

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Willoughby W18345

Sarah Willoughby f45VA

Transcribed and annotated by Will Graves

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State of Virginia Spotsylvania County: SS

On this the 5th day of December 1837 personally appeared before me a justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Sarah Willoughby a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged 78 years who first being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July the 4th 1836 that she is the widow of William Willoughby who was she believes a Sergeant in the Army of the United States in the war of the revolution she does not recollect if she ever knew where he served but believes it was to the North before her marriage nor does she recollect what officers he was under she can only say that he enlisted after having served as she believes an enlistment of four years was discharged immediately after which she was married to him the said William Willoughby in the County of Spotsylvania by Parson Stephenson on the 30th day of June 1779 that after their marriage he was in the service at different times she thinks to the end of the war but cannot recollect how long she recollects he went to the Town of York and there served under whom she cannot say she is enabled to speak definitely as to the marriage from the family register as also of his death which took place on the 29th of October 1815 that she has remained his widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

S/ Sarah Willoughby, X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me Claiborne Duvall, JP

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Caroline County State of Virginia} SS

On this the 7th day of December 1837 personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid, John Oliver,¹ of said County who, after being sworn according to law made the following declaration, that he was in the War of the Revolution, that he entered the service under Captain John Fitzick [John Fitzhugh?] and attached to Colonel Samuel Temple's Regiment and served out his two years principally as a guard up and down the River but, he thinks, the same year he was discharged he entered the service again by draft and went under Captain David Janssen and went again to Williamsburg and was under Major Armistead & Colonel Mathews till discharged in 1781 he was again drafted before the siege of

¹ [John Oliver S5859](#)

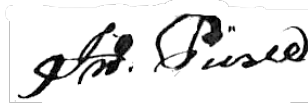
York Town and was under Captain John Fitzick but in Gloucester County nearly opposite Yorktown he joined Captain Seizor or some such name, who was attached to General Weedon's Brigade where he served his time out in which expired after the siege of York Town, he further says that he knew William Willoughby well, that said Willoughby served, he believes, verily the whole war, part of the time in the Continental line & part of it in the Militia, that he was at the siege of York and he believes, did serve to the end of the tour, but of this fact, will not be positive. I do furthermore certify, that John Oliver is a man of the highest respectability in point of moral worth and that from a long life spent in this County, I feel assured, he has the confidence of all who know him, as a man of the strictest veracity, that he is now a Pensioner. Given under my hand this the day and date first above written.

S/ Robert B. Corbin, JP

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I John Pierce ² of the County of Spotsylvania and State of Virginia do hereby certify I served several tours of duty as a militia man in the war of the Revolution and am now receiving a pension that I entered the service as early as 1775 and served at different times the last tour I served having been finished a few days previous to the siege of York Town in October 1781. I also certify that I was acquainted with William Willoughby late of this County who married Sarah Sorrell sometime in the summer of 1779 that after their marriage said Willoughby was in actual service in the Army of the United States but for what length of time I cannot speak positively. I also certify that said Sarah is now and has remained the widow of said wedding Willoughby. Given under my hand this 10th day of February 1838

S/ Jno Pierce

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Pierce", enclosed in a simple rectangular border.

[p 4: family record:

William Willoughby was married June 30 1779

Sally Willoughby was born April 14 1783

Nancy Willoughby was born April 12, 1785

Betsey Willoughby was born August 21, 1787

William Willoughby was born December 16th 1791

John Ashmore Willoughby was born August 15 1794

LeSenday [?] Willoughby was born January 27 1797

Sally Willoughby was married October 4th 1798

Lucendy Cash was born April 2 [?] 1801

William Cash was born April 10 1803

Thomas Gibson was married to Elizabeth Guillougy December 11 1821

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Thomas Chicles

William H Martin was born August the 8 [?] 1818

[illegible] Sarah E. Martin was born the year 1837

² [John Pierce S5933](#)

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William Willoughby is my name and Spotsylvania is my Station

Sally Willoughby married October 4th 1797

Nancy Willoughby was married October 2nd 1800

William Willoughby was married the 30th of January 1812

[illegibly faint entry] died October 29 1815

Lusendy Willoughby was married to Charles McLeod the 27[?] 1815 December

James Martin & Sedney Willoughby was married May 25 1818

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William Willoughby was married June 30 1779

Polly Willoughby was born April 12 1780

Polly Willoughby died April 2nd 1781 [last digit could be 6]

Sally Willoughby was born At. 14 1783

Nancy Willoughby was born At. 18 1785

Betsey Willoughby was born August 21 1787

Whitfield Willoughby was born June 30 1790

William Willoughby was born December 16 1791

John a Willoughby was born August 15 1794

Ludsenday Willoughby was born January 27 1797

Polly Keath was born March 29, [could be 24], 1788

Sally was married October 4, 1797

LudSenday Cash was born At 4 1800

Nancy Willoughby was married to October 1800

Sednay Willoughby was born October 28, 1800

William Cash was born April 10 1803

Gargia Yong was born July 6

James Adam Cash was born February 4 1806

[illegibly faint entry] September 19 1808

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Ths. Gibson was married to Elizabeth Guilloughby December [illegible]

Polly Parker was born July 14th 182?

