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Pension application of Stephen Williams¹ W9897 Mary (Polly) Williams f70NC
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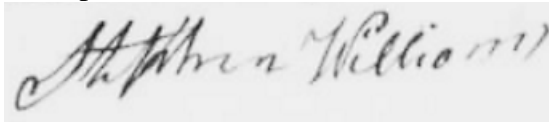
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For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution," approved on the 15th of May, 1828, I, Stephen Williams of the County of Brunswick in the State of North Carolina do hereby declare, that I enlisted in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued in its service until its termination; at which period, I was a private in Captain Raiford's Company, in the third Regiment, of the North Carolina Line. And, I also declare, that I afterwards received certificates for the reward of Eighty dollars; to which I was entitled, under a resolve of Congress passed the 15th of May, 1778.

And I further declare, that I was not, on the 15th day of May, 1828, on the Pension List of the United States.

S/ Stephen Williams



[Attested in Duplin County on January 30, 1829]

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Nathaniel Waller further states upon his oath that they both enlisted at the same time & both served together and returned from the Army home together further this deponent sayeth not. January 30th day 1829

S/ Nathaniel Waller²



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Revolutionary Claims
Treasury Department,
13 February 1829

Stephen Williams__ of __ in the County of Brunswick in the State of North Carolina has

¹ BLwt98059-160-55

² [Nathaniel Waller S42051](#)

applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that he enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued until its termination, at which period he was a Private in Captain Raiford's Company, in the third regiment of the N. Carolina line; and that he received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars, provided by the resolve of the 15th of May, 1778; and further, that he was not on the 15th of May, 1828, on the pension list of the United States, and that he has received as a pensioner since the 3rd of March, 1826, nothing

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records in his Office.

By order of the Secretary
S/ F. A. Dickins

Treasury Department,
Third Auditor's Office,
17th of February 1829

~~It appears by the records of this office, that a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars has been issued to ___ in the ___~~

It further appears that Stephen Williams is not now on the pension list of any agency, and has not been so since the 3rd March 1826—at the rate of ___ dollars per month.

A certificate appears to have been issued for Stephen Williams'a to the end of the War, but his name cannot be found among those of the North Carolina line to whom certificates for the reward of Eighty Dollars were issued

S/ Peter Hagner, Aud.

War Department: Bounty Land Office
6 May 1828

The records of this Office do not show that Stephen Williams of the North Carolina line ever received or is entitled to bounty land of the United States.

S/ Robert Taylor

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Stephen Williams a private Soldier in Captain Raiford's Company of the 10th Regiment, enlisted in the year 1782 for the term of 18 months, that nothing more is said of him on the said rolls.

Given under my hand this 29th day of November 1832

S/ Wm Hill

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State of North Carolina, County of Brunswick: SS

On this 4th day of March A.D. 1833 personally appeared before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid, Stephen Williams a resident in the County of Brunswick and State of North Carolina aged Seventy years & upwards, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit

of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1782 with Joseph T Rhodes Lieutenant and served in the Tenth Regiment of the North Carolina line under the following named officers. That he enlisted (as already stated) under Lieut Joseph T. Rhodes at the same time that Nathaniel Walden, John Brown and others whose names he does not now recollect in the same County enlisted. That he was marched from Duplin County in the State of North Carolina, where he lived when he entered the service, to Green's [sic, Nathanael Greene's] army, on Ashley river at a place called Ashley Hill, in the State of South Carolina. That when he reached Genl. Greene's Army, all the young soldiers (among whom he was one) were drawn up in a line and a Colonel (whose name he does not recollect) (but he recollects that Major Blount was with him at the time) chose from these men to form a light Infantry Company, that he (the applicant) was chosen one. That the Company was first under the command of Captain Robert Raiford, that the company consisted of fifty privates besides Officers. That the first Lieutenant was named James Campaigne [probably James Campen], the second Lieutenant was William Pasters. The first Sergeant was Drury Bynum, the second sergeant was John Bright, the third Sergeant was Enoch Lambert. That he left the service at the close of the war. That he received a discharge signed by Col. Archibald Lytle that he took home with him, but soon after reaching there the same Lieut. Joseph T. Rhodes under whom he enlisted and who lived in the same County Represented to him that his discharge was worth nothing, that he never would get a cent from government, in consequence of which he sold it for a trifle to one Jacob Rhodes the brother of Lieut. Joseph T. Rhodes who as he understands presented it at the Treasury Department and drew the money. That he served only under one term of Enlistment. That he was an "Eighteen months man" enlisted for Eighteen months, but served Eleven months and twenty seven days, as the war ended after he served that length of time. That he resided in the County of Duplin, & State of North Carolina when he entered the service. That he was not in any battle. He was not marched through any other part of the Country than as already stated, except that as belonging to the Infantry Company he was frequently sent out on scouting parties through that section of Country where the Army was stationed, back of Charleston. That his company with two or three other Companies were marched into Charleston the day the British left it. The Companies were kept in Charleston a month or six weeks, were then marched on to James Island and there kept until discharged. That the whole of Genl. Greene's Army was on James' Island when discharged.

