

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Matthew Williams S6414

VA

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State of Virginia, Southampton County

On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared before the justices of Southampton in open court sitting Matthew Williams a Free man of colour & a resident of said county aged 77 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 provision made by the act of congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 That he served in the [blank] Regiment of [blank] Enlisted in cabin Point [in Surry County VA] in the year [blank] under colonel [Charles] Dabney, was under the command of Col. Dabney & a Lieutenant Slaughter marched from cabbin Point to HillsBorough in N. Carolina thence to Saulsbury [sic: Salisbury] & was in the battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781] where he was wounded in the knee by a musket Ball That he was at the Siege of YorkTown in Virginia [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] under the command of Col. Merrywether [sic: Meriwether] Major [Alexander] Dick & capt Ewel [sic: Ewell] That under the command of capt. Ewel they attacked the Pidion [sic: Pigeon] Hill Fort and Drove the English from it. after the Battle of Guilford he marched to the Hanging Rocks [sic: probably Hanging Rock SC on the way to Camden SC where the Battle of Hobkirk Hill was fought on 25 Apr 1781] under the command of Thomas Ewel [sic: Thomas Winder Ewell BLWt2497-300]. That he had a Discharge but has lost it long since, That from age and infirmity (having been attacked with Eppilepsy) he cannot recollect the dates of the different occurrences and but few of the names of those under whom he served That he knows of no person living that he was in the service with That he resided in the county of Southampton at the time he enlisted under Col Dabney for Eighteen months That he after ward. [sic] Sworn to and Subscribed in open Court on the day aforesaid  
Matthew hisXmark Williams

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present & he hereby declares his name is not on the pension rool of any agency in any state.

NOTE: On the pension certificate it is noted that Williams died 29 July 1833.