

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Williams W1967 Margaret fn28VA
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State of Ohio Preble County: SS: On this 11th day of July in the year of our Lord 1833, personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Common Pleas now sitting William Williams a resident of Jackson Township in the County of Preble and State aforesaid aged seventy-two years on the 20th day of December last, 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following officers and served as herein stated. That he was born in Fort Pitt (now Pittsburgh in the State of Pennsylvania) on the 20th day of December A.D. 1760 as appears from a record in his own Bible transcribed from his father's family records by himself and which his father in his lifetime informed him to be correct, that in the year 1762 he moved with his father into the State of Virginia and took up his residence in the County of Brunswick in said state at the commencement of the Revolutionary War and continued to have his residence there until the year 1795 when he removed to the State of Kentucky where he has resided until the year 1805 when he removed to Preble County in the State of Ohio where he has resided ever since and now lives – That he was drafted in the County of Brunswick in the State of Virginia in the month of September 1777 under Captain Elliot's (thinks Richard Elliot) Company of militia Major Lucas the only field officer that he remembers at that time, marched to Portsmouth opposite Norfolk in the State of Virginia aforesaid, where Colonel Downman took command under General Nelson, he served six weeks this first tour as fifer – Second term of service was as a volunteer under Captain Simmons on or about the first of May 1778 at which time he was appointed orderly Sergeant and served six weeks principally guarding salt blocks near Suffolk on the Nansemond River – Third term of service was in the fall of 1778 under Captain James Marshall of the County of Brunswick in the State of Virginia who marched us to Coblum Point [Cabin Point] where he served as orderly Sergeant six weeks when he was relieved by the arrival of another company of militia from the County of Brunswick aforesaid, there were no regular officers at the last mentioned place during his stay there – Fourth term of service, he joined the light infantry volunteer Corps in the County of Brunswick aforesaid, which were called minute-man under the command of Captain Robertson in the spring of 1779 and served three tours as orderly Sergeant at Petersburg in the State of Virginia the second service as an enrolled volunteer or minute man was in the summer of 1779 under Captain Isaac Hicks at Hicks Ford on the Meharrin river [Meherrin River] five weeks as orderly Sergeant: Third service as volunteer aforesaid was under Captain John Manly (he thinks Hicks & Manly were regular officers) in the fall of 1779 six weeks guarding the Town of Smithfield from the incursions of the British – Fourth service as volunteer aforesaid was in the spring of 1780 under Captain Manly aforesaid opposite old Jamestown on James River four weeks as orderly

Sergeant – we were stationed for the purpose of watching the British shipping coming up in order to give timely notice – Fifth service as volunteer aforesaid was in the fall of 1780 under Captain John Manly as Sergeant was stationed at Cobham on James River six weeks as a guard. Sixth service as volunteer aforesaid was in the spring of 1781 under Captain Lawrence House below the falls of James River in sight of Richmond six weeks as orderly Sergeant. Seventh and last service was in the summer of 1781 under Captain Lawrence House in Colonel Holcombe's Regiment of militia and Major Holcombe's Battalion we marched to Carter's ferry on James River, thence to Prince Edward Court house, then to Piney Fork of James River and there crossed on to the North side of said River I think General Lawson commanded at this time and fell in with General Lafayette's Army and then marched to Springfield about thirty miles North of Richmond where he was discharged about the first of August 1781 having served this tour seven weeks making in all the whole 55 weeks to wit six weeks as fifer and 49 weeks as orderly Sergeant during the revolutionary War – he states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. But that he is well acquainted with Alexander Mitchell of the Town of Eaton in the County of Preble for upwards of twenty years and also with the Reverend Henry Monfort of the same place upwards of fifteen years who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any state –

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ J. C. Hawkins, Clerk

S/ William Williams



[Henry Monfort, a clergyman, and Alexander Mitchell gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The State of Ohio Preble County: SS: Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace within and for the County of Preble aforesaid William Williams who has sworn to and subscribed the foregoing annexed and declaration, who being duly sworn according to law deposed and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his Service but according to the best of his recollection and he avers that he is not mistaken he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades: – for eleven months and thirteen days I served as an orderly Sergeant and for one month & twelve days I served as fifer, all of which time I was in actual service in the field and not engaged in any civil pursuit, and for such service I claim a pension. And that in the above estimate of Service he has charged for none but actual Service rendered in the field and that he has made no charge for the time he was marching to and from the Service, but only the time he was actually doing duty under his officers in the field and that he never got a written discharge for any of his Service but was verbally discharged.

Sworn to and subscribed Before made this 6th day of November 1833

S/ Isaac Stephens, JP

S/ William Williams

[fn p. 5: On June 8, 1849 in Preble County Ohio, Margaret Williams, 74, filed for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of William Williams who was a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution at the rate of \$62.28 [sic] per

annum; that she married him October 13, 1796; that her husband died in Jackson Township Preble County Ohio February 18, 1841; that she has not married since the death of her husband; that her name prior to her marriage was Margaret Plunket. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$62.29 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 11 months and 13 days as a Sergeant and one month & 12 days as a fifer in the Virginia militia. Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$62.29 per annum commencing March 4th, 1848 for her husband's service as a Sergeant & fifer in the Virginia militia.]