according to family register there being no record of his age. – That he went into the service of the United States in the year 1779 to the best of his recollection as a private and volunteer under Captain Samuel Temple & Colonel Anthony Thornton and marched from Caroline, through Hanover, Henrico and Charles City [counties] to the town of Wmsburg [Williamsburg], where he was stationed some time & discharged. He served in this tour one month. He was drafted & called into service as a private under [sic] in the year 1779 or 1780 under Captain John Fitzhugh & Colonel Holt Richardson & marched from Caroline, through Hanover, Henrico to the City of Richmond, thence through Charles City to a place just above Williamsburg where he was stationed as one of the guard over our magazine and there discharged. He served in this tour two months. He went again into service in the year 1780 as a substitute for Nathan Lucke [?]¹ under Captain Richard Hawes & marched from Caroline, through Hanover, Henrico, Chesterfield & the immediate counties to Guilford Court House where he joined General Gates'[Horatio Gates'] Army and was in the battle called Gates defeat [August 15-16, 1780] – from thence he retreated to Richmond and was there placed as one of the Guard under Captain Jimmerson [Jamison?] over our magazine and then discharged. He served in this tour three months. He was drafted & called out as a private in the year 1781 – under Captain Jimmerson & Major Boyce and marched from Caroline, Hanover & Henrico to Maubin Hills [Malvern Hills] and there joined the Army commanded by Colonel Call & General Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg] where he was stationed & whilst there our Guard was fired on by the enemy, we then retreated to Four Mile Creek, & crossed the Chickahominy River at the Meadow Bridges, we then destroyed the Bridges by setting fire to them, thence through Hanover, Louisa, Spotsylvania to the Raccoon Ford, where we joined the Army commanded by General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] & the Marquis De Lafayette this we returned through Orange, Spotsylvania, Louisa and Hanover and at a place called Ground Squirrel Bridge in the last named County he was discharged. He served in this tour two months. He was drafted & entered again

1. *Nathan Lucke*

as a private in the [year] 1781 & marched from Caroline under Captain Howard & Colonel Boyce through King William and King & Queen to Gloucester Town and there joined the Army commanded by General Weedon [George Weedon], where he was stationed till the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781]. He was then detached to guard the prisoners which were ordered to be carried to Charlottesville, but was taken sick on the expedition and at Aylett's in King William was discharged. He was in service in this tour two months. He states that he served during the revolution in all ten months as a private for which he claims a pension – that he has no documentary evidence or written evidence, but can prove a part of his services by John Williams and knows of no other person whom he can procure to prove the remainder of them and refers to Henry Burriss & Lewis Cobbs as persons to reside in his neighborhood who can testify to his character and their belief as to his being a soldier of the revolution. He resided in the said County of Caroline at the time he went into service, and resided in the said County ever since & now resides in the same.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state or territory whatever: sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

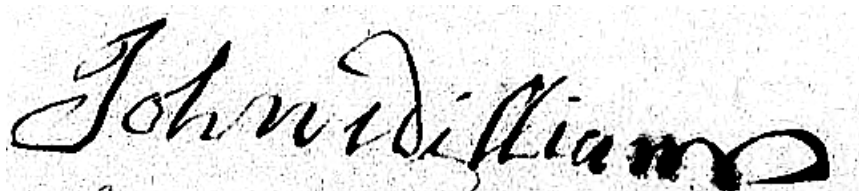
S/ William Madison, X his mark

[Spilsbe Woolfolk, Lewis Cobbs & Henry of Burress gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Virginia – Hanover County to wit

This day John Williams² personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for said County & made oath to the following statement – He states that he is now seventy-two years of age – that he is well acquainted with William Madison of Caroline County who is an applicant for a pension under the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832, that the said Madison was in the service of the United States in the year 1781 during the revolution, that he was in the Marquis de Lafayette's retreat at the Raccoon Ford in Culpeper & at several other places that to the best of his recollection the said Madison was in service in this tour two months – Sworn to & subscribed this 28th February 1833

S/ John Williams

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Williams". The ink is dark and the background is a light, textured paper.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 10 months in the Virginia militia.]

² [John Williams S6413](#)