

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Peter Williams W6507

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[fn p. 169]

State of Alabama Pickens County: County Court December Term A.D. 1833

On this the 11th day of December personally appeared before the Honorable George H. Flournoy Peter Williams a resident of the County of Pickens and State of Alabama aged 77 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit pension made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1778 or 9 with Colonel Few & served in the ___Regiment of the ___line, under the following named officers: The 1st Tour which lasted six months this applicant states that he volunteered and that his officers were Colonel Benjamin Few, Major Candler² & Captain Catlege.³ The 2nd Tour this applicant states that he was drafted & served 3 months under General Clark Colonel Few and Captain Richeson [sic, Richardson? or Richetson?], he was again drafted under the same officers as above mentioned except his Captain who was changed from Richeson to Ellison this was the 3rd Tour & lasted 3 months the 4th Tour he [was] drafted and served another 3 months under the same officers as above mentioned. This applicant states that he was living near Augusta (Georgia) when he was called into the service that he does not recollect the Regiment or the line in which he served that their principal object was to guard the frontiers against the incursions of the Enemy which was principally the hostile Indians, that he was fifteen months in the Service of his country for which he claims a pension, that he received discharge from Captain Catlege for the first 6 months that he served, and If he received any discharge for the remainder of the time he was in the service he does not now distinctly recollect. He further states that he knows of no person living that can testify to his services in the revolution. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the Day & year aforesaid.

Test: S/ Francis W. Bostick, Clerk

S/ Peter Williams, X his mark

To the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, & 7th Interrogatories propounded to this applicant by the court he answers on oath in substance as follows (viz.) to the best of his knowledge & believe he was

¹ Footnote page numbers are nonsensical.

² Probably, either William Candler or Henry Candler.

³ This MAY be a reference to Benjamin Catchings

77 years of age last October -- has no record of his age -- was living [in] the state of Georgia when called into service about twenty-five miles from Augusta, -- lived ever since the revolution in the State of Georgia except about six months in South Carolina Pendleton District and about 16 years he has been living in this State -- now resides in Pickens County Alabama -- States that the first Tour he received a discharge from his commanding officer Catlidge which he afterwards lost, thinks he was drafted the other Tours, the names of his regular officers is detailed in his declaration received a discharge from Captain Catlidge which he afterwards lost -- never received any com [sic, commission or compensation]; states that the Reverend Richard Wilkins & Jonathan Kelley can testify to his character for truth & veracity as well as their belief of his having served as a soldier in the Army of the United States during the revolution.
[Richard Wilkins, a clergyman, and Jonathan Kelley gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 215: on January 6, 1847, and Pickens County Alabama, Nancy Williams applied for the last 2 installments of her husband's pension stating that she is the widow of Peter Williams, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$50 per annum who died February 12, 1845 having not drawn the last 2 installments of his pension because he suffered "a chronic and distressing disease which entirely disabled him from all business during the last year of his life."]

[fn p. 247: on January 6, that 1848, in Pickens County Alabama Nancy Williams, 80, submitted her application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Peter Williams, a pensioner for his services in the revolution at the rate of \$50 per annum; that he died February 12, 1845; that she married him in July 1789; and that she remains his widow.]

[fn pp. 111-140: family record]

Sarah Williams was born the 12 of April 1790

Mark Williams was born the 10 of September 1791

Hezekiah Williams was born the 10 of February 1793

James Williams was born the 20 of October 1794

Elijah Williams was born the 4 of April 1796

George Williams was born the 3rd of March 1798

Benjamin Williams was born the 22 of December 1799

Mary Williams was born the 31 of October 1801

Nancy Williams was born the 25 of September 1804

Sealey Williams was born the 8 of ~~November~~ February 1808-1807

Rebeca Williams was born the 20 of February 1809

Betsey Williams was born the 9th of March 1811

Lidia Williams was born the 3 of March 1808

Sarah Williams was born 15th of June 1822

"The two last Lydia and Sarah are grandchildren

S/ W. Smith

All but the last appear to be in the same handwriting.

S/ W. Smith"

[fn p. 41]

State of Alabama -- Pickens County

Personally came before me W E Traylor County a Justice of the peace for the County of

Pickens and State of Alabama Colonel Thomas Williams a credible person who being first duly sworn says upon his oath that he is sixty-one years of age, having been born in the year 1787 in the State of North Carolina. This affiant states that he is well acquainted with Nancy Williams, widow of Peter Williams, late of Pickens County, and an applicant, as his widow for a pension under the act of July 7th 1838, and was well acquainted with her husband, and that he has known them both ever since his recollection, or ever since he can remember anything -- that he knew them both in Georgia to which State his parents removed when this affiant was an infant, aged six months. This affiant was raised near them in the same neighborhood where they resided as husband and wife, and he is acquainted with their children named in the annexed record of their births, being the companion and playmate of the 3 or 4 eldest of said children and having been raised with them in the same neighborhood and that he knew them then and has ever known them as the children belonging to the family of the said Nancy & Peter. Said affiant knew them prior to 1794, being himself 3 years older than the eldest child named in the said record, and he knew of their living together as husband and wife from the time he first knew them in the State of Georgia until the death of Peter Williams in Alabama, a period of about 55 years and the said Nancy & Peter were ever recognized in all the communities in which they ever since lived as husband and wife

Sworn to & subscribed before me this the 23rd day of August 1848

S/ W. E. Traylor, JP

S/ Thomas Williams

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for one year and 3 months service in the revolution in the Georgia and South Carolina militia.]