

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Williams W9017

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State of Kentucky, Simpson County Sct.

Be it remembered that heretofore to wit, in a County Court for the County of Simpson aforesaid begun and held at the Court house in Franklin, on the 9th day of November 1829 before Thomas Beauchamp, John Boissiau [?], Coleman Johnson, John M. Robertson, Henry B. Montague, John Hail, James Hundon, John Lewis, Ebenezer Dickey and John Copeland Esquires, Justices of said Court following entry was made in the record of said Court, Viz. State of Kentucky, Simpson County

On this 9th day of November 1829, personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record, for the County aforesaid Major John Williams, resident in said County, aged 70 years who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818, and 1st of May 1820. That he the said John Williams, to the best of his recollection, did on the 20th or 21st day of February 1777, in the County of Hertford, in the State of North Carolina, enlist for three years, that he served in the 7th North Carolina Regiment, in the Company Commanded by Captain Vaughn [James Vaughan] (he thinks his Christian name was Isaac), Allen Ramsey being Lieutenant of said Company – said Regiment was commanded by Colonel James Hogan [sic, James Hogun], which said Regiment rendezvoused at Halifax, North Carolina, and was on the Continental establishment. That in the winter or spring of the year 1778, the said 7th Regiment was broken up, and attached to the 1st Regiment of North Carolina troops or at least the Company to which he then belonged was attached to said Regiment, and United to a company then commanded by Captain Howell Tatum said last mentioned Regiment was commanded by Colonel Clark [Francis Clark], and to the best of this affiant's recollection the said Colonel James Hogun was promoted to the Command of Brigadier General in the place of Brigadier General Nash [Francis Nash], killed at Germantown [October 4, 1777]. That after having served out the term of his aforesaid enlistment he received his discharge at Charleston, South Carolina about March 1780, which said discharge he delivered to Colonel Hardy Murfree, who was coming to the Western Country for the purpose of having the land procured, to which he was entitled as a soldier: -- that said Murfree died, without affiant ever having seen him more-- and the affiant has been informed that said discharge is not to be found amongst his papers. He further states that after the expiration of his said Tour in the Continental line, he was generally in the Militia service until the close of the Revolutionary war.

He was in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] & Germantown, and in various skirmishes. That he never has applied for or obtained any pension from the United States; and he hereby relinquishes all claim to any pension from the United States, except the one now applied for --

That in pursuance of the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818, he the said John Williams doth solemnly swear that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or other wise disposed of his

property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that he has not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income – He further states that about the year 1822, he sold to four of his sons about 400 acres of land, at \$1.50 per acre, and about the year 1824 he sold to his son Henry C. Williams, about 160 acres for four dollars per acre, and in the same year last mentioned, he sold two Negroes and two horses for the sum of about \$690, which comprehend all the property which he has said since the 18th day of March 1818, the greater part of which sums of money have been collected by him, and appropriated to the pavement of merchants' accounts, Physician bills, lawyer fees in defending a difficult and protracted lawsuit for land and also a writ brought against him for the misfeasance [?] of his deputies, whilst he was Sheriff of Simpson County, Kentucky. In which last named writ, a Judgment for \$800 has lately been rendered against him besides costs of writ-- two other Judgments amounting to about \$70 have also been rendered against him for the like misfeasance of his deputies – In all which suits he has paid considerable sums to Lawyers, clerks, sheriffs & others, the amount of which he cannot now recollect.

He further states that all his family had left him except his wife, a daughter who has been helpless for the last 20 years, and a Granddaughter about eight years old – all of whom, together with himself, live with his son, on whom they are dependent for support, both himself and wife being very helpless through old age.

He further states as the reason of his not having before applied for a pension from the United States, that his sons were with him until lately, and his property not entirely exhausted, under which circumstances he did not choose to become a burden to his Country – But those reasons no longer existing he is now obliged to have recourse to the [indecipherable word] provided by law for his relief.

[signed] J. Williams

[the above is certified by the clerk court as being a true copy of documents in his files]

[p 5: On September 9, 1839, in Simpson County, Ky, Judith Williams, 73, filed for a widow's pension stating that her husband died August 30, 1833 in Simpson County, Ky., that prior to her marriage to John, her name was Judith King, that they were married in Bertie County, NC in March 1786. She signed her application with her mark. She died September 30, 1840.]

[p 65: On November 18, 1839 in Simpson County Kentucky, William King a resident of Tennessee and Sumner County aged 69 gave testimony that Judith King now Judith Williams and John Williams were lawfully married in his presence in Bertie County North Carolina in the month of March 1786.



William King

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[In addition to Henry C. Williams, the couple had another son named Alfred W. Williams, who was living in 1831. No other children are named in the file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 3 years in the North Carolina Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]