

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Williams W9895

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State of Indiana Vermilion County SS

On this 5th day of September 1833 personally appeared before the Circuit Court of said County, now in session James Williams a resident of Eugene Township in said County of Vermilion and State of Indiana, aged 71 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 provision may by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1778, with one Holman Rice[Holeman Rice], and served in the 13th Regiment of the Virginia line under the following named officers, the said Holman Rice was Captain when he enlisted and served as my Captain three years; he enlisted in the month of May in the year 1778 in the County of Fluvanna in the State of Virginia at the Town of Liberty in said State, his Lieutenant was Edward Heron [Edward Herndon] and the Ensign's name not recollected, said Edward Heron was my Lieutenant three years and was then promoted to the captaincy, we marched from said Town of Liberty to Richmond in said State and there we were placed under the command of Major Fountain [possibly William Fountain] his Christian name not recollected and Colonel Francis Taylor and General Weeden [George Weedon] whose Christian name is not recollected from Richmond we marched to Williamsburg there we wintered in the winter of 1778, in the spring of 1779 we marched to Baltimore in Maryland near which place we had an engagement at a place called Dioskon's Bridge [? Diaskon's Bridge is how the Pension officer interpreted this name] about four miles from Baltimore with the British under Howe, from Baltimore we marched to Jamestown in Virginia – there we had an engagement with Howe or his soldiers, we stayed at Jamestown in the winter of 1779, in the spring of 1780 we started to Brandywine in the State of Delaware: we did not get quite there for we were ordered to Charlestown in South Carolina, to which place we started, and got into North Carolina & at Salisbury in North Carolina we stayed the winter of 1780, in the spring of 1781 we started to Head Cornwallis in the State of Georgia, and we came to an engagement at the Cowpens [January 17, 1781], from there we followed Cornwallis through the Carolinas, and had another engagement at Guilford [March 15, 1781] in North Carolina still following Cornwallis and in the County of Goochland in Virginia we wintered near James River, in the winter of 1781 Holman Rice resigned his commission of Captain and Edward Heron was promoted and our first Ensign was some time whose name as before stated cannot recollect, and Ambrose Pollard was Ensign in his place and General Weeden was called on and our general now was Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg] from said County of Goochland in the spring of the year 1782 we still followed Cornwallis and started for York and went there and remained there until the taking of Cornwallis [October 1781], and there we were under the command of General Washington, and we continued there until the British prisoners were marched for Baltimore, and he went to the

County of Albemarle in the Town of Charlottesville in Virginia where he was taken sick and remained there until he was discharged in the month of January 1783: he further states that he enlisted during the war and served from the month of May 1778 until the month of January 1783 as he has before stated, and that he has lost his discharge which was signed by Colonel Francis Taylor and that he served under the officers as above stated for the periods mentioned.

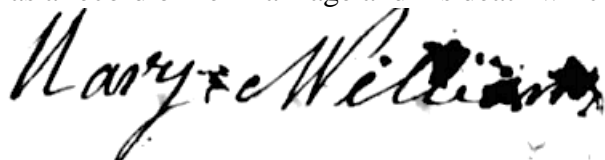
He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency of any State.

S/ James Williams, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ John W Rush, Clerk

[fn p. 8: On April 11, 1843 in Vermilion County Indiana, Mary Williams, 78, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of James Williams, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him July 29, 1784; that her husband died January 29, 1837; that she has a record of her marriage and his death which she hereby transmits to the Department.



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[fn p. 10: the family record submitted by the widow was authenticated by James D. Williams. He does not state his relationship, if any, to the widow and her family



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[facts in file: the veteran is referred to as the Reverend James Williams; the widow, Mary Williams was born September 15, 1764; the widow died about 1849 or 1850, exact date and place of death is not shown in this file; the following family data is shown in the file:

Sally F Williams born August 18, 1786

Agthaw D. Williams born April 12, 1789

CateyM. Williams born April 7, 1792

John M Williams born February 22, 1795

Polly C Williams born October 11, 1797

James D Williams born October 3, 1800, in 1843 he made an affidavit in Galesburg Illinois

Rachel H Williams born January 14, 1804, in 1899, was resident at #46 Chambers Street,  
Galesburg, Illinois

Thomas T Williams born November 23, 1806

Grandchildren

Margit Trott born June 2, 1810

James W Trott born January 4 1813

Rebecker Williams born March 18, 1818

Mary V. Trott born April 29, 1818

Gabriel Gastin Williams born January 2, 1821

John J Trott born July 28, 1815

Alfred Williams born October 17, 181\_[torn]

Marriages

Rusel Grace and Polly C Williams married October 29, 1814

Solomon Peckenpaugh and Rachel H Williams married September 7th, 1820 in Crawford

James D Williams and Ruth Peckenpaugh married September 7th, 1820

William Humphrey and Catey M Williams married February 6, 1817

William M Williams and Mary Good or Goad married February 8, 1817

The following also appears in the Bible record

Ruth Williams born April 26, 1804

Nelson H Williams born April 17, 1841

James W Arrosmith born January 6, 1843

William Willshire Williams born December 20, 1826

[there is a letter dated 1899 from a W. E. Ward of Galesburg Illinois stating that the widow's maiden name was Mary Updegrove. Also in 1899, 80 Alfred Williams, 87, resident of Laclede, Missouri stated that he was present at the marriage of Rachel H Williams and Samuel Peckenpaugh in Crawford County Indiana and that Rachel H Peckenpaugh was the sole surviving child of James Williams that revolutionary veteran. His relationship if any to racial is not stated.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service in the Virginia service. Veteran's widow was pensioned for a like amount commencing March 4th, 1843.]