Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Williamson W18356 Polly fn27NC Transcribed by Will Graves 1/15/11¹

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State of North Carolina Warren County

Be it remembered that at a Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions begun & held for the County aforesaid on the 4th Monday of August 1819 personally appeared in open Court William Williamson aged 62 resident in said County who being 1st duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the late act of Congress, entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" That he the said William Williamson enlisted by Lieutenant Daniel Jones sometime in April 1776 in the County of Bute, now called Warren, in said State, for the term of 2 years and a half in Captain Jacob Turner's company of the 3rd Regiment commanded by General Jethro Sumner in the line of North Carolina on the Continental establishment. That he continued in the service of the United States until the 10th of November 1778 when he was discharged in Pennsylvania by the order of Colonel Patterson.

That he was in the actions at Brandywine, Germantown and Monmouth Courthouse – That he is in reduced circumstances in life and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support. That he has lost his discharge – and has no other evidence of his said service now in his power – but the certificate of the Secretary of State of North Carolina herewith transmitted. Sworn to in open Court

S/Wm Williamson

State of North Carolina, Secretary's Office 29th May 1819

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears from the musterroll of the Continental line of this State in the Revolutionary war, that William Williamson a private in Captain Turner's Company of the 3rd Regiment was mustered on the 16th day of April 1776 for 2 1/2 years, and was discharged on the 10th day of November 1778. Given under my hand the date above. S/ Wm Hill

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State of North Carolina Warren County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term 1832.

On this 28th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of said court now sitting, being a Court of record, William Williamson of this County aforesaid who being first 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 the 7th of June 1832 – to wit

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1776 in the spring under Captain Jacob Turner and met at Halifax North Carolina the 3rd Regiment under the command of General Jethro Sumner - marched thence to Tarboro and to Wilmington & thence to Charleston South Carolina thence to Savannah Georgia on our march joined Virginia Troops in South Carolina as he believes – remained at Savannah till about Christmas when we returned to Halifax and marched to Fredericksburg Virginia to Georgetown in Maryland where the Army was inoculated for the smallpox. Thence we marched to Baltimore and thence to Philadelphia and then to Trenton. From here we marched back and joined General Washington's troops not far this side of Philadelphia and shortly after this was in the battle of Brandywine and a few weeks after was in the Battle of Germantown where Captain Turner was killed and I was put under the command of Captain Armstrong. This was in October 1777 – accompanied Washington's Army to winter quarters at Valley Forge where we remained till the spring - when we pursued the enemy who had left Philadelphia to Monmouth Court House - where we had another engagement - continued with the Army until he was regularly discharged in October 1778 having served 2 years & 6 months – his discharge accompanies this & is signed by Colonel Patton – as well as he recollects James Turner, formerly a Senator from North Carolina in Congress got his name placed on the agency of North Carolina for a pension under the act of March 1818 – and he drew 6 months pension when his name was dropped under the amendatory law on account of property -

He resided during the war when he was enlisted – and ever since near where he now resides in the County of Warren – it being then the County of Bute.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any state except as is above set forth.

Sworn to in open Court

S/ Caswell Drake, CWCC

S/W. Williamson

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Head quarters October 16th 1778

Second North Carolina Battalion Whereof John Patton Esquire is Colonel

This is to Certify that the Barer [sic, bearer] William Williamson Private Soldier in Captain Thomas Armstrong's Company & in this 2nd North Carolina Battalion has served honorably and faithfully for the space of two years & six months & is hereby Discharged the service the time he Enlisted for being Expired he having received his pay arrears of pay Cloaths & all just demands from the time of his Enlisting – into the said Battalion to this day his discharge as appears by his receipt on the back –

And to prevent any ill use that may be made of this Discharge by its falling into the Hands of any other person whatever – the following is a Description of the aforesaid William Williamson aged 23 years fair Comps light hair & about five feet eleven inches high born in the

State of North Carolina & a planter

Given under my hand this day & year above Mentioned S/ John Patton Colo

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[the back bears the signature of Williamson by his mark]

[On August 24, 1844 in Warren County North Carolina, Polly Williamson, 82, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of William Williamson, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolutionary war; that she married him December 24, 1775; that her husband died June 7, 1836; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line. Veteran's widow was pensioned at the same rate commencing June 7th, 1836.]