Pension application of William Willoughby W18345
Sarah fn45VA
Transcribed by Will Graves 9/29/11

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[fn p. 15]
State of Virginia Spotsylvania County: SS
On this the 5th day of December 1837 personally appeared before me a justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Sarah Willoughby a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged 78 years who first being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July the 4th 1836 that she is the widow of William Willoughby who was she believes a Sergeant in the Army of the United States in the war of the revolution she does not recollect if she ever knew where he served but believes it was to the North before her marriage nor does she recollect what officers he was under she can only say that he enlisted after having served as she believes an enlistment of four years was discharged immediately after which she was married to him the said William Willoughby in the County of Spotsylvania by Parson Stephenson on the 30th day of June 1779 that after their marriage he was in the service at different times she thinks to the end of the war but cannot recollect how long she recollects he went to the Town of York and there served under whom she cannot say she is enabled to speak definitely as to the marriage from the family register as also of his death which took place on the 29th of October 1815 that she has remained his widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. S/ Sarah Willoughby, X her mark
Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me Claiborne Duvall, JP

[fn p. 41]
Caroline County State of Virginia: SS
On this the 7th day of December 1837 personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid John Oliver, of said County who, after being sworn according to law made the following declaration, that he was in the War of the Revolution, that he entered the service under Captain John Fitzick [John Fitzhugh?] and attached to Colonel Samuel Temple's Regiment and served out his two years principally as a guard up and down the River but, he thinks, the same year he was discharged he entered the service again by draft and went under Captain David Janssen and went again to Williamsburg and was under Major Armistead & Colonel Mathews till discharged in 1781 he was again drafted before the siege of York Town and was under Captain John Fitzick but in Gloucester County nearly opposite Yorktown he joined Captain Seizor or some such name, who was attached to General Weedon's Brigade where he

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served his time out in which expired after the siege of York Town, he further says that he knew William Willoughby well, that said Willoughby served, he believes, verily the whole war, part of the time in the Continental line & part of it in the Militia, that he was at the siege of York and he believes, did serve to the end of the tour, but of this fact, will not be positive. I do furthermore certify, that John Oliver is a man of the highest respectability in point of moral worth and that from a long life spent in this County, I feel assured, he has the confidence of all who know him, as a man of the strictest veracity, that he is now a Pensioner.

Given under my hand this the day and date first above written.

S/ RobertB. Corbin, JP

[fn p. 43]
I John Pierce ² of the County of Spotsylvania and State of Virginia do hereby certify I served several tours of duty as a militia man in the war of the Revolution and am now receiving a pension that I entered the service as early as 1775 and served at different times the last tour I served having been finished a few days previous to the siege of York Town in October 1781. I also certify that I was acquainted with William Willoughby late of this County who married Sarah Sorrell sometime in the summer of 1779 that after their marriage said Willoughby was in actual service in the Army of the United States but for what length of time I cannot speak positively. I also certify that said Sarah is now and has remained the widow of said weeding Willoughby. Given under my hand this 10th day of February 1838

S/ Jno Pierce

[fn p. 4: family record:
William Willoughby was married June 30 1779
Sally Willoughby was born April 14 1783
Nancy Willoughby was born April 12, 1785
Betsey Willoughby was born August 21, 1787
William Willoughby was born December 16th 1791
John Ashmore Willoughby was born August 15 1794
LeSenday [?] Willoughby was born January 27 1797
Sally Willoughby was married October 4th 1798
Lucendy Cash was born April 2 [?] 1801
William Cash was born April 10 1803
Thomas Gibson was married to Elizabeth Guillougby December 11 1821
[fn p. 5]
Thomas Chicles
William H Martin was born August the 8 [?] 1818
[illegible] Sarah E. Martin was born the year 1837
[fn p. 6]

² John Pierce S5933
William Willoughby is my name and Spotsylvania is my Station
Sally Willoughby married October 4th 1797
Nancy Willoughby was married October 2nd 1800
William Willoughby was married the 30th of January 1812
[illegibly faint entry] died October 29 1815
Lusendy Willoughby was married to Charles McLeod the 27[?] 1815 December
James Martin & Sedney Willoughby was married May 25 1818
[fn p. 7]
William Willoughby was married June 30 1779
Polly Willoughby was born April 12 1780
Polly Willoughby died April 2nd 1781 [last digit could be 6]
Sally Willoughby was born At. 14 1783
Nancy Willoughby was born At. 18 1785
Betsey Willoughby was born August 21 1787
Whitfield Willoughby was born June 30 1790
William Willoughby was born December 16 1791
John a Willoughby was born August 15 1794
Ludsenday Willoughby was born January 27 1797
Polly Keath was born March 29, [could be 24], 1788
Sally was married October 4, 1797
LudSenday Cash was born At 4 1800
Nancy Willoughby was married to October 1800
Sedney Willoughby was born October 28, 1800
William Cash was born April 10 1803
Gargia Yong was born July 6
James Adam Cash was born February 4 1806
[illegibly faint entry] September 19 1808
[fn p. 7]
Ths. Gibson was married to Elizabeth Guilloughby December [illegible]
Polly Parker was born July 14th 182?
[fn p. 9]
Gorg Yong born [indecipherable] February 7th 1803 lived to be 7 years old the 16th of July next
William Willoughby was married to Sally Sorell of Caroline County the 30th of January and died
December the 29th 1812 [or 1826 written below "1812"]
William H Martin was born August 18 181?

[fn p. 11: On November 17, 1850 in Spotsylvania County Virginia, Elizabeth Gibson filed a
claim in which she states she is the daughter of Sarah Willoughby, widow of William Willoughby
deceased; that Sarah Willoughby departed this life the 17th day of February 1849; that Sarah
Willoughby was a pensioner under the act of 1838 as the widow of William Willoughby; that her
mother received a pension as the widow of a private when in fact she was entitled to a pension as
the widow of a Sergeant; she files this claim on behalf of herself and her sister Lucinda McCloud
the only surviving children of the said Sarah Willoughby.]
State of Virginia Spotsylvania County: to wit

I do hereby certify that I was a Revolutionary pensioner of the United States; and that I know of my personal knowledge that my brother William Willoughby deceased, whose widow now allowed a pension under the act of Congress of July the 7th 1837, was a Sergeant in the Revolutionary war for more than 2 years in Captain Joseph Spencer's company of Infantry in the Virginia line on Continental establishment. Given under my hand this 28th day of October 1851

S/ Henry Willoughby, X his mark

Memorandum: This affiant does not mean to say that William Willoughby served the whole time in Captain Spencer's Company, but that he entered the service under his command and served in fact five years a part of which time he was a prisoner.

S/ Henry Willoughby, X his mark

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of $80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for her husband's service of 2 years and upwards as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]