

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Williams W6506

Pattey

fn40VA

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State of Virginia, New Kent County, to wit

On this __day of March 1834 personally appeared in open Court before Wm H. Macon, Rd. Graves, Beverly Crump, John A. Taylor, & Thos. K. Terrell the Court of said County now sitting James Williams a resident of said County and State aged Seventy years who being first duly sworn 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 according to the best of his recollection; that he entered the service as a militia man from the County of New Kent (the time of entering not recollected being then very young) under Captain George Baker of said County and served a tour of 3 months and was then discharged –

That he again entered the service as a volunteer under Captain John Bacon and was stationed at Providence Forge New Kent County Virginia, thence he was marched to the Long Bridge in said County where some of the Regular Troops were stationed, thence to Williamsburg where he remained some time, thence he was marched to York Town Virginia where he changed captains and was put under the command of Captain Waldegrave Clopton [Waldegrave Clopton] who was from the County of New Kent, thence he was marched to Newport News on the mouth of James River and after staying in and about that place sometime returned to York Town at which last named place his term of service having expired and his Captain having quit he returned home, this tour he served six months the precise time when he entered and when discharged he has no recollection he however recollects it was during what was called Arnold's [Benedict Arnold] invasion – he recollects among some of the officers under whom he served the names of General Nelson, Colonel Innis and Major Ragsdale – he has no documentary evidence not having any written discharge. One tour he was drafted from the militia the remainder of his service was as a volunteer – that he was in no battle – that he knows of no person living in the County except Edward Slater and John Breeding who knows of his having served in the Army and there affidavits accompany this his declaration.

To the Interrogatories directed by the War Department to be propounded to every applicant he answers –

That he was born in the year 1763 in the County of New Kent

That he has no record of his age the same having been destroyed

That he was born in New Kent County, that he has lived a part of his time in the City of Richmond Virginia and a part in New Kent and that he now lives in New Kent County.

That on one tour he served as a militia man – the balance of the time as a volunteer

That he has stated in his declaration the names of some of the Officers as well as he recollects.

That he never did receive a written discharge.

That he is known to Edward Slater and John Breeding who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution and that Colonel William H Macon the presiding member of this Court will also certify as to his character and his belief of his services.

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 any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

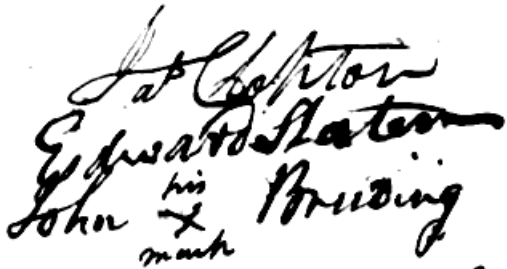
S/ James Williams



[James Clopton, a clergyman, gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

And we Edward Slater & John Breeding residing in the same County and State do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with James Williams who has subscribed and sworn to said declaration that we believe him to be the seventy years of age and that he is reputed & we know him to have been a soldier of the Revolution.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.



[William H. Macon likewise gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 13: On September 13, 1843 in New Kent County Virginia, Pattey Williams, aged 78 years 11 months and 10 days made application for a Widow's pension under the 1838 act as the widow of James Williams, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution at the rate of \$80 per annum under certificate number 23760; that she married him March 7th, 1784 and that he died September 29, 1840.



[fn p. 15: On September 13, 1843 in New Kent County Virginia, John Williams, son of the veteran and his widow, authenticated the family record. The images of the original record are posted on fn pp. 16-24 and read, in part, as follows:

"James Williams his book

I was born October 20, 1762

Pattey wife do [born] October [date written over and illegible] 1764

We was Married the 7th day of Mc^h 1784

John Williams of Jas. & Pattey Williams born January 30th 1785

Deaner born February 23rd 1787
Lucey born October 9th 1788
James Williams born January 14 1791
Josiah Williams November 19th 1792
Salley Born Oct 10, 1794
Wilson [?] Born Sept. ?? 1796
Leroy [illegible] 17 1798 [last digit is uncertain]
Foster [?] Born Aug. 27, 1800
Patsy Born Feby 18, 1802 Dec'd 20 day June 1805
Richmond Oct. 30th 1805
Foster dec'd May 8th 1816

Negro Register [most of the entries below are lined out in the original]

Silvey Born Sept. 1776
Abbey do Dec. 1778 Sold
Milley do July 1781 dead
Dolley do Sept 1781 died Mar. 30 1808 [4th digit unclear, could be "0"]
Siller do do 1784 Turned
Sold Jacob do Oct. 1787 20 Sept.
[illegible] do Dec. ????
J[illegible] do Dec. 11 1792 Sold
[illegible]
[illegible]
Jesse [?] [illegible] 1798
Bosey [?] 1796 John
Wm Oct. 3 1800
Billy 1800 dead
[illegible] 1800 dead
Kittey Turner 27 July 1801
Milly Dead 1802
Marey Sept run away 1802
Bob Josiah Jan. 1803
Joshua dead 1803
[illegible]
Dolley Dead 1804
Henry & [illegible]/Silveys 1804
Lockey Sept. Sil[?] 1804
[illegible] 1805
Roselly Sept. 1806
Federick Sold in 1807
Susan Rebekahy 1808
Walt to Wilson 1809
Oris July Leroy 1810
Albert June 1810
[illegible] 1812
Nelson July 1814
Beverly Wilson 1814

Nelson July Josiah 1814
Timberlane May 1816
Patrick Rufus 1818
[illegible] George 1815
Tommos Jane 1819
Rebekah 1821
Siller July 1823
Teb Harriet 1830
Susanna Sept 27 1831
Salley Sept. 26, 1835
Mariah Nov 1837
Silvey
Danniel
Albert June 1810
Tommos June 1819
Guy
Rebeca 1821
Siller July 1823

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months service as a private in the Virginia militia. Veteran's widow was pensioned for a like amount.]