

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Williams W4392

Elizabeth Williams

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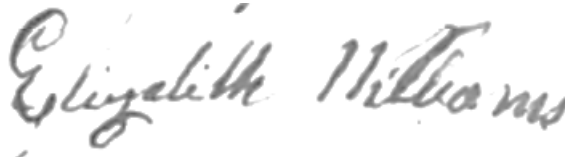
State of North Carolina, Duplin County }

On this the 14th day of September A.D. 1839 personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said County Elizabeth Williams a resident in the County of Duplin aforesaid aged 71 years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7, 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows:" That she is the Widow of David Williams who was a private of cavalry in the war of the Revolution and served two tours of three months each the one immediately succeeding the other. He entered in March or April 1781 in a company of Duplin cavalry under Captain Aaron Williams, Joseph Williams Lieutenant John Goff Ensign, Britton Powell Sergeant, subject to the orders of Colonel James Kenan, met at the residence of Joseph Williams, marched to the North East River – then to Black River, Doctor's Creek, & marched to the Big Bridge and arrived there the day or the morning of the day that the last battle was at that place and was detached to New Bern to guard wagons sent thither – that he was a private and volunteer and resided in Duplin County North Carolina when he entered the service. That the second tour immediately succeeded the first and was a continuation of service under the same officers, that he was occasionally stationed at Duplin old Court House and when Cornwallis marched through this State from Wilmington to Virginia and his Army passed Goshen Bridge where his company was stationed which dispersed upon the approach of the enemy – Upon his return from New Bern he heard of the capture of Cornwallis & his Army at York Town [Yorktown, October 19, 1781]. Soon after which he was discharged having served in both tours six months as above stated – she has no documentary evidence.

She further declares that she was married to the said David Williams on the 20th day of May 1790, and that her husband, the aforesaid David Williams died on the 28th day of September 1830; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 viz. at the time above stated.

She further declares that she has not intermarried since the death of the aforesaid David Williams her deceased husband but continues his widow; that the family record of their marriage is hereunto annexed has been in her possession ever since the death of her said husband, that the same is genuine and in the hand writing of her said deceased husband – that she is old, infirm & cannot from bodily infirmity attend Court.

S/ Elizabeth Williams



Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me and I do hereby certify that said Elizabeth Williams is a credible and respectable person and that her statement is entitled to full faith & credit, and that she is unable from bodily infirmity to attend Court.

S/ Wm Rivenbark, JP

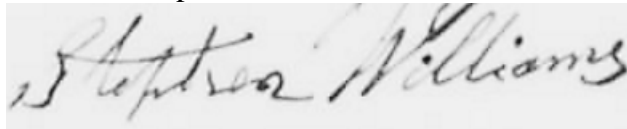
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State of North Carolina, Duplin County} SS

On this the 14th day of September A.D. 1839 before the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said County personally appeared Stephen Williams Senior¹ a resident of said County of Duplin age 75 years last June who being first duly sworn, according to law maketh oath that he was well acquainted with David Williams the husband of the aforesaid applicant Elizabeth Williams and served with him in the War of the Revolution two tours of three months each in a company of Duplin cavalry under Captain Aaron Williams, Joseph Williams, Lieutenant and was subject to the control of Colonel James Kenan, entered in April 1781 as volunteers and privates. In these tours we marched and traversed Duplin and New Hanover Counties and once to New Bern stationed a while at Duplin old Court House & were at Goshen bridge when Cornwallis and his Army passed on from Wilmington to Virginia he is positively certain that said David Williams served six months as above stated. He further maketh oath that said Elizabeth Williams has not intermarried but continues the widow of said David Williams, deceased.

S/ Stephen Williams

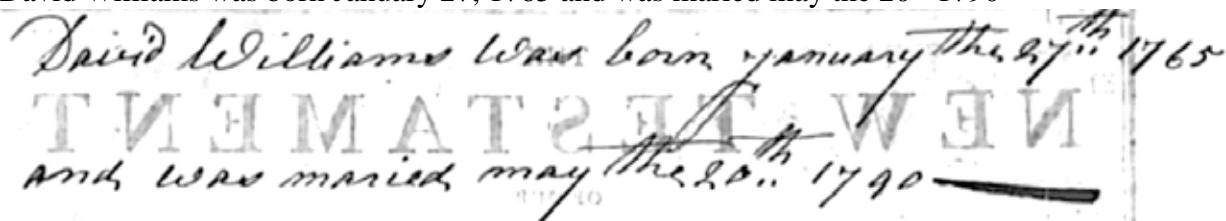


Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me & I do hereby certify that said Stephen Williams Senior is a credible witness and that his statements are entitled to full faith and credit.

S/ Wm Rivenbark, JP

[p 3: family record]

David Williams was born January 27, 1765 and was married may the 20th 1790



[p 14: On September 14, 1839 in Sampson County North Carolina James Matthis, 75, of Sampson County attests the marriage of David and Elizabeth Williams—says he was one of the waiters at said marriage.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4, 1836 for her husband's service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]

1 [Stephen Williams W26063](#)