

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Williams W9166

Lucy William

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South Carolina, York District }

This the 10th day of November 1846, personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions, now being holden for the District of York & State aforesaid, it being a court of Record James R. Williams, a resident of said District aged 63 years, son in law of Lucy Williams of Kershaw District, widow of William Williams, a revolutionary soldier now deceased, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed July the 4th 1836, granting half pay and pensions to certain widows. Declarant states that this declaration is made in behalf & for the special benefit of the said Lucy Williams widow of the said William Williams deceased, who was a soldier of the Revolution, and that the said William Williams, husband of the afore said Lucy Williams, the present claimant, was an officer and soldier of the South Carolina Militia in said war as the declarant has always understood, and as such he served the United States against the common enemy. That the said William Williams entered the service of his Country in the fall of 1775, under the command of Captain Thomas Robins of Colonel Brown's Regiment & served a tour of near four months in what is commonly called the Snow Campaign.¹ The second tour was in the Indian Campaign of three months.² The third tour was in the Florida Campaign commencing in May 1776 and continued four months & ten days in the same Regiment General Williamson's [Andrew Williamson's] Brigade. From the Florida Campaign to the spring of 1779 [sic, probably the 1778 campaign]³ declarant cannot give the particulars of the service of the said William Williams; but in said spring the said Williams was in service at Charleston as an officer and soldier when the enemy made his second attempt to take the City, but failed – and continued constantly in Service in the lower part of the said State till after the Reduction of Charleston in May 1780, at which time the said William Williams fled with other refugees and joined General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] in North Carolina on the East side of the Catawba River as a volunteer mounted militia man and Captain Joseph Jolly's Company and continued in service in said Brigade almost constantly till the close of the war, But declarant cannot now say what rank the said William Williams held in General Sumter's Brigade. But that the said William Williams was engaged in the following Battles (Viz.) at Charleston in 1779, also the Battles of Rocky Mount [July 30, 1780], Hanging Rock [August 6, 1780], Fish

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_snow_campaign.html

² http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cherokee_expedition_1776.html

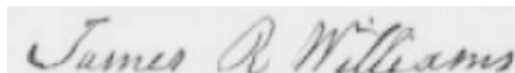
³ Third Florida expedition: Spring 1778 [Robert Howe]

<http://www.ourgeorgiahistory.com/wars/Revolution/revolution12.html>

Dam Ford [November 9, 1780], Black Stock's [sic, Blackstock's, November 20, 1780], Cowpens [January 17, 1781], One Door Bridge, and Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781]. He further says that the said Lucy Williams was married to her husband the said William Williams on the 16th day of October 1777 as will more fully appear from the family Register of the same William Williams which is hereunto appended, and that the aforesaid William Williams died on the 20th day of September in the year of our Lord 1831 and that the aforesaid Lucy Williams has remained a widow ever since that time as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto appended.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day & year first above written.
S/ Jas. Kuykendal, C. C. C. Pls.

S/ James R. Williams



The Court doth hereby certify that it was shown in evidence to the satisfaction of the Court that William Williams named in the foregoing declaration died at his late residence in Kershaw District South Carolina on the 20th day of September 1831, and that his widow Lucy Williams is mentally & physically unable to make a declaration, having been a paralytic [paralytic] for the last 17 years and deprived of the power of speech. It was also shown that the declarant James R. Williams Esq. is the son in law of Lucy Williams the present claimant and also that his statements are entitled to full faith & credit.

S W. L. Wardlaw, Judge Presiding

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South Carolina York District }

Personally appeared Robert Wilson⁴ Before me the Subscribing Magistrate a Resident of York District and Pensioner at the rate of \$80 per annum who being first duly sworn according to law says that he was well acquainted with William Williams Revolutionary Soldier Deceased whose son-in-law James R Williams is now [an] applicant for a pension for the Benefit of Lucy Williams widow of the said Deceased.

Deponent further says that he and said William Williams were well acquainted and lived in the same neighborhood before and during the war of the Revolution – that the said Williams lived within one mile of deponent's Father – he Further says that Williams had the Reputation of doing good service in the war of the revolution part of which this deponent knows of his own personal knowledge.

