

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Calvin Williamson S7949

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State of SC, Laurens District

On the 26 day of March one thousand eight hundred & thirty three personally appeared in open court before Judge Evans one of the judges of the court of common pleas now sitting Calvin Williamson, a resident of South Carolina Laurens District aged 75 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated. That he volunteered in the year 1778 in Laurens District South Carolina under Capt. John Stephens. The other officers belonging to the Regiment were Captains Wm Mulwee [sic, William Milwee]<sup>1</sup>, Ritchie<sup>2</sup> & Rainey [probably Benjamin Rainey], Major Jonathan Downs,<sup>3</sup> Col. McCreary & Col. James Williams, General Andrew Williamson, and [he] performed service on the Cherokee Line for the term of three months, the time for which he volunteered & was discharged by Capt. John Stephens. That he volunteered in the latter part of the year 1781 in Laurens District South Carolina under Capt. James Dillard in the Little River Regiment of South Carolina militia. The other officers of the Regiment were Captains Laird [Robert Laird],<sup>4</sup> Lewis Saxon,<sup>5</sup> Samuel Wharton, Major Smith, Col. Levi Casey<sup>6</sup>—General Andrew Pickens and [he] performed service by marching through Laurens, Union and Spartanburg Districts & the upper part of So. Carolina for six months, the time for which he volunteered, and was discharged by Capt. James Dillard in Laurens District. That he has no documentary evidence of his services—that Capt. James Dillard & Thomas Williamson can testify to my services—that he was born in North Carolina in the year 1759 & removed to South Carolina Laurens District in the year 1771—that he has no record of his age—that he was living in Laurens District South Carolina when he entered service—that he was a volunteer both terms of service—that the officers he was under are as hereinabove stated—that he received no written discharge from his first term of service—that he had a written discharge from Capt. James Dillard but has lost it long since—that the Revd. David Simmons, Thomas Williamson & James Dillard can testify as to is character for veracity—and that James Dillard—Thomas Williamson can testify to his revolutionary services—that he hereby

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<sup>1</sup> [William Millwee \(Milwee\) W9200](#)

<sup>2</sup> Captains John Richey,, Robert Richey and William Richey all served in the Little River Regiment of militia

<sup>3</sup> [Jonathan Downs W21000](#)

<sup>4</sup> [Robert Laird S32369](#)

<sup>5</sup> [Lewis Saxon W21791](#)

<sup>6</sup> [Levi Casey SC1246](#)

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

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Calvin Williamson, X his mark

John Garlington, Clk., L. Dist.

South Carolina, Laurens District

Calvin Williamson being personally before me and being duly sworn on oath saith the nature of his first tour was against the Indians under Captain John Stephens he was a volunteer and belonged to the Militia they had a Station on the Indian Line the above named Capt. J. Stephens was under Colonel James Williams and the said tour was performed in the date 1778 and he was on service three months and ten days the above service was rendered in the above State and partly in the above District and partly in the adjoining Districts.

And the nature of his second tour was under Capt. Dillard as a ranger under the orders of Genl. Greene part of said Capt. Dillard's company was sent on the Genl. Greene and part stayed back to range through four Districts unless called out of the above by orders of the above Genl. Greene, but was not called out of the above State that he served fully six months or more the latter part of the date of 1781 and the fore part of 1782 and this deponent sayeth that he was three months and ten days a militia man in service and six months a regular soldier of the United States Army.

Sworn to and subscribed this the fourteenth of February 1834.

S/ James Cook, J. P.

S/ Calvin Williamson, X his mark

State of South Carolina, Laurens District } SS

Personally appeared James Dillard Senior<sup>7</sup> Esq. (being an old and Infirm person and as such unable to attend in Court) before me Robert Long Esquire one of the Justices of the Quorum of the district aforesaid, and being duly sworn on his oath saith that Calvin Williamson volunteered in the Service of Liberty in the Revolutionary War under him (this deponent) then a Captain in the Little River Regiment of South Carolina Militia. In the latter part of the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty one & beginning of the year 1782 that to the best of his (this deponent's) recollection he says he must have served fully Six months at least; that he continued in the Service until he was discharged and further this deponent saith not.

S/ James Dillard

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Dillard". The signature is written in black ink on a white background and is enclosed within a faint, hand-drawn rectangular border.

Sworn to and subscribed the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February 1833 Before me. S/ Robert Long, J. Q.

I Robert Long Esquire one of the Justices of the Quorum of the said district do hereby certify unto all whom it may concern that James Dillard senior Esqr., who swore to and subscribed the above probate before me in favor of Calvin Williamson was a Captain in the Little River Regiment of Militia of South Carolina at the time he states above. Given under my hand and Seal

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<sup>7</sup> [James Dillard S6797](#)

the day & year above written. That he is now confined to his bed.

S/ Robt. Long, J. Q.

[Ambrose Ray, a clergyman, Thomas Lynch & James Burke gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

I Thomas Williamson do hereby certify that within my knowledge that Calvin Williamson volunteered in the Service of the Revolution in the year 1778 under Captain John Stephens & also in 1781 under Captain James Dillard.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

John Garlington, Clerk

S/ Thomas Williamson, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$31.10 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 9 months & 10 days service under Colonel Williams in the South Carolina militia.]