

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Buckner Williams W4864

Mary William

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State of North Carolina, Northampton County }

On this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year 1832 Personally appeared before me Roderick B. Gary one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the aforesaid County Buckner Williams Senior a resident in the County and State aforesaid aged 77 years in May next who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832,

That he was drafted & served a six months tour in Captain Williamson [James Williamson] & Burn's [Henry Burns'] Company in Col. Seawell [Benjamin Seawell] and Brickle's [sic, Lt. Col. William Brickell's] Regiment and after joined General Butler's [John Butler's] Regiment that he lived in Northampton County N. C. when he entered the service he marched through North Carolina South Carolina & Georgia was in no battle discharged at a place called the Gallands [?] Branch near Salisbury – that he knows of no person now living except James Seat<sup>1</sup> that he can prove his service by, that he has no document that he can prove anything of his service, 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,

I do hereby certify that the above declaration and was sworn to and subscribed before me the day & year above written & that from bodily infirmity the applicant cannot attend the court.  
S/ R. B. Gary, JP

S/ Buckner Williams, X his mark

State of North Carolina, Northampton County }

On the 6 day of September 1832 personally appeared before me, James Seat, & maketh oath to the following part of the above declaration of Buckner Williams Senior That he was drafted at the time the said Buckner Williams was, & is knowing to his (the said Williams) serving a three months tour in Captain Williamson & Burn's Company in Col. Seawell & Brickle's Regiment, & marching in North Carolina & South Carolina. The said James Seat says he never served, but three months at any one time as he hired substitutes part of the time he was drafted to serve – consequently he knows of but three months service rendered by Buckner Williams.

S/ James Seat, X his mark

[On March 5, 1844, Mary Williams, 84, filed in Northampton County North Carolina for a widow's pension stating that she married Buckner Williams on December 23, 1786; that her husband died on May 2, 1836; that she has no family record of their marriage. She signed her

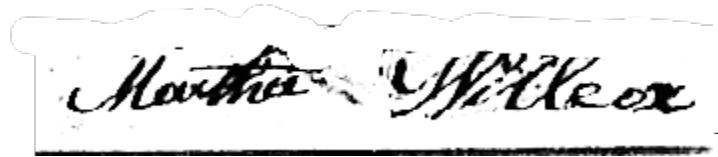
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1 [James Seat S7473](#)

application with her mark]

[On September 19, 1844 in Halifax County North Carolina, Martha Wilcox, 68, gave testimony that she was well acquainted with Mary Williams; that Mary Williams' maiden name was Mary Melton[?];<sup>2</sup> she was the mother of two children, Thomas and Martha Williams, as of 1793 and that Thomas and Martha Williams were the eldest children of Buckner and Mary Williams. Martha Wilcox also testified that she, Martha, was married to her 1<sup>st</sup> husband Thomas Hudson on August 20, 1793 at which time Buckner and Mary Williams were married and the parents of at least 2 children, Thomas and Martha Williams.

S/ Martha Willcox

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martha Willcox". The signature is enclosed in a rectangular box with a decorative, slightly irregular top edge.

[On September 5, 1844 Jarrel Thomson, 82, a resident of Northampton County North Carolina gave testimony that Mary Williams' maiden name was Mary Melton; that he well recollects the circumstances of their marriage because old Mr. Melton, Mary's father, was opposed to his daughter marrying Buckner Williams and that he, Mary's father, "would not suffer them married at his house"; that Buckner and Mary were married sometime he thinks in the year 1786 or 7; that they had a child whose name was Thomas Williams, their oldest child who would be at least 55 years old if living; that he also knows that Martha Carter, the 2<sup>nd</sup> child of said Buckner and Mary Williams is 53 years old if not more and that they had a third child by the name of Rebecca who would be upwards of 50 years old if living. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

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*Melton,*