Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Moses (Maurice) Williams W9013 Martha f50SC

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We the subscribers Judges of the County Court of Chester do hereby Certify that Moses Williams was an inhabitant of this State from the year 1775 & was a friend to his country & that he received a wound in 1779 on Charlestown's lines & was thereby rendered incapable of supporting himself & family by his common labour & is not possessed in his own right of one hundred acres of Land & two Negroes as prescribed by law. Sworn & certified in open Court by us 21st September 1795

Signed Jo. Brown J. C.C. Wm Gaston, J.C.C.

Gentlemen Please to pay to Colonel Joseph Brown such as annuities as may appear to be due to me from the State of South Carolina & this my order shall be EFFICIENT Receipt for the same from me

Moses Williams 16th November 1795

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"To the Honorable the president & members of the Senate

The petition of Moses Williams humbly sheweth

That your petitioner was wounded in defense of this State in the year 1779 which in a great degree disabled him from the Labouring for his living that he applied & received one year's annuity in the year 1785 since which time he hath not received any annuity -- nor hath he applied for any but as he advances in years finds the Effects of his wound daily increasing that he is no longer able to support himself & family by his labour & therefore prays that he may be allowed the same annuity that is allowed by law to other disabled militia man & your petitioner shall ever pray on

S/ Moses Williams

We the subscribers do certify that Moses Williams of Chester County received a wound in the time of the late war which we have reason to believe hath in a great degree disabled him from laboring as usual for his support

Thomas Robins, Mjr Samuel Love William Gaston, JCC William Love Aaron Williams
John Johnson
Stewart Brown
Samuel Campbell
John Williams
William Bell

John Nichols Bell Samuel Givans Senior

Jon Gellegher

Vallentine Bell Senior James L. Gaston James Feaar John Lockert

Aaron Lockert Captn.

Aaron Johnson
John Gaston
Charles Lockart
Aaron Lockert Senior
William Johnson

Benjamin Williams Hugh Willson Elijah G. Going John Love

William Leder [Seder?]

Thomas C. Land Charles Gillmore Drury Gowing John Rial Love James Johnson John Sword Jas. Love Rich'd Love John McCooll

November ye 11th 1795 This is to certify that I received Moses Williams's pension from the Treasurer in Charleston for one year, as well as I remember it was in the year 1785.

S/ Jas. Love

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Moses Williams Report that they have considered the said petition and are of opinion that the petitioner is entitled to the annuity allowed by law & therefore recommend that the Treasurer be directed to pay him accordingly with all arrears of annuity from the year 1790.

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House of Representatives December 17th 1795

The Committee to whom were referred the petitions of Moses Williams, John Inlow and Sarah Sullivant praying for such annuities as are allowed to wounded soldiers and the widows of those who fell in the late war and also to be placed on the pension list, Report That they have considered the same and do recommend that the said petitioners be put on the pension list and that the Treasurers be directed to pay such annuities as have been due since the 1st of January 1792 and which may hereafter become due to them on their complying with every respect with the Resolution passed on the 9th of December 1794 – Resolved that the house do agree to the Report. Ordered that the report and resolution be sent to the Senate for their Concurrence.

By order of the house

John Sanford Dart C.H.R.

The House having taken the Report and resolution into consideration agree thereto resolved that the Senate do concur with the House of Representatives in the said Report ordered that the report and Resolutions be sent to the House of Representatives.

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South Carolina York District: On this 11th day of April 1846 personally appeared in open Court

& before the Court of Common Pleas now sitting in Yorkville for the District of York & State aforesaid James R. Williams, son of Moses Williams deceased a resident of said District aged 62 years, 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 July 4th 1836 granting pensions to certain widows.

