

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Williams W19635 Mildred Williams MD VA
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State of Virginia, Sct.

On this 24 day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County of Orange now sitting John Williams, a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged 78 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 act of Congress passed June 7 1832. That he entered the service of the United States in the revolution under the following named officers and served as herein stated. I entered the service as aforesaid early in the fall 1776 at that time I was a resident of Colbert [sic: Calvert] County, state of Maryland. I volunteered as a Sergeant under the Command of Capt Thomas Claland, Benjamin Johns Lieut, Benjamin Hance Ensign and continued in the service under the said Officers until the last of December 1777, during that time I marched to Baltimore to Germantown and through the state of Pennsylvania backwards & forwards joined General [William] Smallwood and Genl. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] at blackmarsh hill I was at the battle at Germantown [4 Oct 1777] I marched to Baltimore and was there discharged the last of December 1777 still under the command of the same Officers. After my discharge I remained at home nearly 2 years and then moved to the county of Orange in the state of Virginia. I remained about six or seven months there I was then drafted for a tour of two months and served under Capt Benjamin Johnson, Richard White and Belfield Cave Lieutenants, and marched to Cabin point [on James River in Surry County] and continued my time out under the same Officers and was discharged at Richmond, Virginia. I then returned home remained a short time was drafted a second time for two months and served under Capt May Burton [pension application W4141] and Benjamin Smith, Lieutenant, and marched to Morbine hills [sic: Malvern Hill 15 mi SE of Richmond] from thence to Warwick [5 mi S of Richmond] and hickory Churches [Hickorynut Church 8 mi NW of Williamsburg] in the Eastern part of Virginia, from thence I crossed York river over into Glouster [sic: Gloucester] County and remained my time out. the field Officers in this tour were Col. Matthews [probably Sampson Mathews] & Major Lomax [possibly Thomas Lomax]. I was there discharged and returned home. I remained but a short time before I was again drafted for two months and acted as sergeant during my whole service and served under Capt John Beadles [possibly John Biddle], marched to York at the Capture of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781]. I was there taken sick and remained so for nearly two months. I then returned to the County of Orange and have been a resident thereof until the present time. I further declare that I relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of any State. John Williams
[Richard White, pension application S6371, certified Williams's service at Yorktown.]

Orange County to wit

Pearsonally appear before me a justice of the peace for the County afos'd. [two undeciphered words] on this the 27th day of May 1833 John Williams the person who signed the within declaration and made oath that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively to as to the precise time of the first term of service mentioned in the said declaration he is certain it was 1 year and upwards. That his Col he thinks but is not certain from the reasons above was Smallwood who is called Gen in the declaration That he served the times mentioned in the other tours in the first of which he thinks the Col was [George] Stubblefield but he is not certain, in the second the Col's name is mentioned in declaration in the third he does not recollect the name of the Col for he was sick the most of this term That he acted as Sergent during the whole time if service and he claims a pension as such for the services aforesaid I certify that all the witnesses who has testified in this case are worthy of belief

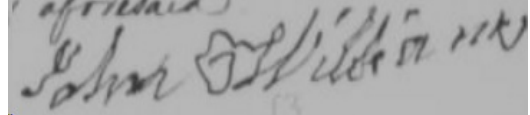
Daniel White

State of Virginia

Orange County Ss.

