Pension Application of Thomas Williamson S16580
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State of Indiana } SS
County of Fountain }

On this 12th Day of March 1833 personally appeared before the Circuit Court of the County of Fountain the same being a court of Record, Thomas Williamson a resident of the County of Fountain and State of Indiana, aged seventy six 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 made by the act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He entered the service in Capt Andersons company, under Col [Joseph] Holmes, (the name of his Lt Col not recollected) and Major [John] Higgins, as field officers of the Regiment, and Capt Anderson and Lt Johnson as company officers. The period of his entering the service, (the day and month not recollected) in the Year 1781, and served three months, at the expiration of which time, being discharged, he returned home, when after a lapse of several months he again entered the service, in Capt Berrys company, under the chief command of Genl [Daniel] Morgan; And Capt Berry as the only company officer whose name is now recollected. His services were called to guarding the prisoners, in which service he was engaged three months. At the time of entering the service he was a resident of Hampshire County, Virginia, and entered the service as a drafted malitiaman. While in the service he marched from Virginia through the States of Maryland and Pennsylvania. The names of the regiments or companies with whom he served not recollected. The applicant is destitute of any documentary evidence to substantiate his claim, and has not the power of procuring the testimony of persons, to his services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the Day and Year aforesaid. [signed] Thomas Williamson

State of Illinois } Sct.
County of Iroquois }

Thomas Williamson of said County being duly sworn deposes and says that he entered the service of the United States of America in the War of the revolution about one year before Lord Cornwallis was taken [19 Oct 1781] – that he resided in the County of Hampshire in the State of Virginia at the time he was drafted – that he served a tour of three months – that the names of his officers were Major Higgins & Capt Anderson the name of the Colonel he does not now recollect

That he received an honorable discharge at Winchester in the State of Virginia, which is now lost or mislaid. that he was again drafted in the said County of Hampshire about the time or shortly after lord Cornwallis was taken – that he served three months and was engaged the greater part of the time at Winchester in the said State of Virginia guarding prisoners who were taken at the time of taking Cornwallis – that he was marching said prisoners away from the Barracks at Winchester in the winter season on a day that is generally known as Cold Friday

That he resided in the County of Fountain in the State of Indiana at the time he received his pension certificate. That he made a regular application for a pension at the Court in Covington in said County of Fountain some time in the year 1832 and that Edward A. Hannegan was his attorney

His officers the last tour he served were Col Holmes & Capt Berry – that he was again Honorably discharged at Winchester in the State of Virginia which discharge is also lost or mislaid. That his true and lawful name is Thomas Williamson and that Thomas Williamson is the name that gave to Mr Hannegan at the time of making the original application, but as he was often called Thomas Williams Mr Hannegan probably made the mistake and wrote his name Williams that [he] is afflicted with the palsy so that
he cannot write himself, his own name

    That his certificate is in the name of Thomas Williams and in that name he has drawn his pension – that it was by the application aforesaid that he obtained said certificate. Under what law he made the application he does not now recollect but supposes it was under the law of 7th June 1832 as his certificate was issued in conformity with that law.

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[28 May 1838]