

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ebenezer Williams W4391 Catharine fn63VA  
Transcribed by Will Graves 9/19/11

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### Fayette County Pennsylvania: SS

On this 22nd day of June A.D. 1833 Personally appeared before Samuel Nixon an associate Judges in & for the County aforesaid Ebenezer Williams a resident of German Township County & State aforesaid aged seventy-five 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 the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

That the first of October 1780 he was drafted in Captain Isaac Parsons company of Virginia for six months but cannot recollect his Colonel's name. That he was first marched from Hampshire County Virginia to the Barracks near Winchester (within two miles) where he was stationed for the purpose of guarding the Prisoners taken at the capture of Burgoyne a part of which were kept at the Barracks aforementioned and there guarded. That he served his entire six months at that place or until discharged and does not now remember of being anywhere else performing service during the six months for which he was drafted except the Barracks near Winchester. That his time expired the last of March 1781. That upon the expiration of his service in the militia he went into Winchester and there enlisted with Captain Fely [Feeley?] alias McFely [McFealy or McFeeley?] for during the war. That this was early in April 1781. That he was kept performing military duty at Winchester and the Barracks until shortly after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis when he was discharged and this deponent here states that after his enlistment he was not marched to head quarters or to the Army. The company of Captain Fely alias McFely not being full or made up but still recruiting that the company never was organized but that this deponent did enlist in it and served as an enlisted soldier from sometime in April 1781 till September the same year making a period of six months which with the militia service makes one year and for the service he claims a pension. That the whole of his services were performed at the Barracks near Winchester, and at Winchester. That he has no documentary evidence of his service or any witnesses that he knows of to prove them.

He was born in Cumberland County New Jersey in the year 1757.

He has a record of his age in his Bible.

That he lived when he entered the service in Hampshire County Virginia – and has lived ever since he left Virginia and Fayette County Pennsylvania and has lived where he now lives 30 years.

He was first drafted, then Enlisted.

His memory is exceedingly they had, almost gone which prevents him from stating the names of officers, he could have done some years since, all he can recollect are mentioned in his

declaration together with the general circumstances of his service.

He received no written discharge from his militia officers but had a written discharge from Captain Fely alias McFely which he has long since lost.

He hereby relinquishes every pension or annuity whatever except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Affirmed to and subscribed the 22nd day of June A.D. 1833 before me one of the Judges of the Court of common pleas for Fayette County Pennsylvania

S/ Samuel Nixon

S/ Ebenezer Williams, X his mark

[Peter T. Laishley and Samuel Ashe gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Pennsylvania Fayette County: SS

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in & for said County Ebenezer Williams who being duly sworn deposeth 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 his recollection of his services is as follows:

For six months I served in Captain Isaac Parsons company of Virginia militia he performed this service at Barracks near Winchester he cannot recollect his Colonel's name but thinks he served under Colonel Fox. For six months I served as a regular soldier in Captain Felys alias McFeelys Company. That he performed six months service as an Enlisted Soldier at Winchester and the Barracks near there. In this service he had no Colonel. He enlisted for during the war but the company not being organized never was attached to any Regiment, that he served six months as aforesaid previous to the surrender of Lord Cornwallis after which he was discharged the company still not being made up or fully. That it is not in his power to furnish any Evidence of his services, other than his own statement and Explanation. That he certainly performed six months service as an enlisted soldier and it was not his fault that the company was not made up and marched to head quarters, and thinks he ought to have a pension for the six months as well as his militia service.

Sworn & subscribed before me the 2nd September 1833

S/ James Piper

S/ Ebenezer Williams, X his mark

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Fayette County Pennsylvania

On the 2nd day of April 1834 Personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in & for said County Ebenezer Williams who upon his oath made the following statement of facts in order to obtain and addition to his pension he now drawls for six months service. That in addition to his six months service as a militia man, he enlisted in December 1780 with Captain Feely alias McFeely for during the war and was mustered in his company which by the by was never organized. That he enlisted in Winchester Virginia at which place he performed his services until July following 1781 when he was discharged, the company not being full. That during this time he was under military control and performed all and every kind of service he was commanded to perform. The company not being organized was not his fault he performed the service faithfully as a soldier and was regularly enlisted and served as such and thinks he is entitled to a further pension of eight months.

S/ Ebenezer Williams

*Ebenezer Williams*

[fn p. 5: On May 29, 1844 in Portage County Ohio, Catherine Williams, 82, filed a claim for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Ebenezer Williams, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that her husband died December 29th 1841 in the County of Portage, Ohio; that he lived in Frankfurt, Hampshire County Virginia when he entered the service; that after their marriage they moved from Virginia to Fayette County Pennsylvania she believes in 1782 where he again entered the service in a company commanded by Captain Isaac Parsons, Colonel William Fox; That she married her Ebenezer Williams April 17, 1781 at Frankfurt in Hampshire County Virginia prior to his leaving the service; that her husband died in the 84th year of his age. She signed her application with her mark.]

[fn p. 7, witnesses offering testimony in support of the widow's pension made statements that she is about 82 years of age; that her husband resided in the Township of Deerfield for the space of 5 years before his death on December 29 1841; since his death the widow has lived part of her time with her daughter Dorcas Parsons Deerfield Portage County of Ohio and part of her time with her son Lewis Williams in Lexington Township Stock County of Ohio.]

[fn p. 15: On December 10, 1844 in Stock County of Ohio, Aaron Williams, 59, and Lewis Williams, 48, gave testimony that they are children of Ebenezer and Catherine Williams; that Aaron Williams was born in 1786 and that Lewis Williams was born in 1795; that they have never heard the marriage of their parents questioned.

*Aaron Williams*  
*Lewis Williams* ]

[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 for a like amount commencing March 4th, 1848.]