

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Shadrach (Shadrick) Williams W154

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State of Tennessee Grainger County: On this 8th day of October 1832 personally appeared before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Grainger County in the State of Tennessee Shadrach Williams a resident of the County of Grainger and State of Tennessee aged 70 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 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States about the 14th of February in the year 1779 with Captain Nall a militia officer and also a recruiting officer and served in the ___ Regiment of the Virginia line under the following named officers to wit Captain Wales [possibly George Walls] Colonel Bluford [probably Abraham Buford] Col. Heathe [probably William Heth] General Scott [probably Charles Scott], General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] being the head commander of our division and was discharged at Williamsburg in the State of Virginia about the 27th day of July 1781. He states that he enlisted in the County of Shenandoah in the State of Virginia at which place he resided when he enlisted in the Service of the United States. He further states that after he enlisted under Captain Nall as before recited he was transferred to the Virginia line under Captain Wales who was afterwards appointed or elected a Major and Captain Holt [probably Thomas Holt] took the command of the Company to which I belonged. We were then marched to Alexandria now the District of Columbia from thence we were ordered to Fredericksburg in the State of Virginia from thence to Williamsburg from thence to Petersburg from thence we marched to Hillsboro Salisbury North Carolina and Camden in the State of South Carolina from Camden we were marched to Charleston in the State of South Carolina where the siege was raised which lasted 31 days at the expiration of which time the Americans capitulated and I was taken prisoner by the British – Charleston capitulated on the 12th of May 1780, and I remained a prisoner 14 months and 2 days. I was then exchanged at Charleston and we were landed at Jamestown in Virginia. He states he was discharged at Williamsburg in the State of Virginia he thinks on the 27th day of July 1781 by Captain Holt and Beverly Roy who both signed his discharge. He further states that he shortly afterwards sent his discharge to Richmond in the State of Virginia by Abram Bird who was a delegate from Shenandoah County to the Assembly and they sent me a Certificate to draw my pay as a Soldier, but not as a pensioner. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shadrach Williams". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

Questions propounded by the Court to Shadrach Williams an applicant for a pension &c &c

Question Where and in what year were you born

Answer I was born in St. Mary's County State of Maryland on the 10th day of September 1762

Question Have you any record of your age and if so where is it.

Answer I have it is at home in this County

Question Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary war and where do you now live

Answer. I was living in Shenandoah County in the State of Virginia when called into service. I removed from Shenandoah to the State of Illinois where I lived 2 years from Illinois I moved to Grainger County in the State of Tennessee where I now live.

Question how were you called into service were you drafted – did you volunteer or were you a Substitute and if a substitute for whom

Answer I enlisted

Question State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental and Militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. The names of some of the Regular Officers were General Scott, Colonel Heath, Colonel Parker, Captain Cole & Lieutenant Smith.

Question. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it.

Answer I was discharged by Captain Holt and Beverly Roy and sent it to Richmond Virginia as before stated.

Question State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution.

Answer. Colonel Samuel Banch, Genl. John Cocke, Colonel Thomas Whiteside and many others

[fn p. 8: On June 3, 1840 in Grainger County Tennessee, Hannah Williams, 80, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating she is the widow of Shadrach Williams deceased, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him in December 1775; that her husband died July 15, 1839. She signed her application with her mark.]

[fn p. 12: family register:

Shadrach Williams was born September 10th 1762

Samuel Williams was born September 9th 1786

Elizabeth was born August 18th 1788

Sarah Williams was born February 21, 1791

John Williams was born December 30th 1792

William Williams was born March 21st, 1795

Reace Williams was born June 8th 1796

Mary Williams was born February 14th 1799

October 19th 1801 Joseph Williams was born]

[fn p. 29: On June 4th, 1840 in Grainger County Tennessee, Reas Williams gave an affidavit in support of his mother's application verifying the family record.

Reas Williams]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the Virginia service. Veteran's widow was pensioned for a like amount.]