

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Williams W3907 Mary Williams A45NC
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[Ancestry.com image 545]

State of North Carolina Cleveland County }

Be it known that one William William [sic] a Revolutionary Character now living in the State and County aforesaid appeared before me Thomas M Hardin one of the Justices of the Peace for the aforesaid County and being duly sworn as the Law directs saith that he did enlist in the United States service in the Revolutionary war that he was enlisted by one Archable Litle but that he does not Recollect who was the Captain that he mustered under when he went into the Army and that he believes that he mustered in the sixth or seventh Regiment and that he served something like fifteen months and being in bad health he left the Army a few months and Returned to the Army and served until he was Regularly discharged by the Army and that he thinks that he served about two and a half years or near that time that he had his said discharge for several years but by Reason of an attempt to obtain a pension he gave up said discharge to one P. G. M. Roberts to send on to the war department and that said P. G. M. Roberts died shortly after and that he does not know what became of said paper and further saith that he believes that he was at the time that he was discharged in the first Regiment of the North Carolina militia [sic] and that there was one Sergeant in the Regiment by the name of Samuel Gillson [sic] who wrote his Discharge and that he believes that one Colonel Thomas White gave him his Discharge and that he will has not received any annuity or pension from any source what Ever and that he considers that he is Justly Entitled to a Pension under the Laws of the United States of America. Sworn to and subscribed this 25th day of January 1844 before me

S/ T. M. Hardin, JP

William Williams, X his mark

Test

S/ Thos Collins

[image 546]

NB The above named William Williams the applicant declares that the words North Carolina Militia in the 26 Line of his Declaration of the 25th of January 1844 was an entire mistake in him or the Justice he thinks in him through the weakness of his mind at that time that he did not serve with the Militia but with the Regular troops sworn to before me this 5th day of July A.D. 1844

S/ John B. Harry, JP

[image 559]

State of North Carolina

Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war that William Williams a private Soldier in said line, enlisted on the 16th day of May 1776, in Captain McGlaughan's Company of the 7th Regiment for the term of three years, and that he Deserted in August 1777, was mustered again in January 1778, and was discharged in November 1778: That a Warrant for bounty land for two and a half years services was issued to him, on the certificate of a Field Officer.

Given under my hand this 1st July 1844

S/ Wm Hill Secretary of State

[image 533]

State of North Carolina

Cleveland County

On this 5th day of July A.D. 1844 personally appeared Before us whose names are hereunto subscribed being two Justices of the Peace for the aforesaid County of Cleveland and State aforesaid at the House of William Williams having met for the purpose of taking the declaration of said William Williams a resident in this vicinity and of the County of Cleveland and State of North Carolina aged about 97 or 98 years old Who being first sworn according to Law doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States the spring before the Independence of the United States was declared he supposes 1776 that he was enlisted by one Archabal Litle [sic, Archibald Lytle] into the Company commanded by Captain McGloughon [sic, John McGlaughan] or Captain Dixon [Tilghman Dixon] and that he served in the 7th Regiment of Regulars under he declares that his memory has so failed that he cannot recollect the Colonel's name except it was Thomas White he recollects that there was a captain Brevard [probably Alexander Brevard] that acted as agitant [adjutant] and a Major Horney who was in the Army with them also a Captain donahoe [sic, Thomas Donoho], and a Samuel Gilston a Sergeant and a Stephen White who died the night after the battle at Monmouth Court House [June 28, 1778] &c. that he hereby relinquishes Every Claim to a pension or annuity except this and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any state in the United States nor elsewhere although he has applied different times for a pension under the act of the 7th of June 1832 but owing to the [image 531] imbecility of his mind and memory or something else he has been denied it as till yet.

He further declares that at the time he went into the service of the United States he was about 30 years old was living in Orange County North Carolina Mustered with the few that was collected at Hillsboro marched to Wilmington all in North Carolina was there stationed When Congress first declared the American Independence some time afterwards marched to Alexandria in Virginia and there halted and almost the Entire troops was Inoculated with the small pox and after a short stay they marched through the upper part of Maryland and into the State of New Jersey and there Joined General George Washington's Army and was stationed a part of the winter in a Little Village called Morristown next summer was a while at a place called White Plains that he was sick with fever and ague and could not march with the Army got leave of the Captain to leave got some Instrument of Writing said to be a furlough he thinks in August was absent until sometime in the winter supposed to be January he again mustered into the Army at or near a place called Valley Forge on the Schuylkille [Schuylkill River] in Pennsylvania where

the Army was Stationed that winter and where sickness and deaths was beyond description the next summer they marched over into the New Jersey State and on the Last of June 28th (he supposes 1778) they met with the British at or near Monmouth Court house and there had an engagement which was the first battle that he was in and he thinks the Americans gained the victory for he was guard to the baggage wagon that day and they remained on or near the same ground that night they were on the night before and a few months after say sometime in November he was regularly discharged from the Army whilst they were stationed on the North River (but that he had omitted to state that he thinks that he was thrown into the first Regiment to fill the vacancy occasioned by death &c but if so it was the 1st Regiment of the regular Line and not of the Militia as set forth in the former declaration through the Imbecility of mind or a mistake of the Magistrate for he says he did not serve with the Militia at all during his service in the Army all of Which is Sworn to and subscribed this day and date above written before us
S/ John B Harry, JP
S/ T. M. Hardin, JP

S/ Wm Williams, X his mark

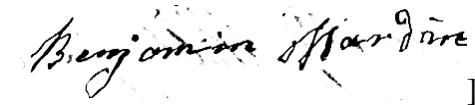
[image 540: James Hardin gave a standard supporting affidavit dated 25th of January 1844. On the same day Abraham Hardin gave a separate standard supporting affidavit.]

[image 527: On August 20th, 1847 in Cleveland County North Carolina Mary Williams filed for a pension as the widow of William Williams; she states that he was a pensioner of the United States; that she married him sometime in the year 1783; that her husband died October 22nd, 1846. She signed her application with her mark.]

[image 561: On August 27, 1847 in Cleveland County North Carolina Abednego Adams gave testimony that he was well acquainted with William Williams and his wife Mary in the year 1795; that he, Adams, was married in 1794 and that in 1795 Williams and his wife had at least 2 children; Adams states that he has lived a near neighbor to the Williams family ever since.


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[image 652: On August 27, 1847 in Cleveland County North Carolina Benjamin harden gave testimony that he was well acquainted with William Williams and his wife Mary since the year 1790; that he, Hardin, was married in 1792 at which time William and Mary Williams had 3 children one son and 2 daughters; that Hardin has lived a near neighbor to the Williams family ever since.


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[image 564: On November 15th, 1847 in Cleveland County North Carolina, the widow, Mary Williams gave further testimony that she was married William Williams in York District South Carolina; that she has no record of her marriage or of the births of her children. She signed this document with her mark.]

[image 565: On November 18, 1847 in Cleveland County North Carolina, Rebecca Irvin gave testimony that she knew William and Mary Williams were married prior to January 1st 1794 from

the fact that she has a record of her own marriage showing that she was married in 1795 at which time William and Mary Williams had four children, to wit, William, Mary, [name written over and rendered illegible, might be “Susan”] and James the oldest of which was 10 or 12 years old at the time of the deponent’s marriage.

Rebecca Levin

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 10 months. He is listed in the North Carolina rules as having enlisted on May 16, 1776, deserted in August 1777 – rejoined January 1778 and discharged November 1778 after having served in all 10 months. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]