

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Williams S6419

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State of Virginia Buckingham County to wit

On the 7th day of August personally appeared before me Robert S Gary one of the Commonwealth's Justices of the Peace for the County of Buckingham and one of the Justices of the County Court of Buckingham in the State aforesaid (which is a Court of Record) John Williams a resident of said County and State aforesaid aged eighty-one 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. That he entered the service of the United States first under the command of Captain Landrum that he marched from the County of Amherst (now Nelson County) in the State of Virginia [word obliterated]th year and month he does not recollect, crossed James River marched through Buckingham, Prince Edward and Charlotte counties and joining the main Army at Guilford [Guilford Court House March 15th, 1781] that he was not in the engagement as his company had no arms; that he was drafted in this Tour and served three months don't recollect the names of any of the officers except General Green [Nathanael Greene] and his Captain that he thinks he got a discharge but does not know what became of it or who signed it, nor does he recollect what Regiment he was in that he was drafted. His second time from the County of Amherst, to serve a second Tour, that he did serve the same some days over three months that he was marched from Amherst under the command of Captain Dillard marched from Amherst to Richmond from there to Morbin Hills [Malvern Hills] stayed there some time and then marched to Williamsburg that he stayed there and in the neighborhood until his time was out, he got a discharge but does not recollect what he done with it or who signed it, that he does not recollect the Regiment he served in or the names of any of his Commanding officers but thinks they were commanded by General Lawson [Robert Lawson], that he was born in the County of Amherst (now Nelson County) where he resided until about three years ago when he moved to the County of Buckingham where he now resides, that he has no record of his age, that he knows of no person near him who was in the service with him he refers to Captain James Staples Captain Robert Gary, Charles Hannah, Meshach Boaz, Hobson Hood & the Reverend Thomas Binge in my present neighborhood, also in the County of Nelson I refer to Edward Hardin, Colonel Jesse Jopling, spot would Garland, & Captain William wall for his character for veracity and their belief of his services during the War of the revolution, that from age and infirmity of body, he is unable to attend Court to qualify to his declaration for a pension,

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/ John Williams, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Ro L. Gary

[William Pinnell, a clergyman, and Hopson Hood 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.]