Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Elisha Williams VAS1720
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[From pension records in the Library of Virginia]

I do with the advice of the Council hereby certify that Catharine Williams widow of Elisha Williams who was a Private in the Militia of Culpeper County Virginia and died in the service of the United States is entitled to the sum of Six Pounds yearly, which allowance is to commence from the first day of January 1787. Given under my hand as Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia at Richmond, the Governor being absent this 15th day of August 1787.
T Meriwether

S/ Beverly Randolph

[Note: The money necessary to pay this pension was appropriated in 1787, 1788 & 1789 by order of the court of Frederick County Virginia leading me to believe that the widow was then living in Frederick County.]