

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Williams W4102

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State of North Carolina Rockingham County

On this 29th day of August 1832 personally appeared in Open Court, before the worshipful Court of pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting, William Williams a resident of the County of Rockingham and State of North Carolina aged [paper torn and text compromised] 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He resided in the County of Stafford State of Virginia and was enrolled in the militia of that State which was divided into sections. He first entered the service in Captain John Prim's company detailed from that County early in the year 1781 and served as a soldier a tour of three months, during this tour was first stationed at Hunters Works in Stafford County Virginia where it was expected Tarlton's [Banastre Tarleton's] horse would pass, and on the latter part of the tour he was ordered to the Horse-pen forward as a guard in order to prevent the passage of the enemy and was ultimately discharged from this tour at Falmouth Virginia . There was no regular officers in command during this tour. He entered the service on his second tour early in August of the same year (1781) under Captain William Hardin and joined his Regiment at Springfield Camp near Williamsburg Virginia (the number of the Regiment he did know but has now forgotten) and while there he volunteered under Colonel Morgan and served under him in a scouting party in pursuit of Tarleton, he was ordered from Springfield Camp to the lines near Little-York where served until the surrender of Lord Cornwallis. He recollects that General Washington, the Marquis de Lafayette, Colonel Morgan and many other Continental officers whose names he has forgotten was there and that in this tour he served something more than three months, and was one of the guard over the British prisoners when moved to Winchester Virginia and was ultimately discharged at the barracks near Winchester. He does not know of anyone within his reach by whom he can prove his services. For these services he once had a written discharge but they have been long since lost or mislaid. 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/ Ro. Gallaway, CC

S/ William Williams, X his mark

[William C Morton, a clergyman, and Thomas Little gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 12: On April 12, 1840 in Rockingham County North Carolina, Mary Williams, 76, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of William Williams, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$20 per annum; that she married him December 17,

1780; that her husband died March 3, 1835; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[fn p. 18: in a document dated March 23, 1846 filed in Rockingham County North Carolina, the widow, Mary Williams, gave her age as 77; and states that she married William Williams in the fall of 1786 in the County of Stafford in the state of Virginia.]

[fn p. 11: Copy of a marriage bond issued in Warren County North Carolina to William Williams and John Williams on January 16, 1781 the condition of which is the marriage of William Williams to Mary Clo [sic, Cloe].]

[facts in file: James Williams, the eldest son of the soldier and his wife, Mary, was born February 25, 1788. It was stated that in 1801, when the soldier moved to North Carolina, he had 6 children, but the only name given is that of his son, James. Other documents in the file indicate that the soldier and Mary Cloe were much married in December 1786 in Stafford County Virginia and that they were both residents of Overwharton Parish , Stafford County, Virginia prior to their marriage.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the Virginia militia. Veteran's widow was pensioned in a like amount commencing March 4th, 1843.]