

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Williams S1738

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State of Tennessee, Wilson County} Circuit Court, October Term A.D. 1832

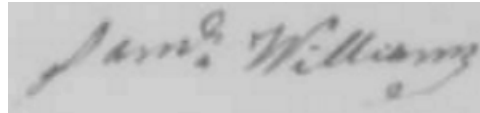
On this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable James C. Mitchell Judge of the 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit for the State of Tennessee at the Court house in the town of Lebanon, Samuel Williams Senior a resident citizen of the County of Wilson and State of Tennessee aged about Seventy-Four,, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath that the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832. That he entered in the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he volunteered a private Soldier for the term of three months on the \_\_ day of \_\_ 1776 in the County of Anson in the State of North Carolina in the Infantry Company commanded by Captain West Harris and attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Drury Ledbetter in the line of the volunteer establishment, that were never out of the State, but were marched through that section of Country as Rangers after the Tories, they were in no battles, that he was honorably discharged at the expiration of his term of service by Captain Harris & Col. Ledbetter in the County of Anson on the \_\_ day of \_\_ 1776 or 7. That he again volunteered as orderly Sergeant in the Cavalry Company commanded by Captain James Alston for the term of three months on the \_\_ day of \_\_ 1777 at the County of Warren County in the State of North Carolina and was marched to the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Whitaker of volunteer mounted Gun men, that they were marched through the larger part of the State of North Carolina but were in no battles, that he was appointed press master for his Colonel, and was at the taking & putting to death of several Tories, that he was honorably discharged by Col. Whitaker in Charlotte in North Carolina on the \_\_ day of \_\_ 1777 after serving out his three months. That he again volunteered as orderly Sergeant or Cornet for three months in the volunteer mounted Gun men Company commanded by Captain Armstrong [James Armstrong] on the \_\_ day of \_\_ 1778 in the County of Warren in the State of North Carolina and was attached to the Regiment of Cavalry commanded by Colonel Joseph Hawkins & Major Debarron [Taylor DeBaron] & they were marched through the principal part of the State of North Carolina and continued in actual service three months during which tour he was present & assisted in taking and putting to death several Tories but was in no regular battle that he was honorably discharged by Captain Armstrong & Col. Hawkins at Raleigh in North Carolina on the \_\_ day of \_\_ 1778. -- That he again volunteered and acted as a Sergeant in the Infantry company commanded by Captain Buckner Kimbrell on the \_\_ day of \_\_ 1789 [sic, 1779?] at the County of Montgomery County in the State of North Carolina and was attached to the Command of General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] and joined Count Pulaski's troops at Thompson's Creek in the State of South Carolina and was in the battle at Gates defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780], that he was in several little scrimmages against the Tories, was in actual service

more than three months and was honorably discharged by Captain Kimbrell & General Rutherford on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_ 17\_\_\_ in Montgomery County in the State of North Carolina that he was repeatedly called out and held in readiness as a Ranger to protect the country against the merciless Tories and was repeatedly employed in taking and putting to death the Tories from time to time until about one or two months previous to the declaration of peace that some time in the winter of 1782 – 3 – he again volunteered a soldier and acted as orderly Sergeant in the Company commanded by Captain Brickle [sic, Thomas Brickell a/k/a Thomas Brickle] and attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Brickle [sic, William Brickell] in the volunteer establishment of the State of North Carolina and was in Service when news arrived of the declaration of peace and was afterwards honorably discharged after peace by Col. Brickle at Halifax County in North Carolina – that he was in actual service of his Country he has no doubt more than two whole years including the time he was engaged as a Ranger after the Tories and more than one year as a volunteer soldier under Captains Harris, Alston, Armstrong, Kimbrell & Brickle – that he rendered much valuable service to his country during the War, he has lost or misplaced his discharges – has no documentary evidence of his services, but herewith sends the affidavits of Priscilla Tucker, Thomas C. Williams<sup>1</sup> & Nancy Williams who certifies to his being a soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State of the United States.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid.  
S/ Wm Martin, Clerk

S/ Saml. Williams

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Saml. Williams".

[John Jones, a clergyman, Britain Drake, William Clifton & Robert Organ gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 12: On July 2, 1832 in Wilson County Tennessee, Priscilla Tucker gave testimony that she knows of her own knowledge that Samuel Williams served for more than 2 whole years in the Army of the revolution. She gives no basis for her knowledge of the veteran services. Likewise, Thomas Williams and Nancy Williams gave identical testimony to that given by Priscilla Tucker.]

[Veteran died February 23, 1835]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$55.55 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private and Sergeant for 9 months in the North Carolina militia.]

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1 [Thomas C. Williams W6509](#)