That this declarant the aforesaid James R. Williams in the behalf of himself & the other heirs of said Moses Williams deceased States that the said Moses Williams was a private & Lieutenant in the South Carolina Militia in the War of the revolution the heirs understand and as such he served the United States against the Common Enemy under the following officers viz.: Captains Joseph Feemster, James Reed [James Reid] & Thomas Robins of Colonel Brown's [Lt. Col. Joseph Brown's Regiment: That he entered service in the summer of 1779 under said Captain Reed & served a term to Charleston and was wounded in a battle with the British. His next service commenced in 1780 in the spring, & that he remained in the Army almost constantly till the end of the war, during which time he was commissioned and served as Lieutenant under said Captain Robins about eight months. He further declared that the said Moses Williams was married in the fall of 1780 to Martha Faulk, & as husband & wife they lived together till the death of said Moses Williams who died on the 31st December 1821 and that his widow Martha departed this life on the 10th May 1838, not having intermarried after the death of her said husband the aforesaid Moses Williams deceased. He also states that he has no Family Record showing the date of the marriage of the aforesaid parties nor does he know or believe that any Record of the kind does exist.

He further declared that he has reason to believe that the said Moses Williams, Christian name may have been controverted, and called Maurace [sic, Maurice?] by some.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day & year first above written before the Court. S/ Edward Frost, Presiding Judge

S/ James R. Williams

Tames R. Williams

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State of Alabama Fayette County: Personally appeared before me Austin L. Moseley an acting Justice of the peace in and for the said County Esther Williams Daughter of Moses Williams and Martha Williams who being duly sworn on her oath saith that the enclosed is the oldest family record that she recollects ever to have been in her father's house and that the said deponent never saw any record of the date of the marriage of her father and mother to the best of her knowledge and recollection, Deponent further saith that Moses Williams her father died December 31st 1821 and Martha Williams her mother died May the 10th 1838 and also that the enclosed family record (viz.) Benjamin Williams & family is in the hand writing of John Williams and Moses Williams & family in the hand writing of James R. Williams. Sworn to and subscribed before made this 18th day of November 1846 S/ Austin L. Moseley

S/ Esther Williams

Ether Williams

[p 50—I presume the following is the family record referred to above. It however is clearly a transcript of the original and not the original itself since the hand writing fall of the entries is identical.]

William Williams was born March 15th 1753 1732 Rebehah Williams was born May 6th 1754 ^{1732 or 7} Moses Williams was born January 8th 1761 Aaron Williams was born May 8th 1763 Marget Williams was born December first 1765 John Williams was born July 18th 1768 Susanna Williams was born April 27th 1772 Sarah Williams was born June 8th 1774 Naomi L. Williams was born January 9th 1778 Jane Williams was born October 2nd 1781 John H. Lockert was born November 2nd it's 1809 James R. Williams was born November first 1783 Margaret Williams was born September 19th 1785 John Williams was born January 27th 1788 Aaron Williams was born December 12th 1789 Esther Williams was born August 18th 1792 Naomi Williams was born December 18th 1794 and deceased October 30th 1795 Martha Williams died May 10th 1838 Moses Williams died December 31st 1821 Eleanor Williams was born January 8th 1794

[p 41: Certificate dated July 16, 1850 in the South Carolina Comptroller General's office showing payments made to a Moses or Maurice Williams for militia service during the revolution being 31 days in 1782; 198 days in 1778 and 1779 (to Maurice Williams); 283 days militia duty from May 8, 1781 to 14 February 1782.]

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York District South Carolina: Personally appeared before me the Subscribing Magistrate Joseph Robins who being duly sworn on his oath saith that he was acquainted with Moses Williams from his (deponent's) earliest recollection and has always understood that the said Moses was a revolutionary Soldier and under the command of Captain Thomas Robins deponent's father done considerable militia duty and in a campaign to Florida deponent has always understood the Company of Captain Robins (among whom was Moses Williams) were volunteers for six months but whether they were out the full time less or more he cannot say. Deponent further states that he often heard his father Captain Robins & Moses Williams speak of subsequent services and especially to Charleston where the said Moses was in battle in company with Captain Robins and there seriously wounded and also has always understood that the said Moses Williams was in service at his Country's call down to the close of the war and respecting the name Maurice applying to the man Moses Williams also deponent has no doubt of its truth yet does not recollect the same distinctly enough to say anything on the subject.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 29th of November 1847