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Gorg Yong born [indecipherable] February 7th 1803 lived to be 7 years old the 16th of July next

William Willoughby was married to Sally Sorell of Caroline County the 30th of January and died December the 29th 1812 [or 1826 written below "1812"]

William H Martin was born August 18 181?

[p 11: On November 17, 1850 in Spotsylvania County Virginia, Elizabeth Gibson filed a claim in which she states she is the daughter of Sarah Willoughby, widow of William Willoughby deceased; that Sarah Willoughby departed this life the 17th day of February 1849; that Sarah Willoughby was a pensioner under the act of 1838 as the widow of William Willoughby; that her mother received a pension as the widow of a private when in fact she was entitled to a pension as the widow of a Sergeant; she files this claim on behalf of herself and her sister Lucinda McCloud

the only surviving children of the said Sarah Willoughby.

Elizabeth Gibson

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State of Virginia Spotsylvania County: to wit

I do hereby certify that I was a Revolutionary pensioner of the United States; and that I know of my personal knowledge that my brother William Willoughby deceased, whose widow now allowed a pension under the act of Congress of July the 7th 1837, was a Sergeant in the Revolutionary war for more than 2 years in Captain Joseph Spencer's company of Infantry in the Virginia line on Continental establishment. Given under my hand this 28th day of October 1851

S/ Henry Willoughby,³ X his mark

Memorandum: This affiant does not mean to say that William Willoughby served the whole time in Captain Spencer's Company, but that he entered the service under his command and served in fact five years a part of which time he was a prisoner.

S/ Henry Willoughby, X his mark

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for her husband's service of 2 years and upwards as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

³ [Henry Willoughby S6415](#)

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Addendum to William Willoughby W18345

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[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

These may certify that Wm Willoughby formerly a Soldier in the fifth Va Regt. hath duly and faithfully serv'd out the the Term of three years for which he was enlisted in consequence of which and at his own Request he is hereby discharg'd from any further Service in s'd Regt he having receiv'd all his Bounty pay and Cloathing in full for all allowanc and Provision made by Congress for their Troops.

A Copy

Given under my hand at Philadelphia this second Day of April 1780

H. Randolph

Christian Febiger [VAS675] Colo. Comd't.

State of Kentucky} Fayette County Sct

Frederick Coons [S35844] being duly sworn, saith that he knew William Willoughby as Sergeant in the state of virginia and that he knew him said Willoughby in the revolutionary war and that he served in the Virginia line on Continental establishment in the 7th Regiment and in the company of Capt Joseph Spencer. that he knew him in the year 1777 1778 & 1779 and that he inlisted during the war and was honorably discharged at the expiration of the Service
given under this said affiants hand this 4th of aug't 1826 Frederick hisXmark Coons

Fayette County. September Court 1826

On motion of Anthony Arnold it was proven to the satisfaction of the Court that William Willoughby was a soldier of the Virginia Continental Army in the Revolutionary War and that he is now dead, and that Nancy Arnold, late Nancy Willoughby, Betsy Gibson late Betsy Willoughby William Willoughby Lucinda McCloud late Lucinda Willoughby and Sidney Martin late Sidney Willoughby are the only heirs at law of said William Willoughby deceased. It is ordered that the same be Certified to all whom it may concern.

State of Kentucky Fayette County Sct.

John Nelson [S35537] late a Lieutenant in the 7th Virginia Regiment on Continental line during the Revolution and now Receiving the benefits of the late Act of Congress, made Oath before me a Justice of the Peace for said County that he was personally acquainted with William Willoughby previous to the Revolutionary War, and that he knew said Willoughby as a Sergeant in Capt. Joseph Spencers Company in said Regiment for Five years, when this Affiant was ordered to the South leaving said Willoughby in the Service and saw him nomore during the war, and when this deponent returned to Spottsylvania Virginia in the year 1783 he saw said Willoughby and heard and always understood and believes that said Willoughby served during the war.



Sworn to and subscribed before me and I certify that Capt. John Nelson is on the Pension Roll & highly credible on Oath this 5th day of Aug't 1830.

James L. Hickman JP