

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Tobias Williams W6516 Jemima Williams f33NC
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State Of Tennessee, Smith County: SS

On 25th August 1832 personally appeared before me David Hogg, an acting Justice of Peace for the State and County above mentioned Tobias Williams a resident of Defeated Creek in the afore said State and County; aged Eighty Six years next October, 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 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States by draft of North Carolina in October 1778 In the Militia under the following named Officers Capt. William White, Lt. Lawson [John Lawson], Ensign Wm. Harris [William Harris], Rendezvoused at Hills Borough [sic, Hillsborough] in the State of North Carolina, marched from thence to Charles Town South Carolina, from thence to Puris Burge [sic, Purysburg], from thence to the Two Sisters on Savannah River, from thence to Brier Creek near Ash's [sic, John Ashe's] defeat [Battle of Briar Creek, March 3, 1779] and then marched back into the State of North Carolina to Hillsborough and there mustered out of the service in the month of May 1779. I was in no battle or engagement during the time.

Question: Where and in what year were you born?

Answer: I was born in Virginia Chesterfield County, 1746.

Question: Have you any record of your age?

Answer: No, not by me, my register was kept by my parents and I only have it from the information that they gave me.

Question: Where were you a living when called into service?

Answer: In the State of North Carolina, Caswell, County.

Question: Where have you been living since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer: I continued to live in Caswell County North Carolina for some few years after the war then Emigrated to (Person) County the same state [p 6] From thence I emigrated into the State of Tennessee and now I am a living in the same in Smith County on the defeated creek.

Question: How were you called into the service?

Answer: By draft in the militia.

Question: Who were your principal officers in the field?

Answer General Butler [John Butler], Col. James Sanders [James Saunders].

Question: Did you ever receive a discharge from the service?

Answer yes, a verbal discharge, was the order of my discharge.

Question: Have you any documentary evidence of your services?

Answer No, only by my recollection.

Question: do you know of any person whose testimony you can procure to make proof of this?

Answer: I believe I can, there is one a living in this county on the waters of Dixon's Creek, by the name of Philip Day.

Question: How long was you in active service?

Answer: I was in active service six months and some few days.

Question: do you believe yourself able to attend court to make your declarations before the court?

Answer: I do not

And I do hereby relinquish my claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Tobias Williams, X his mark

Attest:

Subscribed and sworn to before me witnessed my hand (and date) above

S/ David Hogg, J.P.

[p 7: Miles West, a clergyman and Elam Russell gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee Smith County

On this 28th day of August 1832 Personally appeared Philip Day before us Sol. Debow, John Chambers & James C Garrison acting Justices of the peace for the state and county aforesaid sitting as a court of record and after being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God to speak the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth depose and saith that he was acquainted with the said Tobias Williams and that said Williams was on the tour of 5 months under the above named officers and that the foregoing statement is correct & true to the best of his belief & knowledge.

Given under my hand the 28th day of August A.D. 1832

S/ Philip Day¹



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State of Tennessee Smith County

This day Tobias Williams, and applicant for a pension personally appeared before me Silas C. Cromwell one of the acting Justices of the Peace for said County & made oath that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot state positively how long he served as a Soldier of the Revolution But according [to] the best of his recollection, he served six months, as a private Soldier in the War of the Revolution and that during the time he was engaged in Service of the County [sic], he was not employed in any Civil pursuit whatever. Applicant entered the Service for five months, but was detained, and performed duty as a Soldier for the term of time above stated.

¹ [Philip Day W915](#)

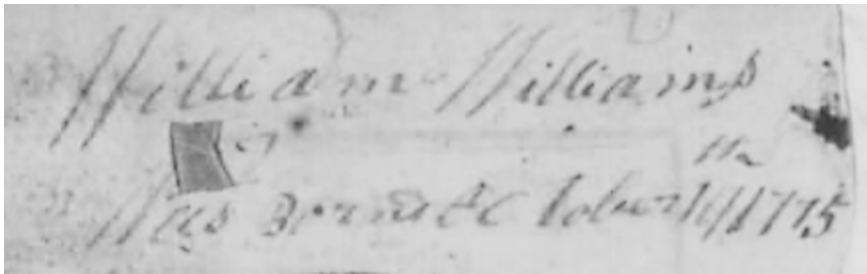
S/ Tobias Williams, X his mark

[p 11: On November 21, 1837 in Smith County Tennessee, Jemima Williams, aged 83, a resident of said County and state filed for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of Tobias Williams; that she married him April 1, 1775; that her husband died April 15, 1834 and that she remains a widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 16: Daniel Smith, a justice of the peace certifies that the small slip of paper bearing the birth date of William Williams was taken from the family Bible in the possession of Jemima Williams and that she stated to him that the record was of her first born child.]

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"William Williams Was Born'd October 19th 1775."

A photograph of a small, rectangular slip of paper with handwritten text in cursive. The text is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly aged paper. The first line reads "William Williams" and the second line reads "Was Born'd Oct 19 1775". There is a small, dark, rectangular mark or stamp on the left side of the slip, partially overlapping the word "Williams". The slip is placed on a larger, light-colored surface, possibly a page from a Bible.

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