

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Alexander Williams S6410

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Virginia            Augusta County, to wit

On this 25 day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of Augusta County Court, now sitting, Alexander Williams a resident of Augusta County & state of Virginia, aged about 70 years, who being first sworn according to Law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832.

That he was born in Augusta County & State of Virginia within about seven miles of the Town of Staunton in the year 1762 as he allways understood and believes, that there is no record of his age known to him – that he has allways resided in the said County of Augusta. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as follows:

1. He was drafted as one of the Malitia of the said County of Augusta in or about August 1776 [sic] and attached to the company under the command of Capt [William] Henderson of said County, and with other men marched under the command of Col William Bowyer [VAS1811] of Augusta to join the army under the command of Gen'l McIntosh [Lachlan McIntosh BLWt1549-850] to the Western frontier for its protection against the Indians – that he did join the army at at Fort McIntosh [constructed in summer of 1778 at present Beaver PA], where he remained for some months the precise time he does not recollect, that from Fort McIntosh, he marched with other troops to Fort Laurence [sic: Fort Laurens constructed Sep 1778 on Tuscarawas River in OH], where he remained but a short time, and was then with other troops discharged and reached home in the month of Jan'y 1777 [sic] haveing been absent in the service between five and six months. He remembers that at Fort McIntosh there was a Col Richard Campbell [BLWt347-450] from the state of Virginia who had command of regulars, and at Fort Laurence there was a Col or Maj Broadhead [sic: Col. Daniel Brodhead] who had command of regulars, that he knows of no person now living by whom he could prove his service a above set forth.

2. In March 1777 [sic] he engaged to serve as a substitute for a certain Archibald Lockridge who was one of the drafted Malitia of Augusta County, and marched as such substitute from the Town of Staunton in the County of Augusta to the protection of the whites on the western frontiers of Virginia against the Indians, under the command of Capt William Kincaid of the Augusta Militia [sworn as Captain 15 Sep 1778], that he was stationed for some time at a Block House called Louders on the Western fork of the Monongalia river [sic: Fort Lowther on West Fork River, a branch of the Monongahela River, 6 mi from present Clarksburg WV], that while there he volunteered with other men to go to another Block house under the command of Ensign James Steele [James Steel] of the Augusta Malitia, the name of this latter Block house he does not now remember, that after remaining at the last named place for a short time, he was with other troops regularly discharged, but received no written discharge, that he was absent in this tour in the service about four months – that he knows of no person now liveing by whom he can prove this tour of duty.

3. In the month of February 1781 he volunteered as one of the Malitia of Augusta County, and marched with other troops from the County of Augusta to the State of North Carolina, that the marched in the company commanded by Capt Thomas Smith of the Augusta Malitia, and under the command of Col George Moffett of the Augusta Malitia, that he joined the american army near Guilford Ct House, and was enlisted among other troops as a rifleman and placed under the command of Col [William] Campbell of the rifle Corps – that he was attached to the troops under the command of said Campbell in the battle of Guilford in March 1781 [Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781]. that he received no wound, that he was regularly discharged with the other malitia with whom he marched from Augusta, but received no written discharge, that he was absent on this tour and in the service a few days over Two months, he knows of no one now living by whom he can prove this tour of duty except Capt Augustine Argenbright of Augusta County.

4. He next marched as one of the drafted Militia of Augusta County under the command of the same Capt Thomas Smith with whom he had marched to North Carolina the spring previous, he rendezvoused at the Widow Teese's (now Waynesborough) [sic: the widow Teas's tavern at present Waynesboro] and marched from there under the command of Col Samuel Lewis to Richmond he thinks about August 1781 from Richmond he marched to various points in the lower part of Virginia, the names of which he does not now recollect, he remembers of being stationed for a few weeks near Williamsburg, and from thence he marched with the troops attached to Gen'l Mullenburgs [sic: Peter Muhlenberg BLWt1495-850] brigade to York Town. he was present at the Siege of York [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], and remained there until after the capture of Cornwallis in October 1781 when he was discharged, and returned to his residence in the County of Augusta, after being absent in the service about four months or a little upwards – that he remembers to have seen William Patrick [S5882] & Smith Thompson [S38438] on this tour of duty, and expect to be able to prove the same by them.

