Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abraham Williams¹ W27673 Elander fn42VA Transcribed by Will Graves 9/19/11

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Rev. and 1812 War Section

April 23, 1926

[addressee] Madam:

I have to advise you that on May 20th 1873 Elander Williams, a resident of Pulaski County, Kentucky, aged eighty-seven years, applied for a pension, and alleged that her husband, Abraham Williams enlisted in June 1777 and served as a private in the Captain Carn's Company, Colonel Fanning's Virginia Regiment, and was discharged in 1782 in South Carolina. She did not furnish any proof of this service.

She married him in Pulaski County, Kentucky, March 10, 1838.

She was erroneously allowed pension on account of the service of Lieutenant Abraham Williams of the Maryland line, but it was discovered, upon a re-examination of the records in 1915, that said Lieutenant Abraham Williams lived in Mason County Kentucky, for fifty-two years and prior to that in Maryland, and received a pension himself until March 4, 1848.

Respectfully,

Winfield Scott
Commissioner

State of Kentucky County of Pulaski

On this 20th day of May A.D. 1873 personally appeared before me Deputy Clerk of the County of Pulaski, a Court of Record in and for the County and State aforesaid Elander Williams, aged 87 years, a resident of Pulaski County of __ State of Kentucky who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of Abraham Williams, who served the full period 4 or 5 years in enlisted service of the United States in the war of 1776 and was the identical Abraham Williams who enlisted in Captain Carns (she thinks) Company, Colonel Fanning's Regiment of Virginia Brigade, Don't know Either Division, at the East Virginia, on the orb out June 1777 and was honorably discharged in South Carolina on the __ of 1782; that Private he was in Battle Yourk [sic] Town Virginia my said Deceased husband often remarked of being in several Battles I can say or don't no [know] of my own knowledge that he was in any he in his lifetime said the reason he was Discharged in South Carolina was that there was disbanded or discharged he used to say he lost his discharge in some way. That she married under the name of Elander Warren the said Abraham Williams on the 8th day of August A.D. 1833 by Elijah

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Barnes or in Pulaski Kentucky, there being no legal barrier to such marriage; that her said husband died at or in Pulaski County on the 10th day of March 1838 and that she has not remarried since his death; that at no time during the late rebellion against the of authority of the United States the she or her said husband adhered to the calls of the enemies of the Government, giving them aid or comfort, or exercise the functions of any office whatever under any authority, or pretended authority, in hostility to the United States; that she will support the Constitution of the United States; that she is not in receipt of a pension under any previous act; that she makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension rolls of the United States, under the provisions of the act approved February [illegible] 1876 and hereby constitutes and appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation, C D Pembroke of Washington City DC her true and lawful attorney, to prosecute her claim, and obtain the pension certificate that may be issued; that her post office is at Level Greene, County of Rockcastle State of Kentucky; that her domicile or place of abode is Pulaski County Kentucky.

S/ Elander Williams, X her mark

State of Kentucky County of Pulaski

This day date May 18 1873 came before me a deputy Clerk Abraham Williams aged 102 years & Anderson Williams aged 67 years State that on or about the 8th day of August 1833 we saw Abraham Williams now deceased married to Elender Warren by one mon [?] Elijah Barns a Preacher in Pulaski County Kentucky & that the said Abraham Williams is now deceased & that Elender Williams is now his widow one of the Parts [parties?] Abraham Williams states that he did not see Abraham Williams served in the Revolution Ware but was acquainted with him some sixty years before his death he states also his best opinion is he was a Soldier from Virginia as J. A. Williams never heard it disputed but that the said Abraham Williams was a Revolution Soldier and that Elender Williams is his widow & that we can say that we have no interest in this claim.

-Abraham Miliams Anderson Williams

[fn p. 9: By application dated May 20, 1873 filed in Pulaski County Kentucky, this widow also applied for and obtained a bounty land warrant for 160 acres based on the service of her husband in the revolutionary war.]

[This Widow was pensioned erroneously at the rate of \$120 per annum commencing June 25, 1873 4 the service of Lieutenant Abraham Williams of Capt. Jewett's Company of the Maryland line. The error in this pension was not recognized until 1915.]