

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Williams S7957

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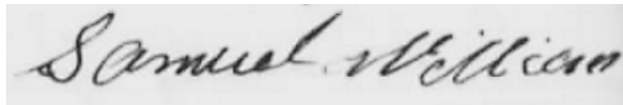
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State of North Carolina, Gates County} SS

On this 21st day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Court of Pleas and Order Sessions now sitting Samuel Williams resident in the County of Northampton State aforesaid aged 70 years who being duly sworn according to law doth make his oath to the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service as a private of the United States in the month of June 1780 as a substitute for Joshua Grandberry under Captain John Benton in the 1st Regiment of North Carolina Militia commanded by Col. Dixon [Henry "Hal" Dixon] – that he left the service after serving nearly five months and was discharged honorably at ~~Salisbury~~ the Shallow Ford of the Yadkin River from whence he returned home – that he resided in Gates County North Carolina when he entered the service, that while on this tour of duty he was in the battle [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] in which Gates' was defeated in which battle the Captain (John Benton) & Lieutenant (James Smith) and about 10 men of his company were killed – he marched from Gates County through North Carolina to South Carolina in Camden and from thence after the battle he in common with many others came to Charlotte, to Salisbury, & to the Shallow Ford in the Yadkin [River] until his time of service expired. He conceives the testimony of Uriah Eure¹ to be material who can testify to his service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Samuel Williams



[George Kitterall [sic, George Kittrell ?], a clergyman, and Henry Hays gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The said Samuel Williams further swears that he was drafted in the year 1781 he believes as a private he belonged to Captain Moses Kitteral's [sic, Moses Kitterall's] Company, Colonel Dough or Dozeir [Peter Dauge], the General was General Gregory, he staid for three months for which time he was drafted, he went through the [indecipherable word] to North West Bridge in Currituck [County] where the troops rendezvoused where he staid his time out & was honorably discharged, which discharge is lost.

He further swears that he was drafted as a private in 1781 in the regular service for the term of 12 months under Clem Hall [Clement Hall] Captain, & Hardy Murfree Colonel – he

1 [Uriah Ure \(Eure\) W19563](#)

marched with Col. Murfree from Murfreesboro, to Halifax, through Hillsborough in North Carolina to Ashley's River in South Carolina near Bacon's Bridge where the Army was commanded by General Nathaniel Greene [sic, Nathanael Greene] – and he was detailed to act as a hoslter [?] to Colonel Murfree, after he served his tour he was discharged (at the said Ashley's ferry) & from thence he returned home to Gates County North Carolina. His discharge was signed by Colonel Lytle & countersigned by General Greene but is lost.

Sworn to & subscribed this 21st of August 1832.

S/ Samuel Williams

The court then proceeded to propound the Interrogatories to the applicant in answer to

1st He was born in Gates County North Carolina in the year 1762 January 17th.

2nd I had a record, but I have lost it

3rd I was living in Gates County when I was called into the service, I have lived in Bertie County, Hertford & Northampton counties, and I do now live in Northampton County.

4th I was first called into the service as a substitute for Josiah Grandberry [sic, he said Joshua Grandberry earlier], & 2ndly I was drafted and served a tour of three months at North West River North Carolina & lastly in Captain Hall's Company under Colonel Murfree's command in South Carolina.

5th Colonel Hardy Murfree, Col. Lytle, General Nathanael Greene, General Gess, in the last tour, in the first tour I recollect General Gates, Colonel Dixon who commanded our Regiment – Cadar Parker who was our Brigade Major who was killed in this battle – Captain Benton who was killed; He recollects that at this battle at Camden in South Carolina that the battle commenced about day light dawn at night [? “down at right”?]-- the light horse firing through the night – about day in the morning both armies engaged – about an hour by Sun the militia began to retreat – this was about August 1780.

6th I did receive a discharge from each service in which I was engaged, the first discharge was given by John Walton Ensign, the Captain & Lieutenant had been killed at Camden, but this I have lost. I also received a discharge for my second tour at North West River signed by Moses Kitteral Captain in the last discharge I received was from Col. Lytle & General Nathanael Greene which I have mislaid or lost.

7th Col. Wm. B. Lockhart of Northampton, John H. Wheeler of Murfreesboro, William Boon [sic, Boone?], Jonathan Williams of Gates [County].

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Uriah Ure appeared on the day & date above written in open Court & states that he is a resident of Gates County aged about 73 and that he knows that Samuel Williams whose affidavit appears above was in the North Carolina State Troops or militia – that in 1780 he together with this deponent enlisted in Captain John Benton's Company, Colonel Dixon's Regiment 1st Regiment North Carolina militia that they together went to South Carolina through Kingston [sic, Kinston] on Neuse River North Carolina where we drew our muskets. He was at the battle of Camden under General Gates head commander together with this deponent on which tour said Williams served about five months. He knows Mr. Williams well that he was born & raised in Gates [County]. He also knows of Mr. Samuel Williams going on a tour of three months service under Captain Moses Kittrell of Gates County a Regiment commanded by Colonel Dough or Dozier – under General Gregory at North West River bridge in Currituck [County] near the Virginia line.

S/ Uriah Ure, X his mark

Sworn to in open Court

S/ H. Gilliam, D. Clk.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 18 months in the North Carolina militia.]