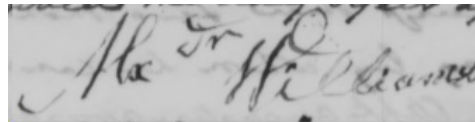
He has no recollection of ever having received a written discharge on any occasion.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

He refers to Doc. William Boys & William Davis esqr who can testify as to their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution and as to his character for veracity.

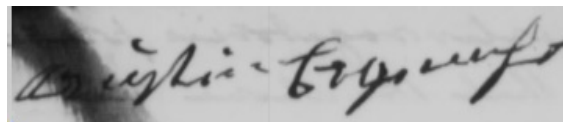
Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

Alex<sup>r</sup> Williams

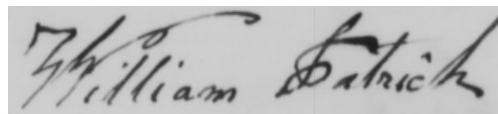
A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alex<sup>r</sup> Williams".

Augustine Argenbright of Augusta County also appeared in open Court, and being duly sworn according to law deposed, that he knew the above named Alexander Williams in the war of the revolution, that he believes the said Williams is about seventy years of age, that he marched with said Alexander Williams to Guilford Court House, and knows that the said Williams did serve that tour of duty as he has set forth in his declaration which he has heard read in open Court. that he has resided for many years in the same neighbourhood with said Williams and that he is [illegible word] to have been a soldier of the revolution and served as he stated, and that the said Williams is reputed and considered a man of strict truth.

[signed in German script, Agustin ?]

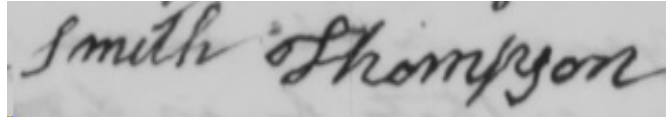
A handwritten signature in German script, appearing to read "Augustin Argenbright".

William Patrick of Augusta County also appeared in open Court and being duly sworn deposed that Alexander Williams the above applicant for a pension, did serve as one of the Militia of Augusta County at the siege of York, that he said Patrick was there and remembers the said Williams, that he has heard the said Williams declaration read in open Court, and he verily believes the said Williams did serve the fourth tour of duty under the officers and in manner as he has set forth.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William Patrick".

Smith Thompson of Augusta County also appeared in open court, and being duly sworn according to law deposed that he knows that the above named applicant Alexander Williams did serve the third and fourth tours of duty in the war of the revolution as he hath set forth in his declaration which he has heard read this day in open court, that he has reason to believe from what he understood from the said Williams during the war of the revolution and from others that the said Williams had performed other tours of duty before the two he has a personal knowledge of, that the said Williams has always been regarded as a man of truth

by his neighbours.



Virginia – Augusta County. SS

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for said County of Augusta – Alexander Williams, the person making the foregoing declaration, who being duly sworn, deposeth & saith by way of amendment to the foregoing declaration, that by reason of old age, and consequent loss of memory, he cannot state with more accuracy than he has done the names of the officers under whom he served, and cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his services, but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below & in the following grades. First a Tour of five months, as a private in Capt. Henderson company as herein before stated. Second, a tour of four months, as a private & substitute for Arch'd. Lockridge, under Capt Kincaid as herein before stated – Third a Tour of two months as a private under Capt Thom. Smith of the Aug'a Militia, as herein before stated – Fourth A Tour of four months as a private in the same Capt. Thos Smiths company as herein before set forth, making a period of at least fifteen months. I served as a private & for such I claim a pension. The said Williams farther deposes that he did not procure the certificate of a Clergyman because from bodily infirmity he is unable to attend upon the ministrations of any clergyman, and from a belief that the certificate of Doc Wm Boys & Wm Davis esqr both men of high standing in the community would supply the place of a Clergyman's certificate.

Sworn & subscribed to before me by the above }  
named Alex'r. Williams this 22 day of June 1833. }

John B. Breckinridge }

