

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Williams<sup>1</sup> W9147

Mary Lumpkin<sup>2</sup> f185NC

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

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State of Kentucky, County of Rockcastle } SS

On this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 1853 personally appeared before me Jesse Lear an acting Justice of the peace in and for the said County and State aforesaid Mary Lumpkins aged about eighty years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Acts of Congress passed 7<sup>th</sup> of July 1838, 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 1843, 17<sup>th</sup> of June 1844 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February 1848 to wit that she was married to John Williams in the County of Lincoln and State of Kentucky on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 1793 and that he served for a considerable time in the Army of the Revolution as a Colonel – he went from the State of North Carolina. She does not recollect whether he belonged to the North Carolina Militia or North Carolina Continental line but thinks he belonged to the North Carolina Continental line that her aforesaid Husband died the last day of February 1796 after which death she was married to John P. Lumpkins about 10 miles East of the Cumberland Gap in Tennessee on Christmas day in the year 1800 who died on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 1847 in this County that she is now a widow never having married since the death of her last Husband John P. Lumpkins that she is a poor widow and most respectfully asks the Honorable Commissioner of Pensions to grant her a pension under the above named acts of Congress for the services of her first Husband the aforesaid John Williams deceased as a Colonel in the Army of the Revolution. She most Respectfully asks that her aforesaid Claim may be met with a favorable and early consideration from the Honorable Commissioner of Pensions and other officers of the war department that the reason she has not applied sooner for a Pension for her first Husband Colonel John Williams deceased was that her last Husband John P. Lumpkins deceased claimed to of been a Soldier of the Militia of Virginia for some two years in the war of the Revolution and was hunting proof of his services up to his death and she continued the same for some four years when she was told she had a right to apply on account of her first Husband's services in the Revolutionary war which she thought her second marriage had debarred her of from applying and that she has been hunting up proof ever since she was informed she had a right to apply on account of her first Husband Colonel John Williams deceased and commenced taking proof last fall that she has never drawn a pension on account of her first or last Husband deceased that she had one child by Colonel John Williams her first husband deceased spoken of as aforesaid and some eight raised by John P. Lumpkins deceased her first child died at 15 years old which she had by Colonel John Williams deceased her first husband deceased aforesaid.

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt1586-160-55

<sup>2</sup> Former widow; note on the cover sheet states that she is the widow of John P. Lumpkin, a Revolutionary War Soldier.

S/ Mary Lumpkins, X her mark

Sworn and subscribed to before me this first day of April 1853.

S/ Jesse Lear, JP

State of Kentucky, County of Rockcastle

On this the first day of April 1853 before me Jesse Lear a Justice of the peace for the County and state above mentioned personally appeared James Handy and his wife Susan both Residents of this County aged about 38 years who being first duly sworn as the law directs upon their oaths make the following declaration or statement in order to prove the death of John P. Lumpkin and his statements upon his death that he is the son in law of Mary and John P. Lumpkin that he married their daughter Susan they both state that this Father John P. Lumpkin died in this County on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 1847 that they was present and saw said Lumpkin die and buried and that his wife Mary still remains a widow up to the present time and lives with them in this County and is applying for a pension on account of her first Husband's Services as Colonel in the war of the Revolution John Williams from the State of North Carolina that said Lumpkin & wife Mary raised a large family of children and that the aforesaid Mrs. Lumpkin formally the wife of Colonel John Williams had one Child by said John Williams as they always heard said Lumpkin and wife Mary say who died when he was some 12 or 15 years old and that they often heard said Lumpkin and his wife Mary talk of Colonel John Williams her first Husband who died in Madison County Kentucky being a fine officer and serving several years as Colonel in the Revolutionary war from the State of North Carolina and they have no doubt of the truth of their statements.

Sworn to and subscribed to before me the first of April 1853.

S/ Jesse Lear, JP

S/ James Handy, X his mark

S/ Susan Handy, X her mark

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Laurel County, State of Kentucky} SS

