

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Williams S6413

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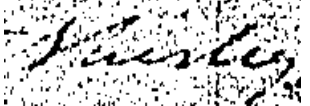
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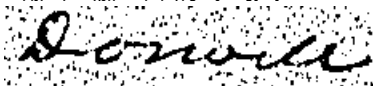
[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of Virginia Hanover County to wit

On the first day of December 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable William Brockenbrough Judge of the Superior Court of Law & Chancery for the said County of Hanover now sitting, John Williams a resident of said County & State aforesaid aged seventy-two 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 the 7th of June 1832.

He states that he was born in Hanover on the 10th of October 1760 according to family register, there being no record of his age: that he was drafted and entered into the service of the United States in the year 1778 or 1779 to the best of his recollection and marched from Hanover Court House under Captain Thomas Trevilian [Thomas Trevillian], through New Kent and James City to the town of Wmsburg [Williamsburg] and was there placed under the command of Colonel Sampson Matthews and General Scott where he was stationed some time and then discharged after serving a tour of two months. He was called out in the [year] 1779 and marched from Hanover Court House under Captain David Richardson through New Kent and James City to Williamsburg thence to York Town where he joined the Army commanded by General Thomas Nelson, thence to Richmond, thence to Richneck in Warwick, thence back to Williamsburg and was there discharged after serving a tour of two months. He was called out in the year 1779 or 1780 under Captain Thomas Trevilian and marched from John Norvill's Tavern in Hanover, through Henrico and crossed James River at Westham into Chesterfield, thence down the River & recrossed the same at Vaisley¹ [?], thence down the River to Cabin Point where he was placed under the command of Major Boyce and there discharged after serving a tour of two months. He was called out again in the month of April 1781 and marched from Hanover under Captain James Doswell² [?] to the City of Richmond, thence to Maubin Hills [Malvern Hills] and there placed under the command of Major Boyce – Colonel Call and General Muhlenberg at which place we were alarmed by the enemy firing upon our guard. We then retreated over the Chickahominy River at the Meadow Bridges and after crossing the said Bridges we set fire to them, thence through Hanover, Louisa, Spotsylvania and Orange and crossed the Rapidan River at the Racon

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Ford [Raccoon Ford] where we were joined by the Army commanded by General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] & the Marquis de Lafayette – we then recrossed the River and marched through Orange, Spotsylvania, Louisa, Goochland, and Rico into New Kent and at a place called Hot-Water we had a slight engagement with Tarlton's [Banastre Tarleton's] Troop of cavalry – we then retreated to Muddy Creek, thence to James Town. He was then sent home with a party to Hanover for the purpose of procuring stock &c for our Army. He then returned and joined the Army near York town and shortly afterwards Lord Cornwallis surrendered to our Army at York Town. He states that he served in this last tour five months – that he served during the revolution 11 months as a private that at the time he was called into service he resided in the said County of Hanover, that he has resided since the revolution in the said County and now resides in the same, that he has no written discharge or any documentary evidence, but can prove a part of his services by George Smith and Henry Arnall and knows of no other person whose testimony he can procure that can prove the remainder of them, he refers to William D. Taylor and Doctor Robert Nelson as persons in his neighborhood who can testify to his character and their belief of his being a soldier of the revolution.

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 or territory whatever – Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Williams



I George Smith³ a resident of Hanover & State of Virginia hereby certify that I am well acquainted with John Williams who is an applicant for a pension that the said Williams was in the service of the United States in the year 1779 that we marched from Hanover under Captain David Richardson, that he was stationed at York Town and at Richneck in Warwick. He served in this tour two months. He was called out again from Hanover & marched under Captain James Doswell in the month of April 1781 – was stationed at Maubin Hills & was at the battle of Hot Water &c. The said Williams to the best of this affiant's belief served in this last tour of 5 months. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

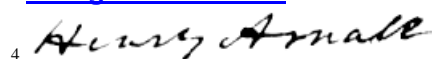
S/ George Smith



[John Cooke, a clergyman, and Thomas Doswell gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Hanover County to wit: This day Henry Arnall⁴ [Henry Arnold?] personally appeared before me

³ [George Smith S6115](#)

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This is not the signature of the deponent—it is how his name is written by the scribe of his deposition. I could not find anyone by this or any similar name who had filed for a pension from the federal government for service in the Revolution. The Virginia Library website also has no listing in its online

a justice of the peace for said County & under oath that John Williams who is an applicant for a pension under the law of Congress passed June 7th 1832 was a soldier of the revolution, that he was in service in the year 1779 or 1780 under Captain Thomas Trevilian at Williamsburg. The said Williams was in service again in the year 1780 under Captain Thomas Trevilian and was at John Norvill's Tavern in Hanover & at Westham in Henrico &c – the said Williams was in service during the revolution into different tours under Captain Thomas Trevilian. Given under my hand this 29th day of November 1832.

S/ Hardin Burnley, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 11 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]