I hereby relinquish any claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

To the Interrogatories propounded by the Department he makes the following answers.

To the first Interrogatory he saith.

I was born in Edgecombe County, State of North Carolina. I do not know exactly in what year I was born, but I am certain I am upwards of seventy years of age.

To the Second Interrogatory he saith.

I have no record of my age. It was set down in a Prayer book of my mother's, but I do not know what has become of it.

To the Third Interrogatory he saith.

I was living in Duplin County, in the State of North Carolina when called into service, since the Revolutionary War I have lived part of the time in Onslow County, State of North Carolina, part of the time in Duplin County, State of North Carolina, & part of the time in Brunswick County State of North Carolina. I now live in Brunswick County, North Carolina.

To the Fourth Interrogatory he saith.

I enlisted under Joseph T. Rhodes in the regular service for Eighteen months.

To the Fifth Interrogatory he saith.

That this question is already answered in the previous part of this Declaration to which he begs leave to refer. He now however, recollects further that William Bush & Curtis Ivey were the Adjutants to the Regiment to which he belonged.

To the Sixth Interrogatory he saith.

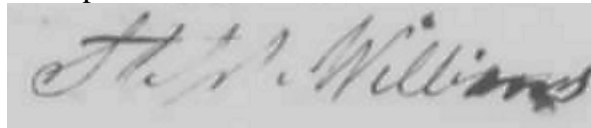
He did receive a discharge signed by Archibald Lytle Colonel of the Regiment & that it was disposed of as herein before already mentioned.

To the Seventh Interrogatory he saith.

I am acquainted with William Hawkins and David Taylor who can make the statement required.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year above written.

S/ Stephen Williams



We William Hawkins a clergyman residing in the County of Brunswick & State of North Carolina and David Taylor residing in the same hereby certify, that we are well acquainted with Stephen Williams who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration; that we believe him to be upwards of Seventy years of age; that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides, to have been a soldier of the Revolution, and that we concur in that opinion.

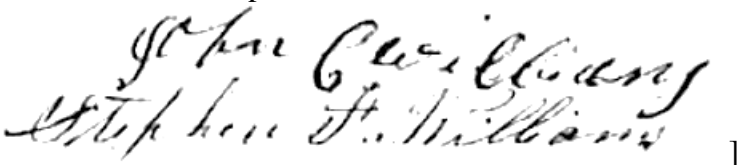
Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ W. Hawkins

S/ David Taylor

[p 5: On February 3, 1860 in Brunswick County North Carolina, Mary Williams, aged about 71 years, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Stephen Williams, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in Brunswick County in 1808 or 9; that they were married by Samuel Hall, a justice of the peace; that her name prior to her marriage was Mary White; that her husband died in Brunswick County at his residence in 1843; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 14: On January 19, 1861 in Brunswick County North Carolina, Polly Williams, aged about 71 or 2, a resident of said County and state filed an application for her widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Stephen Williams, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in 1808; that her name prior to her marriage was Mary or Polly White: that her husband died at his residence in Brunswick County on September 16, 1843 and that she remains his widow. She signed this document with her mark. Her execution of the application was witnessed by John C Williams and Stephen F Williams whose relationship, if any, to the widow is not stated. In addition, John C Williams gave testimony that he was present when Stephen Williams died on September 16, 1843.



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[p 16: Copy of a marriage bond dated June 30, 1808 issued to Stephen Williams, Benjamin Williams & Luke White conditioned upon the marriage of Stephen Williams to Polly White of Brunswick County.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$38.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 11 months and 18 days in the North Carolina Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]