He Further says that he and the said Williams entered the service at the same time in Captain Joseph Brown's Company Colonel John Win [John Winn] General Richardson [Richard Richardson] in the Snow Campaign in 1775 after the Cherokee Indians and served a Tour of three months and some days and returned home together after being regularly discharged.

The next tour was in the Florida campaign the following Spring – the deponent and the said William Williams again entered the service together Colonel Goodin General Williamson – and were out four months and ten days.

The next tour was in the Indian Campaign deponent did not start with the said William Williams being on a tour of duty to Charleston but returned home and followed with Captain Brown's Company and overtook the main Army at Hight's Plantation in Greenville District but cannot say how long the said William Williams was out the said tour but recollects they were Discharged and returned home together.

⁴ [Robert Wilson W2302](#)

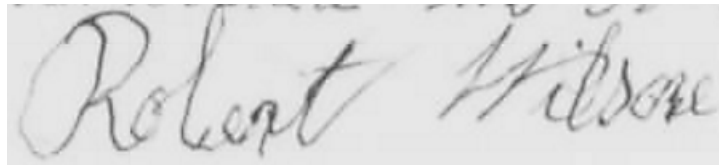
He Further says that the next tour that he deponent served with the said William Williams was at Stono after he deponent was in the regular Army the year 1779 and believes that William Williams was in Captain Joseph Jolly's Company and served three months.

The next tour that deponent and the said William Williams served together was after the reduction of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] when deponent joined General Sumter and Found his old companion the aforesaid William Williams in Sumter's Camp and served with him for 4 or 5 months in Captain McClure's [John McClure's] Colonel Bratton's [William Bratton's] Regiment and knows that the said William Williams was in the Battle of Rocky Mount, hanging Rock, Sumter's defeat [Fishing Creek, August 18, 1781] and Stono he further says that these constitute only a part of the service of the said Williams he further says that Williams was a volunteer the above tours and horseman but cannot now say what rank the said William Williams held in the Revolutionary Army but knows he has always had the reputation of being an officer part of the time he was in service and further says that his reputation as a soldier was of the most excellent character.

Deponent says that the said William Williams Married shortly after the commencement of the war to a woman by the name of Horton on Lynches Creek South Carolina where the said Williams afterwards settled and as deponent has always understood lived until he died.

Sworn to and subscribed this 30th day of November 1846

S/ Robert Wilson

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "Robert Wilson". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Information obtained from the file: William Williams was born March 15, 1753, place not shown; while residing at Lockhart's Shoals on Broad River, Chester District SC, he enlisted in 1775; that he died September 20, 1831; that he married Lucy Horton, daughter of Daniel Horton, on October 16, 1777; Lucy was born October 14, 1761; Lucy died November 27, 1846 at the home of her son, Joshua Williams in Kershaw District, SC; children shown on Bible record [all of whom could not have been the children of William and Lucy, but the parents are not given]
Joshua born March 31, 1778
Mary born May 27, 1780
Margaret born December 12, 1782
Daniel born January 24, 1785
Susannah born January 7, 1787
Rhoday born September 12, 1789
William born November 11, 1791
Elander born January 6, 1794
Eli born [month illegible] 1, 1797
William born February 21, 1801
Kerenhappuch born December 22, 1802
Andrew born May 22, 1804
Henry Horton born January 27, 1806
David born April 2, 1807
William born February 21, 1808
Josiah born June 10, 1810
Ann Elizer born December 28, 1811
Arkeudy born October 6, 1813

J-----s born December 1, 1814

Milly born May 11, 1816

Daniel born April 18, 1818

Benjamin born December 19, 1820

The following children are listed as having survived their mother, Lucy Horton Williams:

Joshua, Mary Falkenberry or Falkenbury, Rhoda Horton, Ellender Williams, John, William, Eli and Nathaniel Williams and Lucy Ann Davis.]

[William Williams had a brother Moses Williams who was also a Revolutionary soldier, wounded at Charleston.]

[The file contains Comptroller's audits of accounts paid to veterans named "William Williams." It is impossible to tell which, if any, of such records relate to this particular veteran.]

[Veteran was posthumously awarded a pension at the rate of \$80 per annum for service as a private in the South Carolina militia for 2 years. The amount of the pension was payable from March 4, 1831 to September 20, 1831 in the veteran died. His widow was granted a pension at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing September 20, 1831 and ending November 27, 1846 when she died.]