

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Williams W9015

Winnefred

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State of Kentucky Woodford County: SS

On this the 16th day of February 1843 personally appeared before me Thomas Syne [Thomas Lyne?] an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Woodford State of Kentucky Mrs. Winnefred Williams [Winifred Williams] aged upwards of eighty-four years and who is by reason of Bodily infirmity prevented from appearing in Open Court, and who after being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled "an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows" that she is the widow of John Williams who was a Soldier of the Regular Virginia State Line during the war of the Revolution, and enlisted some short time after the commencement of said war, about the spring of 1776 as a soldier to serve during the war – and the names of the officers under whom he enlisted not now recollected but that the greater portion of his service, and the latter end of the same, was rendered in the State Garrison Regiment under Colonel George Muter and Lieutenant Opie Devanfort [Opie Davenport], the last of whom Declarant was intimately acquainted with. She further Declares that she was born and raised in the same neighborhood with her said husband and knew him from the earliest days of her remembrance and knew well the time he joined the Army of the United States, and knows well or verily believes that he served upwards of four years in actual service in the Regular Line of Virginia and during which time he would return to his home on furlough to see his friends and remained some short time and then returned back to his post to perform the duties of a soldier, and after serving in actual service the period of time above stated, he procured one Charles Boyle as a Substitute to complete the remainder of the time, which was for an indefinite period, and he then received a discharge from the service, and which is herewith filed, and which was given by Colonel George Muter on the 20th day of July 1780 – She further declares that she and her husband were both raised in Richmond County Virginia what was called the northern necks of Virginia, and that her said husband resided in said Richmond County when he entered the service and that he entered as a volunteer, and cannot state the Battles in which he was engaged, as she was not an eyewitness to all the service performed. She also declares that the documentary evidence which she has in support of her claim to a Pension consist of a discharge before mentioned given her said husband from further service on the 20th day of July 1780 and two leaves from the family Bible of her said husband setting forth her marriage with her said husband and the marriages of their children and likewise the births of the same and all the deaths of some of the same and also the death of her said husband and said leaves also contain the dates of the births of some of her grandchildren being five in number and which are set forth on the latter end of the fourth column on the second page, and also contain the dates of the death of Elizabeth and Nancy Williams daughters in law of Declarant, And said

Births

Cyrus Williams was born ye 30th of October 1782
Polly Williams was born ye 14th June 1786
Nancy Williams was born ye 14th January 1789
Elizabeth H Williams was born ye 23rd of March 1791
Milton [? Very faint] H Williams was born ye 14th June 1793
Howard Williams was born 5th of December 1795
Sally [? Very faint] Williams was baptized 29th of January 1798
David Williams was born January 29 1799
Jefferson Williams was born 24th of October 1801
Thaddeus Williams was born January 10th 1827
Lucy Ann Williams was born May 8, 1829
Mary Elizabeth, daughter of David and Nancy Williams was born January 4th 1833
Martha Williams was born December 2nd 1835
Winneford Williams was born April 17th 1838

Deaths

Cyrus Williams departed this life 5th March 1786
Sally Williams departed this life February [illegible] 1796
John Williams departed this life 15th of March 1818
Elizabeth H Davidson departed this life June 28th 1820
Elizabeth W Williams departed this life April 24th 1830
Nancy Williams departed this life October 7th 1840

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1843 for her husband's service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]