On this the 15<sup>th</sup> of November 1852 appeared personally before me John Castell a Justice of the peace for the County and State above mentioned John Furbush [sic, John Forbis or Forbes?]<sup>3</sup> a Revolutionary pensioner of this County who being first duly sworn as the law directs declares on his oath that he was well acquainted with John Williams and his wife Mary whose maiden name was Rutherford [Mary Rutherford] since and before the Revolutionary War – or that he often saw the above John Williams during the revolutionary war in the service of the United States acting as Colonel and he always understood the said William served several years in that capacity that he thinks it was sometime in 1792 or 1793 the above Colonel John Williams came to Kentucky and married Mary Rutherford in Lincoln County Kentucky and remained there a short time and moved to near the big hill in Madison County Kentucky for upwards of two years and then the said Colonel John Williams died that he was present and saw him buried that said Colonel John Williams was from the State of North Carolina and he thinks belonged to the Regular troops, from North Carolina and that said Mary afterwards married one John P. Lumpkins who also died a few years since in Rockcastle County Kentucky and that said Mary has remained a widow ever since to the present time that said Mary had one Child by the said Colonel John Williams whose name was John and some 8 or 10 [children] by John P. Lumpkins that he is informed the said Mary Lumpkins formally Williams is applying for a pension on account of her first husband's service (Colonel John Williams) which he knows is justly due her

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3 I believe this affiant is identified as John Forbis or Forbes in his own application. See [John Forbis \(Forbes\) W25591](#)

for the Revolutionary Services of her first husband Colonel John Williams from the State of North Carolina and that he has no interest in the pension.

S/ John Furbush, X his mark

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State of Kentucky, County of Laurel} SS

On this the 15<sup>th</sup> of November 1852 before me John Castell Esq. for the County above stated personally appeared John Gabbert [sic, John Gabbard]<sup>4</sup> a revolutionary pensioner of this County who being first duly sworn as the law directs declares on his oath he was acquainted with Col. John Williams who belonged to the North Carolina regular troops as he thinks and that he frequently saw said Williams acting as Colonel during the Revolutionary war and was reputed to of Served several years that said Williams moved to Lincoln County Kentucky some 10 or 12 years after the close of the war and married one Mary Rutherford who was from Stokes County North Carolina and shortly afterwards as he was informed moved to Madison County and died in his widow afterwards married one John P. Lumpkins who died some few years since in Rockcastle County Kentucky and that said Mary has remained a widow ever since and is applying for a pension on account of her first husband's services as Colonel from the State of North Carolina that he knew said Mary ever since she was a small child & she now lives in Rockcastle County.

S/ Jacob Gobbert, X his mark

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State of Kentucky, County Laurel} SS

On this the 5 day of August 1853 before me John Castell a Justice of the peace for the County and State above named personally appeared John Furbush [sic, John Forbis or Forbes] a Revolutionary pensioner of this County who being first duly sworn as the law directs upon his oath makes the following Statement, that some months since he gave his statement relative to the revolutionary services of Colonel John Williams from the State of North Carolina in his statements more fully is now required as near as his memory serves him some time in the fall 1775 he became acquainted with the above named John Williams at his Brothers in Randolph County North Carolina who was paying his address to his Sister Ann who was living with his Brother. That his Sister always told him she was engaged to said Williams but she died the same fall [;] that the said Williams was an uncommon fine looking man that he often heard him spoken of by men who spoke as they was associates of said Williams Colonel Vail Knox and others as being a fine Colonel and was amongst the first in the field at the breaking out of war of the old war that in the fall of 1776 he saw said Williams in actual service of the United States acting as Colonel in the County of he believes Geldford [sic, Guilford] North Carolina and other times that he don't know what County Williams entered the service but in the Spring 1795 was the first time he saw done Williams after the old war said Williams was then living in Madison County Kentucky and both knew each other at slight and said Williams called him his brother-in-law and talked over the times he saw him Williams in the old war that he (Furbush) has no services granted him prior to 1778 after which time he never saw said Williams in the service he thinks the said Williams served near three years as Colonel in the State of North Carolina from his own knowledge and that he heard from others and came from the County of Guilford and State of North Carolina and was in Kentucky of a short time before he married his wife Mary whose name is now Lumpkins that he has known the Mary Lumpkins ever since he first saw her in Madison County Kentucky before her first husband's death Colonel John Williams that the said

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4 [Jacob Gabbard S30431](#)

Mary is justly entitled to a pension for the Revolutionary Services of her first husband Colonel John Williams deceased that he is not interested in said war pension nor acting as agent August 5, 1853.

S/ John Furbrush, X his mark

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State of North Carolina, Office of Secretary of Statements

I William Hill Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that John Williams, Colonel of the ninth Regiment, entered the service on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of November 1776 and was omitted in January 1778.

To under my hand this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August 1853.

S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State

[Veteran's former widow was pensioned at the rate of \$330 per annum commencing March 4, 1848, for her husband service as a Colonel in the North Carolina service.]

[Note: This file contains a large number of letters from "E. Smith" in which he alleges the claim by this widow to be fraudulent. His handwriting is very challenging—I have not undertaken to decipher any of his letters in detail.]