S/J. Robins

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South Carolina York District: Personally appeared before me the Subscribing Magistrate Mr. Robert Cowley¹ a soldier of the war of the revolution, and who being first duly sworn on his oath saith that he was personally acquainted with Moses Williams before, during and after the time of that war and believes that Moses Williams was married to Martha Faulk about the close of the year 1780. Deponent further states that Moses Williams entered service in defense of his Country he (deponent) thinks in 1778 under command of Captain Robins Colonel Brown's Regiment and marched on a Campaign to Florida² and returning home the said Moses under the aforesaid officers proceeded to Charleston and was there wounded. Deponent believes in the summer of 1779. Returning home and remaining until his wound was cured he (said Williams) recommenced service in the spring season of 1780 and under same officers continued almost continually in camp being in Battles at the Fishdam,³ at Blackstock's,⁴ &c and remained in service with little intermission till near the close of the war.

Sworn to and subscribed this 20th day of April 1846 before me S/CS Youngblood, Magistrate

S/ Robert Cowley, X his mark

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South Carolina York district: Personally appeared before me the Subscribing Magistrate Mr. Robert Wilson⁵ who being first duly sworn on his oath saith that he was personally acquainted with Moses Williams before, during and after the war of the revolution and believes said Williams was married to Martha Faulk near the close of the year of 1780 -- Deponent further saith that Moses Williams entered the service of his country against the enemy in the year 1776 and under Captain Robins Colonel Brown's Regiment and marched on a campaign to Florida and the next service deponent saw said Williams in was on the march to Charleston in the year 1777. And the next service deponent saw him the said Williams was in the year 1780 where the said William was marched with the troops under General Sumter [sic, Thomas Sumter] to the battle at Rocky Mount⁶ and then to the battle at the Hanging Rock.⁷ Deponent further says that said Moses was a zealous Whig a good Soldier and continued in service wherever duty and his Country called until the close of the war or at least until the time of the surrender of Cornwallis in the fall season of 1781.

Sworn to and subscribed this 20th day of April 1846 before me

² There were 3 campaigns against Florida during the Revolutionary War. It is difficult to know which of these the affiant means to refer.

⁶ July 30, 1780 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_rocky_mount.html

¹ Robert Cowley S39336

³ November 9, 1780 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution-battle-of-fishdam-ford.html

⁴ November 20, 1780 <u>https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_blackstocks.html</u>

⁵ Robert Wilson W2302

August 6, 1780 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hanging_rock.html

S/CS Youngblood, Magistrate

S/ Robert Wilson

Robert Millson

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May 2nd 1850 York District South Carolina

Hon. Daniel Wallace

Respected friend. I again intrude on your generosity in a pension claim of Moses Williams my father who was a Soldier of the Revolutionary war, and one of those independent spirits who having gained the prize for which he fought, neglected to make a regular return of his services during that war. Having made proof of the date of the death of my father and mother (I suppose satisfactory) and time of their marriage, I have proved my father's presence in the Florida Campaign a term of four months and twenty days; his presence in Battle of Charleston when the enemy made 2nd attempt on the City and failed, in which battle he was severely wounded. I have proved his presence in Battles at the Fishdam, at the Rocky Mount, at the Hanging Rock, at Blackstock's and Cowpens, This proof was made on the oath of Robert Cowley and Robert Wilson, two of his fellow soldiers who were his messmates and in most of those engagements stood shoulder to shoulder with Moses Williams, it will be found on the Company's Books only 31 days in 1782 and registered to Moses Williams, but to Maurice Williams Dear Sir Please attend to this business and be assured of my best Services when & whereever they may be required.

Most respectfully your obedient Servant S/ James R Williams

[p 25] To Commissioner of Pensions

> York District South Carolina November 3rd 1855

Sir Finding that several persons of my neighborhood have received remainders of pensions and not knowing whether such may be my Situation, I request that at your earliest convenience you will please examine the case of Moses Williams, and William Williams – the last is my father-in-law, and the pension which has been received in favor of his widow was obtained by A. S. Wallace Esquire, rather Supplanting me in the undertaking, The former is my own father and myself the agent in procuring the pension. My sister to whom with myself a pension was awarded is since dead. If a remainder exists please drop me a line containing directions how I am to proceed in the premises. If nothing remains in either case, use your own discretion whether you write or not. It is the desire of my wife of her brother and two sisters if there is a remainder in the case of William Williams that it be awarded to me –

I am Sir your most Obedient humble Servant James R Williams

PS Please direct returns to me to Carmel Hill Post Office Chester District South Carolina [Widow's heirs were awarded the pension due her during her lifetime at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th 1831 and ending May 10th 1838 (when she died) based on the service of her husband as a private for 2 years in the South Carolina military.]

