

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Williams W18347 Drusilla (Drucilla) William f39NC
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State of North Carolina, Chatham County

On this 1st day of May 1845 came before me Edwin Snipes one of the acting Justices of the peace for said County and a member of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, Drusilla Williams, a resident of the aforesaid County and State, aged 88 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the Benefit of the Act of Congress passed on the 4th day of July 1836 for the benefit of certain Widows, that she is the widow of the late David Williams who served two tours of duty in the War of the Revolution. She is from old age and loss of memory unable to specify the different tours of duty her husband was under the command of Captain Richardson [William Richardson] that he was a private in Chatham County in the North Carolina militia; that she was married about the year 1774 in Chatham County North Carolina that her husband the said David Williams died about 1828, that he she has not married since the death of the said David Williams but remains his widow, that she has no family register, that her oldest child viz. Stephen Williams is 70 years old. Sworn to and subscribed on the above date before me.

S/ Edwin Snipes, JP

S/ Drusilla Williams, X her mark

[p 3: On May 15, 1846 in Chatham County North Carolina, Thomas Person a resident of said County gave testimony that he was well acquainted with David Williams and Drusilla his wife; that affiant's father, Lewis Pearson [sic, Lewis Person?], was a soldier of the Revolutionary War and that his father said that David Williams was also a soldier in the Revolution; that Stephen Williams is the oldest child of David & Drusilla Williams and is now 70 years of age; that many years ago the affiant heard Drusilla say that she carried her 2nd child, Anne, to meet with David Williams at a place on Haw River called the Redfield Ford where he joined the Army.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Person". The signature is written in dark ink and is somewhat slanted to the right. It appears to be a personal signature rather than a printed name.

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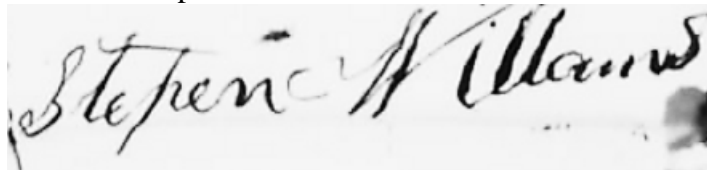
State of North Carolina, Chatham County

On this 2nd day of October 1845 personally appeared before the undersigned one of the acting Justices of the Peace in and for said County of Chatham Stephen Williams a resident of said County, aged 70 years last of March and made oath that he is the eldest child of David Williams, Deceased & Drusilla Williams, widow of the said David Williams Deceased, and who is an applicant for a Pension for the Revolutionary services of her said Husband David Williams,

Deceased, that he has a distinct Recollection of his father the said David Williams serving two tours in the Revolutionary War in the North Carolina Militia as a private soldier though this Deponent was at that time not more than seven or eight years of age that he Remembers that his father had a large Bay Horse which was his own Horse and served one tour under Captain William Richardson and another tour under the command of Captain Charles Christmas but he is unable to say what the length of said tours were but he is confident that his Father served in the above named two tours, and further saith not.

Sworn to & subscribed on this second day of October 1845 Before me.

S/ Stephen Williams

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephen Williams". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with some loops and flourishes.

I certify that Stephen Williams is considered as a man of truth in his neighborhood this second day of October 1845.

S/ I. Burnett, JP

Department of the Interior
Claim for Military Service

I certify that, in conformity with the law of the United States, of the 4th July 1836, Drucilla Williams deceased late of North Carolina widow of David Williams, who was a private in the revolutionary War and died on the ___ 1828, is inscribed on the Pension roll at the rate of \$51.25 per annum commencing on the 4th day of March 1831, and ending on the 8th of November 1847, when she died.

The amount is due and payable to Stephen Williams, James Williams, Jesse Williams, Ann Williams and Sarah Williams, only surviving children of Drucilla Williams Deceased.

Given at the Department of the Interior on this seventh day of September 1849.

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State of North Carolina, Chatham County

Of this the 15th day of May 1849 came Stephen Williams aged 74 years old before me Thomas Mann one of the acting Justices of the Peace for said County of Chatham and after being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he saw his Father David Williams and Captain Christmas [Charles Christmas] returning or going into the service in the old war and he also states that he saw his father and Captain William Richson [William Richardson] come to his father's house and he was informed that they were [indecipherable word] in the service of the United States and further has heard his father and others speaking of the battles that they were in, he further states that he has seen his father and mother's children ages in a Bible that his grandmother held in which contained all the ages of David Williams and Drusilla Williams his wife Stephen Williams was born in 1775 and John Williams was born in 1777 [last digit uncertain] and Mark Williams was born 1771 [sic, ?] and Ann Williams was born in 1781 and Elizabeth Williams was born in 1783 and William Williams was born in 1785 and Samwell Williams [Samuel Williams?] was born in 1789 and Jesse Williams was born in 1791 and James Williams was born in 1792 and Sally Williams was born in 1794 and Enoch Williams was born in 1796 and Delley Williams was born in 1799 and the said Stephen Williams on his oath states that the above dates of David and Drusilla Williams' children is just and True and that the said Stephen further states that Drusilla Williams died on the 8th day of November 1847.

Sworn and subscribed this day and date above written.

S/ Stephen Williams

Stepen P. Williams

S/ Thos. C. W. Mann, JP

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$51.25 per annum commencing March 4, 1831 and ending with her death on November 8, 1847. The amount of her pension was calculated based upon her husband's service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]