

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Elijah Williamson W6518 Sarah Williamson f66SC  
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State of NC, Buncombe County: Superior Court of Law, April Term A. D. 1833

On this \_\_ day of April 1833 personally appeared in open court before the honorable Judge of the Superior Court of Law for the County of Buncombe, now sitting, Elijah Williamson, a resident in said County of Buncombe, North Carolina aged Seventy eight or nine years, 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he entered the service of the United States in the County of Ninety Six So. Ca. (now Laurens District) as a drafted militia man under Capt. John Rogers in the Regiment of Col. Williams [James Williams] for three months served along the then Indian frontier near Saluda River & was discharged at the end of three months, some time in the Spring of 1778 as well as he recollects. That he entered the service again in the summer of the same year under Capt. John Stephens [or Stephenson] as a drafted soldier for three months & served along the Indian line near Reedy River & was again discharged after having served three months. That he again entered the service in the Fall of 1780 or '81 as a volunteer under Capt. James Dillard for six months in Ninety Six District (now Laurens District) So. Ca. in the Regiment of Col. Levi Casey (a regiment of mounted horse men called Rangers) & served in various parts of the State of South Carolina against the Tories & Indians—and was discharged having remained in the service for some time after the six months had expired. That he has no documentary evidence of this service & that he knows of no persons whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except Calvin Williamson, Thomas Williamson, John Bagwell & James Dillard of Laurens District So. Ca. whose affidavits are hereunto annexed.

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.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

The following interrogatories were put by the court:

1<sup>st</sup>: When and in what year were you born?

Answer: in Bertie County North Carolina in the year 1754 or 1755.

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it?

Answer: I have no record of my age only know it from memory having been told by my parents.

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer: I was living when called into service in the District of Ninety Six South Carolina now Laurens District; that he removed to Rutherford County North Carolina (now Buncombe County) shortly after the revolution where he has lived ever since, except an absence of six months when he [was in] the state of Georgia and now lives at the same place in Buncombe County North Carolina.

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute?

Answer: I was first drafted for the term of three months and volunteered for six months afterwards.

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer: There were no regular officers with the troops where I served. I knew no officers except those of my own Regiment and served in serious parts of the state of South Carolina as set forth in the forewarning declaration.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it?

Answer: I never received a written discharge but was discharged verbally by the officers under whom I served.

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

In sir: I am acquainted with Benjamin King, a clergyman, and General Brittain & William Smith.  
S/ Elijah Williamson, X his mark

[Benjamin King, a clergyman, & Philip Brittain & William Smith gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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South Carolina Laurens District: Personally appeared before me Calvin Williamson<sup>1</sup> of the above named State & District & after being duly sworn on oath saith that Elijah Williamson of North Carolina Buncombe County rendered the following services in & for the cause of the United States, first entered Service as a drafted man three months, under Captain John Rodgers in South Carolina L. District, second Tour of Service under John Stephens Captain for three months both in the year 1778 as well as recollected, third tour volunteered six months or upwards under Captain James Dillard in the year 1781, as well as recollected, first Tour in Ninety Six District now called Lawrence near the line of the Cherokee nation of Indians Regiment commanded by Colonel Williams, Second Tour at a station on Reedy River near the Indian nation also attached to Colonel Williamses Regiment third Tour in various parts of the upper part of South Carolina troop of horse Regiment commanded by Colonel Levi Casey. Sworn to and subscribed before me February 19th, 1833.

