

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Job Williams W18344

Celia Williams

f62NC

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State of North Carolina, Anson County

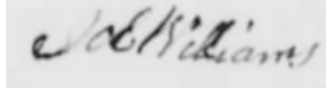
On this 12th day of October 1836 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Ensign County Court of Pleas and Order Sessions now in session Job Williams a resident of the County of Anson aforesaid aged Seventy-Six years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he volunteered as a private at Kinston in the County of Dobbs (now Lenoir) State of North Carolina under Captain John Kennedy in the Fall of the year 1778 in the 2nd Regiment of the North Carolina Militia under the command of Colonel William Caswell and was marched forthwith with to the Town of Elizabeth on the Cape Fear River where they Regiment joined the Virginia Troops commanded by Colonels Eaton and Perkins and continued the line of march to the Town of Cheraw on Pedee River in the State of South Carolina and from thence to Camden in the same State and to Augusta in the State of Georgia and from thence to the battle of Briar Creek in March 1779 [March 3, 1779] where the American General Ashe [John Ashe] was defeated. After this battle, the Regiment to which he belonged made their escape to Purysburg a small Town on the Savannah River where Colonel Caswell with his Regiment Joined General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] at which place the Army remained a short time and was ordered from thence to Black Swamp about 10 miles distant where he received a written discharge on the 3rd day of April 1779 from Colonel William Caswell having served five months being the time for which he volunteered – which written discharge accompanies this declaration. From thence they returned home to the County of Dobbs North Carolina and after remaining at home a short time he again volunteered as a private at Kinston in the County aforesaid for three months in the summer of the year 1779 under the command of Captain Samuel Caswell in the 2nd Regiment of North Carolina Militia commanded by Colonel William Caswell and was placed as one of the guard for the preservation of the American Magazine in the said Town of Kinston where he served the term of three months and received a mere verbal discharge from Colonel Caswell in the month of October 1779.

In the Summer of the year 1780 he again volunteered as a private in the said Town of Kinston as a minute man for the term of 14 months in a Troop of Cavalry under the command of Captain John Kennedy – under the Command of Colonel Bryan [John Bryan] and was marched to the Fort at Greensfield [?] between Wilmington in Brunswick and was in a skirmish with the British Army at Trent Bridge near Wilmington where the British Captain Gordon was killed – that he was in many other skirmishes with the British and Tories during this term of Service. That at this period that section of North Carolina between Wilmington and New Bern – was very much annoyed by the British and Tories – where the citizens had principally to rely protection on the troops to which he belonged, and that in the nature of their duties and service, they were compelled to be always ready – which prevented them from attending to any civil business. But

that during this time of 14 months – that he was not – in Garrison or actual service but four months – although in fact and in truth prevented from attending to any civil business of any kind during the 14 months that he received a verbal discharge in the month of September – 1781 from Colonel Bryan making in all three Terms of Service at least – 12 months for which he claims pay as a private. That he has no documentary evidence of his service except the one herewith for his first Term of service – and that he does not know of any person now living by whom he can prove any part of his services.

He hereby relinquishes any claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency of any State.

S/ Job Williams



Questions 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer – I was born in Worcester County in the State of Maryland in the year 1760.

[Last digit unclear]

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans: I have a record of my age written in my father's family Bible which is now in my possession

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: I was living in the County of Dobbs State of North Carolina when I entered the service in every instance where I continued to live after the Revolutionary War until about 28 years ago when I removed to the County of Anson where I have continued to live ever since and where I now live.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans: I volunteered in every instance

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans: I believe that Colonel Eaton who commanded the Virginia Troops and whom we joined at the Town of Elizabeth on the Cape Fear River was a Continental Officer and that General Lincoln whom we were joined at Puryburg on the Savannah River was a Regular Army [officer] – the most of my service was under the command of Colonel William Caswell of the Militia. In my last term of service in the Cavalry I was under the Command of Colonel Bryan – who was a Militia Officer --

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans: I only received one written discharge, and that from Colonel William Caswell bearing date the 3rd day of April 1779 – which is now in my possession in which accompanies this declaration.

7th 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 in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans: I am well known to the Reverend Joel Gullledge and Stephen Hasty who are well acquainted with me.

S/ Job Williams

[Joel Gullledge, a clergyman, and Stephen Hasty gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 20: On June 19, 1845, in Union County North Carolina, Celia Williams, widow of Job

Williams, filed an application for a widow's pension stating that she was born in the year 1762 on the 15th of January; that she married the said Job Williams on November 7 in her 18th year and that they were married by Andrew Baker, a clergyman; and that her husband Job Williams died on October 7, 1842; and that she has a record of her children kept by her grandson Bedford H. Williams with whom she resides. Bedford H. Williams was the son of her son Benjamin Williams. She gives the names of her children as follows:

"Mary Williams born in August after marriage [August 28th 1780]

George Williams [January 27, 1783]

John Williams [December 11, 1785]

Benjamin Williams was born 22nd of April 1788

Joshua Williams was born the 23rd of November 1790

Isaac Williams was born the 22nd of July 1793

Catherine Williams [February 3rd [?] 1796]

Celia Williams [February 25, 1799]

Abraham Williams" [February 23, 180[th last digit missing-runs off the page]]*

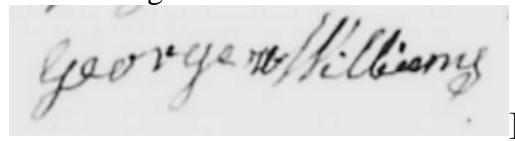
[*bracketed dates added from the photocopy of the handwritten record submitted in evidence]

