Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Thomas Williams SC2172 AA 70 Audited Account Microfilm file No. 8577

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Sir

York District November 21st, 1810

You will please deliver to Colonel James Duff an Indent which is due me for service done during the late Revolutionary War in the 10 months service in General Sumpters [Thomas Sumter's] Brigade of State Troops – I was enlisted in the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Hill served therein sometime & then transferred to Colonel William Polk's Regiment

S/ Thomas Williams

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Thomas William signed the above in presence of S/Wm Ed. Hayne

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I do certify that Thomas William served out his Full Time of enlistment in Colonel Hill's [William Hill's] & Colonel Polk's regiments as witness November ye 22nd 1810

S/ Wm Hill. L. C. S/ John Clark Esqr.

¹ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <u>http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/</u>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the <u>Just take me to the search page</u> link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The "SC" file number shown on this transcript has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number.

Captain Adam Meek drew pay for said Thomas Williams Cloathing

[p 57] 3rd December 1812 Col. Gist the petition of Thomas Williams praying for an indent Referred to the Comptroller no ful name

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To the Speaker of the house of Representatives and the members thereof The Petition of Thomas Williams

Respectfully Sheweth

That your petitioner enlisted in the late Revolutionary War in the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Hill in General Sumpters brigade for ten months that your petitioner served some time in Colonel William Hill's Regiment and then was transferred to Colonel William Polk's Regiment – That your petitioner served out the ten months and was entitled to an Indent for his Services – that your petitioner has never received the Indent although he has made several applications that it appears from the books containing the names of the Men who served in General Sumpter's brigade that an Indent has issued for your petitioner.

Your petitioner therefor prays that the Indent for his services may be delivered him or the amount thereof ordered to be paid to him – and in case any person has drawn the said Indent that the Comptroller may be requested to report his name and in duty bound will ever pray &c

S/ Thos Williams

This William

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South Carolina To the Honorable the Speaker and other Members of the Honorable the House of Representatives

The Comptroller General to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Williams praying Compensation for services performed during the revolutionary War –

Respectfully reports

That by the books of the Treasury it appears that an Indent was issued on 1 October 1784 to Mr. Thomas Williams a private in Giles [James Giles'] Troop Hill's Regiment – Sumter's Brigade for £94 Sterling being balance of pay and bounty due him for Service in that Regiment together with Interest thereon from one April 1782.

That all the Vouchers for payments made by the State on Account of Sumter's Brigade were left with the Government of the United States in a final Settlement made with them by this State. It appears by the petition that the Indent was issued for the Very Services stated by the petitioner to have been performed.

> Respectfully submitted by S/ Thos Lee Comptroller General

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State of South Carolina York District } To the Legislature of the State aforesaid -

The humble petition of Thomas Williams of said district & State respectfully Sheweth that he was a good Whig in the Revolutionary war that he served under Colonel Neell [Thomas Neel] and in the company commanded by Captain Anderson in Charleston when it was attacked in 1779 by Provost [Augustine Prevost], and was engaged and fought in the battle at Stono ferry [June 20, 1779] under the aforesaid officers; that he also was present and fought in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Polk [William Polk] at the battle of the Eutaw's [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781] in the company commanded by Captain James Giles that he was enlisted under the aforesaid officers in the troops of the state aforesaid and served out the ten years [sic, ten months] for which he was enlisted and never received any bounty or any compensation for his services; that he is now seventy-two years old and in very indigent circumstances and has a family of ten children to support he therefor prays from the bounty of the Legislature that his name may be placed on the pension list and as he has been 3 years unable to work and is considerably in debt he hopes & prays that he may receive the pension for 3 years back.

S/ Thomas Williams, X his mark

Personally appeared before me the subscribing Justice the aforesaid Thomas Williams and made oath that the facts stated in the above petition is Just & true Sworn to and subscribed this 20th day of November 1827 S/ A. W. McQorter, JQ Ex Off.

S/ Thomas Williams, X his mark

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The State of South Carolina

To the Senate & House of Representatives of the said State

The Petition of William Wright Respectfully Sheweth that at the Session of your body in December last, Thomas Williams of York District was placed on the pension list, and that during the month of February last & but a few days before the pension became due & payable the said Thomas Williams died. Your petitioner administered on his estate which in the whole amounts to \$22.75. The estate is ascertained to be insolvent. The family of Thomas Williams were at his debt and now are in a destitute and distressed Situation. They consist of 3 sons, 2 daughters, and 2 small grandchildren, of the sons two are idiots and utterly unable to contribute towards their support. The whole burden of maintaining the family devolves on one son Josiah who is not possessed of any but very trivial property. The family are dependent on his exertions for support and on rented land for a home. Your petitioner prays the annuity which was almost due at the death of said William be paid to your petitioner in trust for the use & benefit of the family and that the annuity be continued to be paid to him or to Josiah Williams for that purpose for the term of five years or so long as to your body may seem meet² & proper

And your Petitioner will pray November 17, 1828

S/WmWright

² In Samuel Johnson's Dictionary of 1755, the first definition of the word "meet" he gives is "Fit; proper....". Johnson noted that even at that time the word "meet" was rarely so used. It must have become fairly popular in South Carolina in the early 1800's, however, as it appears in many petitions submitted to the SC Legislature.