S/ James Cook, JP

S/ Calvin Williamson, X his mark

South Carolina Laurens District: Personally appeared before me Thomas Williamson of the above named State & District and upon oath saith, he was with the above named Elijah Williamson when he served the first Tour as above named, and frequently saw them while they

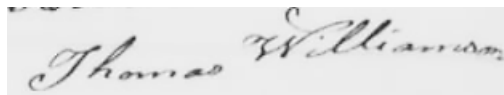
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<sup>1</sup> [Calvin Williamson S7949](#)

were under service the other named two tours and heard Captain Dillard say the above named E. Williamson did faithfully served six months or upwards & that the above service was rendered in behalf of the United States. Sworn to and subscribed before me February 19th 1833

S/ James Cook, JP

S/ Thomas Williamson



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South Carolina Laurens District: Personally appeared before me John Bagwell,<sup>2</sup> of said State & District and upon oath saith that he frequently heard said that the within named Elijah Williamson did serve under Captain Dillard and can recollect seeing him pass while under said service & also saith he believes the within affidavits to be true. Sworn to & subscribed before me February 19th, 1833

S/ James Cook, JP

S/ John Bagwell, X his mark

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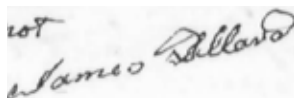
State of South Carolina Laurens District

Personally appeared James Dillard Senior<sup>3</sup> Esquire (being an old and infirm person; and unable to attend in Court) Before me Robert Long Esquire one of the Justices of the Quorum in the district aforesaid and being duly sworn on his oath saith that Elijah Williamson volunteered under him (the said deponent) then a Captain in the Little River Regiment of Militia of South Carolina; in the latter part of the year 1781 & beginning of the year 1782 in the cause of Liberty; that to the best of his (this deponent's) recollection he must have served fully six months at the least; in the American cause; and further this deponent saith not.

Sworn to and subscribed the 21st day of February in the year 1833

Before me S/ Robt. Long, JQ

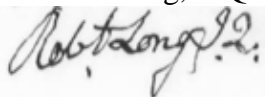
S/ James Dillard



Laurens District: SS

I Robert Long<sup>4</sup> Esquire one of the Justices of the Quorum of the aforesaid district do hereby certify whom it may concern that the above named James Dillard Senior Esquire who swore to and subscribed the above probate before me, was a Captain in the said Little River Regiment South Carolina Militia at the time above stated that he is now very old & infirm & confined now & for some time past to his bed. Given under my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

S/ Robt. Long, J. Q.



[p 4: On January 14, 1845 in Henderson County North Carolina, Sarah Williamson, 81, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Elijah Williamson a pensioner of the United States for his services in the revolution at the rate of \$45 per annum; that

<sup>2</sup> This is PROBABLY [John Bagwell S6571](#)

<sup>3</sup> [James Dillard S6797](#)

<sup>4</sup> [Robert Long S7157](#)

she married him in September 1782; that her husband died September 29, 1837; that they were married in Lawrence district [sic, Laurens District] in South Carolina; that she has no record proof of her marriage nor the ages of her children; that a record of said marriage together with the age of some of their oldest children was written into a Bible by her husband which he gave to some of their relatives who passed their house moving to the West; "She further states that the following is a list of the names of her Children together with their ages as near as she can recollect (namely) Kissiah Williamson eldest was born 7th January 1784, Rachel Williamson 29th September 1786, Rebecca Williamson the \_ day of August 1788, John Williamson the 1st day of July 1790, Phelby Williamson the 28th day of February 1792, William, some time in April 1793, Sarah Williamson some time in March 1795, Stacy Williamson some time in March 1797, Melinda Williamson some time in August 1798, Ann Manervy the youngest Child on the 26th of June 1805."]

