

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Cuthbert Williamson W4394

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of Virginia: Charlotte County to wit:

On this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1838, personally appeared before me a justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, Susannah Williamson, a resident of Charlotte County, State of Virginia, aged 84 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836—

That she is the Widow of Cuthbert Williamson late of Charlotte County, who was a soldier and Ensign of Militia in the war of the Revolution. That at this great distance of time, in consequence of old age and bodily infirmity, her memory is quite defective, and cannot recollect distinctly the services of her late husband in the Revolutionary War. She recollects, however, that she married him before the commencement of the Revolutionary struggle, and that several times he was drafted in the Militia, and she left destitute and alone with her children. That he marched to the South, and afterwards, went as an Ensign to the siege of Yorktown. Being a woman and not in the Army with her husband she cannot say exactly what service he rendered, or how long he remained in the Army; on which account, for particulars of service, length of service, grade and Rank he held, the Regiment & line, officers commanding during the time, she begs leave to refer to the Army Records of the period, and the accompanying certificates of old soldiers who served with him, and of course, had the best opportunity of knowing all these particulars better than herself. She prays the same may be taken as part of her declaration. She further declares, that she was married to her said husband before the expiration of his last period of service.

She further declares that she was married to the said Cuthbert Williamson in the County of Charlotte on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1772: that her husband the aforesaid Cuthbert Williamson, died on the [blank] day of November 1812; and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more readily appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

[signed] Susanna W'mson

State of Virginia: Charlotte County to wit:

I do hereby certify, that I was well acquainted with Cuthbert Williamson, late of Charlotte, in the Revolutionary war, and recollect distinctly, that he served two tours of duty in the South, in the years 1780 and 1781, each of three months. He was drafted first under Captain Williams [probably Thomas Williams], and marched to Camden [SC], and was engaged in the battle fought in August [16<sup>th</sup>], 1780. He was then drafted the 2<sup>d</sup> time under Capt John Harvey, and marched to North Carolina, and was engaged in the Battle of Guilford [Courthouse] in March [15<sup>th</sup>], 1781. the whole making six months as coming within my personal knowledge.

I further certify, that the widow of said Cuthbert Williamson is still alive, resident in the county of Charlotte, and that she has continued a widow ever since his death.

[20 Oct 1838]

Thomas hisXmark Harvey [pension application R4715]

Virginia: Charlotte County to wit:

I do hereby certify, that Cuthbert Williamson late of Charlotte, was a soldier of the Revolution and that he was an Ensign in Capt Wallace's Company, and was at the Seige of York town [28 Sep - 19 Oct]. He was in service about two months. I know nothing further, in regard to his services. Given under my hand this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1838.

Benjamin hisXmark Marshall [pension application S5728]

State of Virginia: Charlotte County to wit:

I do hereby certify again that Cuthbert Williamson late of Charlotte was an officer and soldier in the war of the Revolution. I know well that he served two tours of duty in the South, each of three months; the first in 1780 under Capt Williams, and was at the battle of Camden; the second under Capt Harvey, and was at the battle of Guilford. In 1780, at [Gen. Horatio] Gates

defeat near Camden, Gene'l Gates was Commander in Chief, and General [Edward] Stevens commanded the Virginia Troops - Colonels [Charles] Porterfield & [Robert] Lawson and Major [John] Armstrong. In 1781, at Guilford, Genl Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] was Commander in Chief; and Generals Stevens & Lawson commanded the Virginia Troops and Colonels Hubbard, [Henry] Lee & others. I recollect distinctly that said Williamson held some appointment during the above mentioned tours, and suppose he held the Commission of Ensign, but may be mistaken in that. The said Williamson served another tour of duty in the fall of 1781 under Capt Wallace, as Ensign, and was at the Siege of Yorktown. He served on this occasion as Ensign two months.

Thomas hisXmark Harvey

[28 Sep 1839]

Virginia: Charlotte County to wit:

I Benjamin Marshall do hereby certify again, that Cutbert Williamson was an Ensign in Capt Wallace's Company at Yorktown in 1781, and served as such at least two months - Col Holt Richardson and Genl Lawson were commanding officers. The statement of Thomas Harvey, I have seen, and is correct; to the best of my knowledge and recollection.

Benjamin hisXmark Marshall