

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas C. Williams W6509

Nancy Williams

f38NC

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State of Tennessee, Wilson County

On this day personally appeared in open Court before the undersigned a Justices of the peace holding the Court for the County of Wilson now sitting at their September sessions A.D. 1832 Thomas C. Williams, resident of the said County of Wilson aged 79 years (there is no family record of his age but he has known from early life according to the account given by his parents that he was born on the 12th of April 1754 in the State of North Carolina in the County now known by the name of Warren) who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June the 7th A.D. 1832. That he first entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein Stated Viz. He volunteered as a minute man in the militia in Montgomery County in the State of North Carolina under Col. Drury Ledbetter the Colonel who commanded the militia of said County of Montgomery in the year 1779. Charles Jones acted as Major West Harris acted as Captain, General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] Commanded the Regiment to which he belonged. Col. Ledbetter's Company or Battalion were all mounted men and furnished their own horses the object of calling out the man into service of the company to which he belonged was for the purpose of subduing the Tories who were at that time very troublesome they were ordered from point to point whenever they were informed that the Tories were formed in bodies or were committing depredations on the Whigs. Deponent was engaged in this service for the space of nine months during which period he was engaged in a number of skirmishes with the Tories an engagement against the Tories that had embodied themselves to the number of 300 in Anson County in the State of North Carolina, in which the Tories were overcome and retreated after a considerable resistance besides a number of smaller engagements with smaller parties overtaken in the Woods and other places.

The second tour of service was rendered in the following manner. Deponent went on a visit to his wife's father's who resided in Warren County in the State of North Carolina where he remained for several months during his stay he was drafted for a three months tour in the militia which service he performed he marched to Halifax in North Carolina where he remained until the expiration of his term of service which happened shortly after the surrender of Cornwallis [Yorktown, October 19, 1781] in this service he was under the command of General Thomas Eaton who then resided in Warren County his acting Colonel was Colonel Brickell [William Brickell] that Thomas Brickell was his Captain this service was performed in 1781 his whole service amounted to 13 months in the different tours – applicant moved from the State of North Carolina about 25 years ago and has resided the most of that time and still resides in Wilson

County – he has long since lost his discharges – he can prove by Thompson Clemmons¹ who was in the Army with him nine months of his service under Captain Harris & Col. Ledbetter the same nine months service he can likewise proved by Samuel C. Williams² and also his term of service of three months he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present and his name is not on the pension Roll of any State in the United States.

S/ Thos. C. Williams



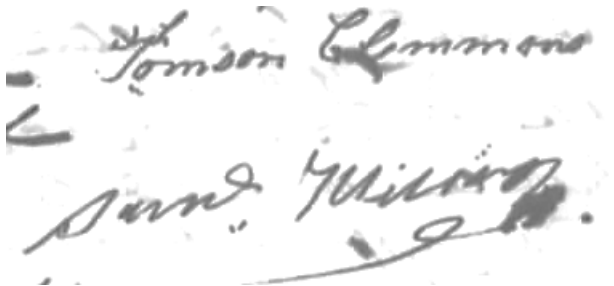
Sworn to and subscribed to in open Court this 25th day of September A.D. 1832
S/ Josiah S. McClain, Clerk

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Thompson Clemmons and Samuel Williams do hereby certify that they are both in the Revolutionary War with the above named Thomas Williams under Captain West Harris and in the Regiment commanded by Col. Ledbetter and General Rutherford and said Thomas Harris served the time of nine months as stated in his declaration. Williams likewise served with said Thomas Williams under Captain Brickle, Col. Brickle and General Eaton for three months the said Thomas served the same length of time making in all 12 months service witness Clemmons is now 81 years of age, Witness Samuel Williams is now 74 years of age applicant is a highly respectable person.

S/ Tomson Clemmons [sic]

S/ Saml. Williams



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S/ J. S. McClain, Clerk

[Facts in file: Veteran died November 12, 1835; he married Nancy __ August 15, 1776; she was born April 24, 1758; their children were
Cynthia born January 29, 1777
Lucy born April 30, 1782
Betsy born April 21, 1784
Nancy born April 3, 1786
Salley born November 30, 1787
William Gray born November 30, 1787
Thomas born March 3, 1790
Patsy born May 18, 1795
Selah born April 15, 1797

1 [Thompson Clemmons S1946](#)

2 [Samuel Williams S1738](#)

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Cynthia Williams Daughter of Thos. B. Williams & Nancy his Wife Was Born January 29 Day 1777	29	1777
Lucy Williams was Born April 30 Day 1788	30	1788
Betsy Williams was Born April 21 Day 1784	21	1784
Nancy Kinch Williams was Born April 3 Day 1786	3	1786
Sally Williams was Born Nov. 30 Day 1787	30	1787
Wm Gray Williams was Born Nov. 30 Day 1787	30	1787
Thos Williams was Born March 3 Day 1790	3	1790
Mary Williams was Born May 18 Day 1795	18	1795
Delah Williams was Born April 15 Day 1797	15	1797

children of Thomas [probably the son born March 3, 1790] and his wife, Betsey
William Z. Williams born January 10, 1816
Pietty born March 4, 1817
Hiram born April 21, 1819
Thomas C. born August 17, 1820]

David Gray Capt. 11	11	
Robert Williams son of Thos. Williams and Betsey his wife was born January the 10 Day 1816 William & William	10	1816
Petty Williams Daughter of the same was born March the 4 Day 1817	4	1817
Hiram Williams son of the same was born April the 21 Day 1819	21	1819
Thos. Williams son of the same was born August the 17 Day 1820	17	1820

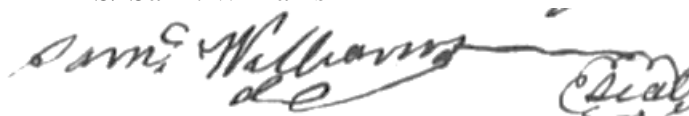
[p 9: November 15, 1837 in Wilson County Tennessee, Nancy Williams, Aged 81, made application for a widow's Pension under the 1836 Act stating that she is the widow of Thomas C Williams, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him August 15, 1776; that her husband died November 12, 1833 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

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State of Tennessee Wilson County

This day personally appeared Samuel Williams Senior before me Brittain Drake an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid, and made oath in due form of law, that Nancy Williams is the widow of Thomas C Williams, and that he saw them lawfully Married in the State of North Carolina Warren County by Parson William Cupples [? William Couples?], and that they were Married some time previous to the Revolutionary War.

S/ Saml. Williams

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Saml Williams" with a decorative flourish at the end.

[p 10: On November 15, 1837 in Wilson County Tennessee, Thomas Williams, son of Thomas C Williams, aged 47, gave testimony that the Bible record submitted by his mother of the birth of his parents children is in the handwriting of his father.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thos Williams" with a decorative flourish at the end.

] [Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$47.50 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 12 months, 3 in the infantry & 9 in the cavalry, all in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]