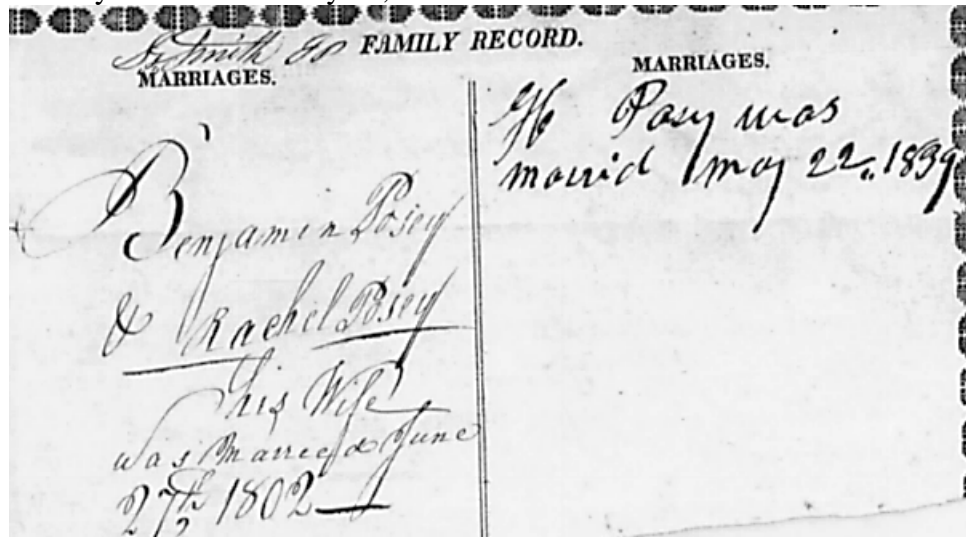
[p 17: On January 14, 1845 in Henderson County North Carolina, Rachail Posey [sic] testified that she is the daughter of Elijah and Sarah Williamson and lived with her parents and her brothers and sisters as set forth and her mother's application; that she was born September the 19th, 1785; and that she believes the facts set forth in her mother's application are true.]

[pp 14-15: the following Bible information appears in this file:

Marriages

Benjamin Posey & Rachel Posey his wife was married June 27th 1802

H. Posy was married May 22, 1839



Births

Benjamin Posey was born February 20th 1778

& Rachel Posey his wife was born September the 19th 1785

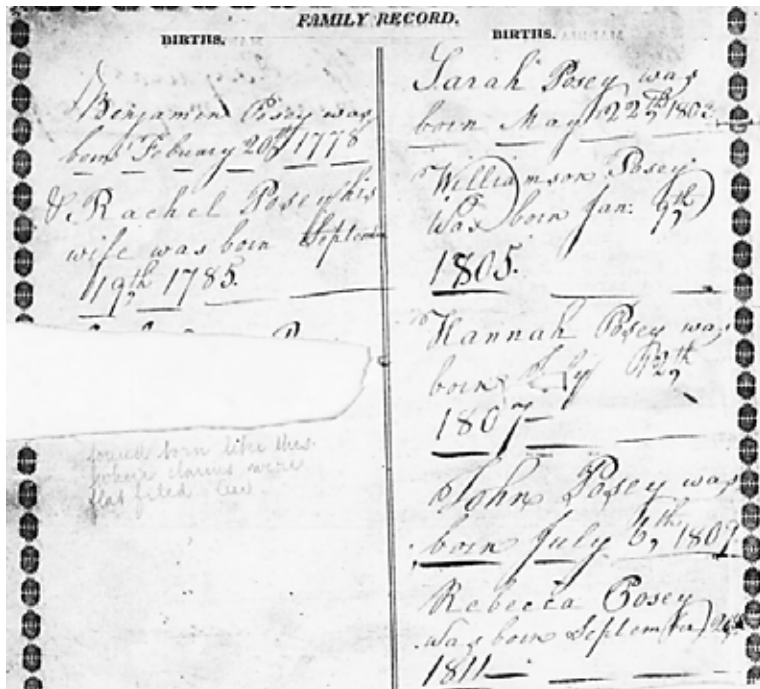
Sarah Posey was born May 22th 1803

Williamson Posey was born January 9th 1805

Hannah Posey was born July 12th 1807

John Posey was born July 6th 1809

Rebecca Posey was born September 26 1811



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$45 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 12 months service in the South Carolina militia under Colonel Williams. Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$45 per annum commencing March 4th, 1848.]