# Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

## Virginia documents pertaining to William Williamson VAS5033 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[From rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.]

#### Chesterfield County to wit.

This day Thomas Newby [S5812] of said County made oath before me that he was well acquainted with William Williamson in the revolutionary war who served with him as a private in a company of state artilery commanded by Capt. Henry Qualls [sic: Henry Quarles R17253] and attached to the regiment under the command of Colonel Marshall [Thomas Marshall VAS494] and that they were together in the service of the revolutionary war nearly three years and the said Williamson informed him that he was a citizen of the County of Prince George State of Virginia. Given under my hand and seal this eleventh day of August 1834. John Gregory JP

## Chesterfield County to wit.

This day Magness Bowman [Mackness Bowman S6691] of said County made oath before me that he was well acquainted with William Williamson in the revolutionary war, who served with him as a private in a company of state artilery commanded by Capt Henry Qualls and attached to the regiment under the command of Colonel Marshall and that they were together in the service of the revolutionary war nearly three years and the said Williamson informed him that he was a citizen of the County of Prince George State of Virginia. Given under my hand and seal this eleventh day of August 1834. John Gregory JP

## Richmond Sc

This day Uriah Williamson of Prince George personally appeared before me an Alderman of this City and made oath that as far he knows and beleives his father was a revolutionary soldier that he died in the year 1823 intestate leaving four children his only heirs and distributees namely Uriah this Deponent Sarah Williams who married Thos. Daughtry Mary Williamson who married Carter Harrison Clarissa Williamson who married Thos Grasswitt all of whom are now living Given under my hand this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of December 1834. James Rawlings

Your memorialists Uriah Williamson Sarah Daughtry Mary Harrison and Clarissa Grasswitt beg leave to shew the Executive that their Father William Williamson was always reputed to have been a Revolutionary Soldier Your memorialist Uriah Williamson begs leave to state that he has often heard his Father say that he was in the State service and was transferred from that service to that of the United States that he was in several battles to the south that he was taken prisoner at Camden [16 Aug 1780] and was kept a prisoner in Charleston for a long time and was [undeciphered] to Va. The army Register shews he received for his pay £100.10.9 which goes to shew pretty conclusively that he served long enough to entitle him to bounty land which from the Register in the Register's office he has never received all of which is respectfully uriah Williamson & C/ Heirs

Upon the Petition of the Heirs of William Williamson, a Soldier of the State line, for Bounty land, for his services &c.

The facts, which have been presented by the Petitioners, are – that William Williamson was a private in Captain Henry Quarles' Company, in Colo Marshalls Regt of Artillery, and serv'd in the same nearly three years, together with Thomas Newby and Magness Bowman. (see the affidavits of Thomas Newby & Magness Bowman: whose Characters for veracity, it must be remark'd, have not been vouch'd for.

The name of Wm. Williamson is on the army register. He rec'd a certificate for £100.10.9 the bal of his full pay as a soldier of arty nov'r 24<sup>th</sup> 1784, which certificate was [undeciphered word] to a Mr Ruffin. (see Auditors Certificate.

There is no proof, and not even a statement, that he enlisted for three years, and serv'd for that term. The large sum of money, which he receiv'd for the bal. of his pay, renders it probable, he served more than three[?] years; but I do not understand that it furnishes proof of the fact. If the fact of service for three years should be consider'd as having been prov'd, I presume no psoitive proof of an enlistment for three years would be requir'd. The service for that time would give rise to a presumption amounting to proof of an enlistment for the same time. But, there does not appear to be any sufficient proof of service.

I have nothing to add to the facts which have been presented by the Petitioners To Governor Tazewell Resp'ly submitted/ John H Smith Com'r &c/ Dec'r 31<sup>st</sup> 1834