Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Jesse Williams VAS3781 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from rejected claims in the Library of Virginia in the file indexed as Griffes, Reubin.]

I Thos. Dowden [Thomas Dowden W4181] of prince george County Virginia do hereby Certify that I was well acquainted with Jesse Williams and that he enlisted for three years and Died in Servis he Belong in the Fourteenth Regement of Virginia Contineltal army Commanded By Col. Davis [sic: William Davies BLWt597-500] in the Revolutionary war. given under my hand this 17th day Sept 1831. Thomas hisXmark Dowden

I Thomas Harris [S38002] of prince george Count Virginia do hereby Certify th I was well acquainted with Jesse Williams and John Murfree [VAS3780] and that they Engaged in the Servis for three years in Capt Peter Jones [S8772] Company of the Fourteenth Regement of the Virginia line Commanded by Col. Davis in the Revolutionary war an they both died in Servis given under my hand this 20th day Sept 1831. Thomas Harris

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I James Tinch [S6244] of Prince George County & State of Virginia; do certify that I was intimately acquainted Jessee Williams of said county, and knew that he the said Williams entered in the service in the revolutionary war, in a company commanded by captain William Epps [William Epes (Eppes) BLWt360-200], of the Regement, in the Virginia State line, in said War, and that he died soon after he went into the aforesaid service. given under my hand this 9th day of Febuary 1832.

Janna Tinch

State of Virginia Prince George County, to wit,

Personally Came Thomas Dowden of the County and State aforesaid before me Geo. E. Harrison an acting Justice of the peace for said County & State who being duly sworn Deposeth and saith that he was intimately acquainted with Jesse Williams of said County and State and knows that he enlisted for the term of three years in the Continental service that he enlisted in the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven and was under Capt. Peter Jones; part of the time under Capt. Wm. Epps and served Eighteen months in said service in the first Virginia Regiment and died in said service. He was in Colo. Davis Regiment and some times under Gen'l. [Charles] Lee and sometims under Gen'l Weaton [sic: George Weedon BLWt2418-800] this Deponent states that the above service was Rendered in the north that he never knew any other person in said service by the Name of Jesse Williams niether does he believe said Williams ever received any Compensation for said services. This deponent states that he is in his Eightieth year. Sworn to before me this 19th of February 1835. Geo E Harrison

To the Executive of Virginia [19 Feb 1835]

The under signed Heirs, of Jesse Williams, beg leave respectfully to present their memorial for Land Bounty, to the Executive of Virginia, and in support thereof to submit, the following statement: that they are the Heirs of Jesse Williams, and are Citizens of Prince George County, and State of Virginia, that he said Jesse Williams Served or Enlisted in Prince George County Va and served until his death 18 months in said service as a Regular Soldier in the Revolutionary War. that your memorialists verily believe themselves intitled to Land Bounty for the services of said Jesse Williams aforesaid and are Induced to this Conclusion more from the reports of others than from any knowledge they themselves possess on the subject. they therefore believe that if the Claim can receive the advantages of an investigation by the Commissioner appointed therefor, that it will be fully Shewn. They Respectfully ask that their case may be considered and that such [undeciphered] may be made thereof as that right and Justice may be done.

Benjamin X Williams son of Jesse Williams Dec'd

Anna X Whitmore daughter of Jesse William Dec'd

Willam X Buishop [William Bishop] in right of his wife formerly Winney Williams and Daughter of Jesse Williams Deceased

Francis X Whitmore daughter of Jesse Williams Deceased

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