Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Williams S14874 Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of Alabama Mobile County: SS

On this 20th day of September 1833 personally appeared before me William M Garrow [? Gannon?] Judge of the court of the County aforesaid, John Williams a resident of said County & State aforesaid aged as he states seventy-six years on the first day of June 1833, who being 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 7th of June 1832. That he enlisted as a private soldier in the Army of the U S in the Virginia line in the year (does not recollect the year) with Captain Thomas Ewell and Served in the 13th Regiment commanded by Colonel Porterfield [Charles Porterfield] and Major Dick [possibly Alexander Dick], the Lieutenants of his Company were Bush & Bradford and enlisted on Choco hill Richmond Virginia for three years but previous to his term of service having expired he entered for the war & served altogether three years that he was in the Battle of Jamestown, & at the siege of York that he marched from Richmond to Williamsburg from thence to Jamestown & from thence to Yorktown, that at the siege he is Regiment was stationed on the right of the French on the left of the Army he was attached to was commanded by General Knox. That he was a Honorably discharged & lost his papers in the Cumberland River in attempting to cross the same —

And the said Williams hereby relinquishes any & every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year above written before me S/William him Garrow S/John Williams, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the Virginia service.]