Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Gabriel Williams W9896 Margaret Williams MD Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 11 June 2015.

Virginia SS-

Be it remembered that at a court held in and for the County of Monongalia at the Court house of the said county by the worshipful the Justices thereof on Tuesday the 28th day of April AD 1818– Gabriel Williams aged about Sixty two years, and Inhabitant of the said County and native of Maryland personally appeared before the said Court and being duly sworn on the holy Evangelist of almighty God declares and says, "That he is an Inhabitant of the said County – that he enlisted as a soldier in the army of the United States on the 6th day of February in the year 1780 to serve during the war under the Command of Capt Mason where he served as a Sergeant in the 7th Maryland Regiment commanded by Col John Gundy [sic: John Gunby] and first Brigade under Genl. [William] Smallwood and served untill the year 1782 when he was discharged by the said Genl. Smallwood at Annapolis which discharge he sold with his arrears of pay and that he is not well able to support himself by labour and that he has not an Estate sufficient to support himself without labour therefore he prays for relief under the 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"

Here follows an affidavit accompanying the said Declaration

"State of Virginia } SS Personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the Monongalia County } peace for the above County, Charles Dowd and made oath that he the said Charles Dowd was personally acquainted with Gabriel Williams

who served as a Sergeant in Capt Thomas Mason Company Sevent Maryland Regiment and that he the said Gabriel Williams served in said Regiment untill the conclusion of the Revolutionary war. Given under my hand this 17th day of March 1818–

Virginia

Be it remembered that at a County court held in and for the county of Monongalia, at the courthouse of the said county, on tuesday the 27th of June in the year 1820. and 44th year of the Commonwealth, personally appeared in open court {being a court of record, which proceed according to the course of the common law, with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, and keeping a record of its proceedings} Gabriel Williams, aged about 66 years, resident of said County who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows, he enlisted in the year 1776 under Capt. Uriah Forrest in what is called the flying camp for five months was in the battle of Long Island [27 Aug 1776] and then discharged. In 1778 he was drafted in Capt'n. John Casleray's [possibly Gassaway's] company; he hired a substitute and then substituted himself in Capt. Jonathan Morrisses [sic: Morris's] company where he served nine months during which time he was in the battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] where he received a flesh wound in the hip in taking care of his first captain who was then Col. Forrest his horse being killed under him and himself wounded in the thigh so that it was afterwards amputated said Williams was then discharged and on the 6th day of February 1780 he enlisted for during the war in Capt. Mason's company in the 7th Maryland Regt. commanded by Col. John Gunby he was marched to North Carolina and was in the battle at Camden at what is called Gates defeat [Battle of Camden SC where Gen. Horatio Gates was defeated, 16 Aug 1780], was afterwards in a battle near the same place called the Surprise [possibly Battle of Hobkirk Hill, 25 Apr 1781] was then in the battle at the Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781] then in the infantry under Col. [John Eager] Howard. was then [sic] in the battle of the Cowpens [17 Jan 1781] he was at the taking of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781]. he was honourably discharged in 1783 at Annapolis Maryland by General Smallwood, then being almost destitute of cloathing sold his pay amounting to ninety pounds, fifteen shillings to one Major Bailey for fifteen pounds in goods and gave him his discharge to enable him to get

the pay, since which he has never had his discharge or applied for it, believing it was of no use to him, that he has no other evidence in his power that he made his declaration in order to obtain the provisions of the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818, before the aforesaid court on the 28th of April 1818 and obtained a certificate from the secretary of war dated 7th day of January 1819 and numbered 5220 on the back of said certificate. And I the said Gabriel Williams do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United states on the 18th of March in the year 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any other manner, disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an 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 passed on the 18th of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the following schedule which together with this declaration I have subscribed, towit one horse, 15 or 16 hogs, little & big, 3 cows, one calf, 5 or 6 sheep, one old table, 6 old chairs, 1 old chest, 6 cups & saucers, 6 knives & forks, 1 Pewter Dish, 6 pewter plates, 6 delf do [sic: Delft ditto], 2 pots, 3 kettles, 1 Tea Kettle, 1 oven, 1 Skillet, 2 plows and gears, 3 hoes, 2 axes, 1 fluke harrow, 1 mattock, 2 Buckets, 1 churn, & some old tubs (signed) Gabriel hisXmark Williams & 2 sad Irons his wife Margaret aged about 58 or 59 years & one son Otho about 16 years old, is all the family he has living with him except a daughter and her child sometimes stays with him, he lives on rented land, has

State of Indiana } SS In the Henry Circuit Court. Spring Term 1840 Henry County }

lately broke his leg and is not able to do much work he has no trade"

Be it known that personally appeared in Open Court on the first day of May in the year of our lord Eighteen hundred & forty, Margaret Williams, and made oath in due form of law, that she is the widow of Gabriel Williams, the indentical person who was a revolutionary pensioner, and now dead, and to whom a certificate of pension was issued, and which certificate was forwarded on to the proper department, to enable her to show the areariges of his pension from the last time he drew up to the time of his death, that the deceased pensioner resided in Monongalia County in the state of Virginia for the space of seventeen years or upward before his death, that he died in the year 1827 in said County of Monongalia, that previous thereto he resided a short time in Berkley [sic: Berkeley] County in the State of Virginia and previous to which he resided in the County of Washington in the State of Maryland, and that she was marid to the said Gabriel Williams on the 22nd day of June in the year of our lord seventeen hundred and Eighty four 1784 by the Rev'd. W. Powel, and obtained a certificate of said mariage, which certificate she has lost, and that she knows of no recorded evidence of said mariage; that they ever after lived together as man and wife untill the time of his death and ever since remains a widow, and now resides in the County of Henry and state of Indiana and has so resided for the last six years, to where she removed from the County of Monongalia and state of Virginia aforesaid, that she was left by her said husband nearly destitute of property and still remains poor and very feble, living on the bounty of one of her sons who is in very moderate circumstances. that she is now seventy six years of age last March. Margaret herXmark Williams

NOTE: On 17 Aug 1840 Margaret Williams applied for a pension, giving the date of Gabriel Williams's death as 20 Nov 1827. On 12 March 1840 Clark Williams certified the marriage of his parents, Gabriel and Margaret Williams. With Margaret Williams's application was a family record copied from the original by Otho L. Williams, which lists the names and dates of birth of the children of Gabriel and Margaret Williams as follows:

Febuary the 22 1831 Clark Williams Was Born in Decemb the 3 1784 Abigail Williams Was Born in December the 10 1786 Elizabeth Williams Was Born in Septem the 9 1788 Ruth Williams Was Born in December the 15 1790
John Williams Was Born in december the 6 1792
Gabriel Williams Was Born in december the 21 1795
Mark Williams Was Born in January the 18 1797
Sinthy Williams Was Born in March the 9 1799
Margaret Williams Was Born in november the 10 1801
Otho Williams Was Born in November the 4 1803
the Last Won Was Born in July the 8 1808
John Williams departed this life december 18 1806 in the fifteenth year of his age
Margaret Williams departed this life March the 1 1809
Sinthy Williams departed this life on the 4 day of February in the 32 year of hur age 1831
Gabriel Williams sen departed this life on the 20[?] of November in the year one 1827 in the Seventy fifth year of his age

The following is on a separate sheet from the above family record:

Otho Williams and Ruth S Hale Was married on the twenty third of August Eighteen hundred and thirty one By Thomas P Maple of Green county Pennsylvania

Albert Williams son of Otho L Williams and Ruth S Williams his wife was born october 25 1832