

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Willis S6417

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Virginia, to wit:

On this 29th day of November 1832 Personally appeared before the Court of the County of Halifax, James Willis, a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged sixty-eight years: who being 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 the 7th of June 1832. This applicant states that he thinks it was about the year 1779 he entered the service of the Revolutionary War, under the command of Captain Kendrick [possibly Capt. John Kendricks], and marched with Captain Mabrey & Lockett's Companies to Petersburg and from thence to Smithfield & to Suffolk was transferred to the Infantry, – marched to the Dismal Swamp and from there marched to Sticky Hole ferry on Nansemond River, and from thence to Black-water and was discharged at that place of one tour of three months, that he was a second time drafted and marched under Captain Jeffres, crossing James river at Hog Island to Williamsburg, and from thence crossed Pamunkey River, and Matapony [Mattaponi] River, at Fraser's ferry to Gloucester, remained there, until the surrender of Lord Cornwallis, and was discharged after serving that tour of three months, making six months he served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War. That he was born in Mecklenburg County & State of Virginia in the year 1764, and was living in said County during the Revolutionary War and removed to Halifax after the termination of the war, and do now live in the same. That he has a record of his age that he knew Colonel John Willis & Colonel Alexander – that he believes were regular officers – that he knows of but no person by whom he can prove his services except John Arrington¹ – that he has no documentary evidence to prove his services – that he can find no discharge – that 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.

S/ James Willis²

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

[John Arrington & Christopher White gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]

¹ James Willis gave a supporting affidavit as the service of [John Arrington W5653](#)

² the handwriting for this signature is identical to the balance of the document and therefore I do not believe it is the actual signature of the veteran