On this 26th day of August, one thousand eight hundred and thirty three, personally appeared before the County Court of Orange, John Williams, a resident of the said County in the State of Virginia who was born in the year 17 Fifty four and is now aged seventy nine years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration (supplemental to the declaration made by him in thee said Court on the 24th September 1832) in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That in April 1776 being then resident of Calvert County, State of Maryland, he entered the army of the United States, as a volunteer, in a company commanded by Captain Claland, Benjamin Johns being Lieutenant and Benjamin Hanes Ensign (Further reflection, a reference to circumstances, and conversations with William and Michael Catterton (companions of his youth) since the date of the former declaration and his affidavit of the 27 of May 1832, which brought to his recollection facts and circumstances, which had for a time gone out of his mind, enable him to say with certainty that he entered the service in April 1776 instead of the fall of that year, as stated in his first declaration). That he marched with said company first to Baltimore and then through various parts of Pennsylvania, that the said Company joined the command of Gen'l. Green and Colonel Smallwood at Blackmarsh Hill, and was present and engaged in the battle of Germantown. that it was ordered & marched to Baltimore, where he was discharged, towards the end of December 1777 that during the whole time of his service, to wit from April 1776 till towards the end of December 1777, he acted as a Sergeant After his discharge the Declarant returned to his former residence, where after an interval of about two years he moved to the County of Orange, State of Virginia, that some six or seven months after his said removal, he was, as one of the militia of Orange County, drafted for a tour of two months and marched to Cabin point, under the command of Capt. Benjamin Johnson, Richard White Lieutenant, and Belfield Cave, Ensign, Colonel Innis [sic: James Innes] commanding the regiment; and that after having served the two months, during the whole of which time he acted as Sergeant, he was marched to Richmond, Virginia, and there discharged. That in a short time after his return home he was again drafted for two months in the Company of Captain May Burton and Benjamin Smith, Ensign. that he marched successively to Malvern Hill to Warwick and Hickory Churches in Eastern Virginia, and across York river into the County of Gloucester, and having performed his said tour of two months, during the whole of which time he acted as Sergeant, he was discharged. To the best of his recollection the field Officer of the Regiment to which he belonged during the last tour, were Colonel Matthews and Major Lomax. That a short time after this last discharge he was again drafted, and served as a Sergeant, a two months tour, in the company commanded by Capt. John Beadles, and was at the Siege of York, when Cornwallis was captured. that he was there taken sick and remained so nearly two months, when being discharged he returned to his home in the county of Orange, where he has resided ever since, that he does not recollect to what Regiment he belonged during the last tour, probably from the circumstance of his having been sick the greater part of it, that if he received written discharges, about which he is not certain, he did not preserve them. The only witnesses within his knowledge, who can testify both to the Declarants services & character for veracity are William and Michael Collerton, Richard White and William Wayt [S6333] who testimony is hereto subjoined. the Declarant further made oath that by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise periods when he entered the service or was discharged in the three last tours – he knows that when he volunteered as above stated, he entered the service in April 1776 and served till towards the close of December 1777. that he served two months in each of the three last tours, and that he acted as Sergeant during the whole time of his service, and that he served during the war of the revolution upwards of two years. This Declarant further states, that he was born in Calvert County, and State of Maryland, in which he resided until he entered the service of the United States and served as herein before stated. He further states that there was no register of his age kept so far as he knows or believes, and if any, he has no knowledge what has become of it. He hereby relinquishes every claim, whatever to a pension or annuity except he present, and he declares that is not on the pension Roll or agency of any State whatsoever

Sworn and subscribed on the day and year aforesaid

A rectangular image showing a handwritten signature in cursive, which appears to be "Daniel White". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

State of Virginia

Orange County to wit

This day personally appeared before the undersigned an acting justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Richard White (whose character the subscriber hereby certifies to be good and who is a man of strict veracity and who in the opinion of the subscriber cannot be carried to the Court house of the County of Orange without much inconveniency and difficulty from his age and infirmity and distance therefrom it being nearly twenty miles; who made oath that John Williams who he understands is an applicant for a pension under the act of Congress passed the seventh of June 1832, served as a Sargeant in the Militia of the State of Virginia in the service of the United States for a tour of two months in the Company of Capt Benjamin Johnson in which this affiant was a Lieutenant and that this tour was in the year 1780 during the months of the fall of the same date. This deponent further states that he has known the said John Williams ever since the last mentioned period of time during all of which he has born an exemplary character in the opinion of this deponent and his neighbours generally for integrity & veracity & that full confidence should be place in his statements Given under my hand & seal this twenty fourth day of August 1833

Daniel White

State of Virginia

Orange County to Wit

This day personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County afs'd William Wayt (whose character the subscriber herby certifies to be good & who is a man of strict veracity & who in the opinion of the subscriber, cannot be got to the Court house of the County of Orange without much inconvenience & difficulty from his age and infirmity and distance therefrom, it being upwards of twenty miles, who made oath that John Williams, who he understands is an applicant for a pension under the Act of Congress passed the 7th June 1832 served as a sargeant he has no doubt (but from the grat laps of time dose not distinctly recollect, but is of the impression) in the militia of the state of Virginia in the service of the United States for a tour of two months in a company commanded by Capt. May Burton, this affiant being in the same Company and marched with said Williams from the County of Orange. This tour was in the year 1780 and during the months of July & August (knows it was in very warm weather but from the laps of memory dose not distinctly recollect that it was the two months above stated but believes it was). This deponent further states that he has known the said John Williams ever since the last mentioned period of time, during of which he has boarn an exemplary character in the opinion of this deponent and his neighbours generally for integrity & veracity and that full confidence should be placed in his statements; Given under my hand & seal this twenty fourth day August 1833

Daniel White

NOTES:

On 13 Oct 1841 Mildred Williams, about 84, applied for a pension stating that she married John Williams in Albemarle County VA about 1784 or 1785, and he died on 18 Oct 1837.

Documents in the file state that Mildred Williams died on 20 Nov 1841 with children living in Georgia, Alabama, or Mississippi, and that she left "some 8 or 10 negroes land and other property." Joseph Williams was administrator of the estate.