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Audited Account No. 8569

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[p 7: The original of the petitioner transcribed from page 32 of the Fold3.com file posted above. The veteran's signature on this document appears as follows:

moses williams

and the signatures of the supporting subscribers

appear (in different order) as follows:

⁸ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the Just take me to the search page link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

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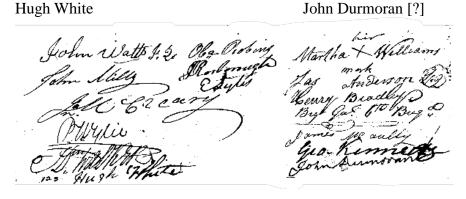
[p 17] To The Honorable the President & Members of the Senate &c $\,$

The Memorial of Martha Williams Relic of Moses Williams who Died the Last Day of December Last past & has Been a pensioner on the Pension List for a Number of years past from a wound Received on the lines in Charleston in the year 1777 in the Defense of his Country your Humble Petitioner being left a widow and in very Limited Circumstances & advanced in years so that she is unable to work for her Living Prays that your Honorable Body will continue your aged Memorialist on the pension List or at Least Grant her one years pension in order to Defray Doctors' Bills and other incidental expenses which would have been due her Husband had he lived a few weeks Longer.

And you will Petitioner will ever Pray & c

Martha Williams, X her mark

John Watts, JQ John Mills J McCreary P. Wylie J. D. Walker [?] Obadiah Robins
J. Rosborough
E. Lyles
James Anderson JQ
Henry Bradley, Brigadier General 6th Brigade
James McCaully [?]
George Kennedy
John Durmoran [?]



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A Schedule of the property actually possessed by Martha Williams your petitioner to wit one hundred acres of Land

one small Horse

one Cow & Calf

one Bed & furniture

South Carolina Chester District Martha Williams came before me and made oath in Due form Declarative on her oath that the above schedule as it stands Stated is all the property she is possessed of in her own Right.

Sworn to before me this 11th Day of November 1827

S/ James Anderson, JQ

Martha Williams, X her mark

I Do hereby Certify that the above Schedule is all the property possessed By your petitioner and also that she is of an Honest and Replicable Character and that her Deceased Husband Moses Williams Received his wound on the Lines in Charleston I think in the year 1779 and Belonged to the same Company with myself and that she hath no person to support her but to female Children that yet Lives with her

S/ James Anderson, 9 JQ

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York District South Carolina Personally appeared Esther Williams before me the Subscribing Justice and being duly sworn on her oath saith. That by the last Will of Martha Williams late of Chester District deceased this deponent was left Executrix of said Will and that the said Deceased Mother of this deponent was the Widow of Moses Williams a pensioner of the Revolutionary War and that the Mother of this deponent was continued on the Pension list and Continue to receive \$30 Annually until the 1st day of March 1838. And that the death of said Martha Williams took place on the 10th day of May last past leaving an arrears of Pension (as this deponent believes) due her deceased Mother of two months & ten days amounting to \$5.83 which she this deponent Claims as Executrix of her Mother's Estate Sworn to & subscribed this 19th day of March 1838 before me

S/ James R Williams, OU

Esther Williams

South Carolina Audited Accounts ¹⁰ relating to Maurice Williams Audited Account No. 8566

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[Book] T [No. 283

30th June 85 [1785]

Maurice Williams his account: 198 days duty in the Militia in 1778 in 1779, Amounting to

Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

[Book] T [No.] 284

30th June 85

Maurice Williams, is account of 283 days duty in Militia from 1 May 1781 to 14th February 1782 inclusive

Charged

deduct less

£20.4.3 1/4

Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

⁹ James Anderson W9699

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