The image shows a handwritten record, likely a church register or family book, with entries for the Williams family. The text is written in cursive and includes the following entries:

- Job Williams was born in the year 1762 Decem 23rd day
- Mary Williams daughter of the above said was born in the year of our Lord 1780 August 28th
- George Williams was born in the year of our Lord 1783 January 27th
- John Williams was born in the year of our Lord 1785 Decem 11th
- Benjamin Williams was born in the year of our Lord 1788 April 22nd day
- Joshua Williams was born in the year of our Lord 1790 Novemb 23rd day
- Isaac Williams was born in the year of our Lord 1793 July 22nd day
- Catherine Williams was born in the year of our Lord 1796 February 3rd day
- Celia Williams was born in the year of our Lord 1799 February the 25th
- Abraham Williams was born in the year of our Lord 1800 February 23rd

that he was born December 12, 1786 according to his father's record and that he was the 3rd child of his parents.]

[p 5: On March 30, 1846 in Harris County Georgia, George W Williams gave testimony that his father's family register of the ages of his children were in his father's (Job Williams') own handwriting.



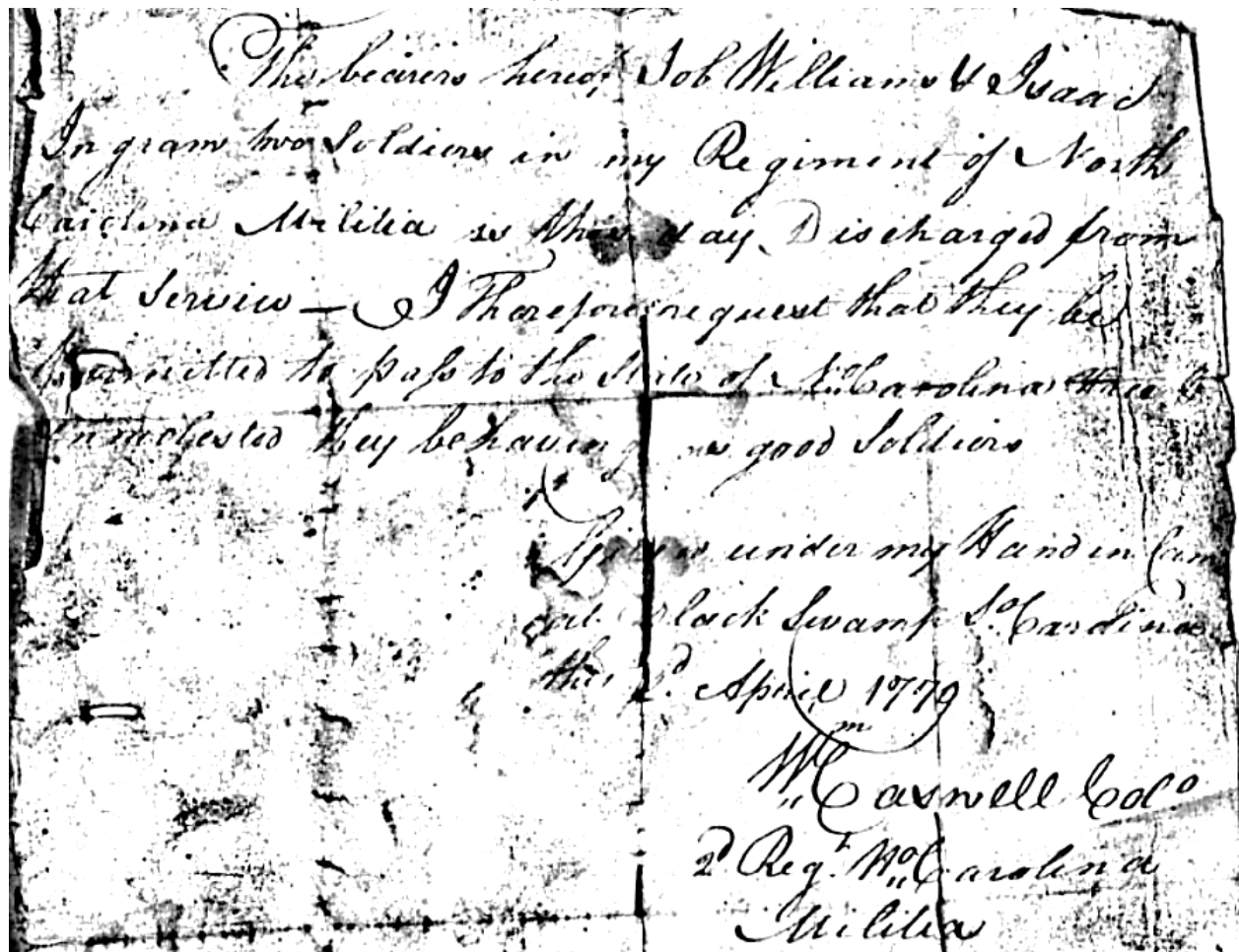
George W. Williams

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The bearer hereof Job Williams & Isaac Ingram two Soldiers in my Regiment of North Carolina Militia is this day Discharged from that Service – I therefore request that they be permitted to pass to the State of North Carolina unmolested they behaving as good Soldiers.

Given under my hand in Camp at Black Swamp South Carolina this 2nd April 1779

S/ W. Caswell Colo.
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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 12 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]