

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of William Williams: W3747

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State of Ohio } SS

Gallia County }

On this thirteenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared before me David Boggs one of the associate Judges of the Court of Commonpleas in and for the County of Gallia aforesaid William Williams resident of Walnut Township in Gallia County and State of Ohio aforesaid aged Seventy four years and upwards, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as he states. That he entered the service under Col. [Richard] Campbell and he thinks Ridley was Maj. Thomas Bowyer was his Capt. and he thinks Perkins was his Lieut. awhile but his Lieutenants were often shifted. he entered the service or joined the troops at Hillsborough [sic: Hillsborough] in North Carolina on the day that Gen. [Nathanael] Greene took command [2 Dec 1780 at Charlotte], and left the service about the time Cornwallis was taken [19 Oct 1781], the day or month of entering or leaving the service he does not recollect, neither can he tell the year. he was drafted and went from Botetourt County Virginia to the army as above stated, and served eighteen months [sic], and was then discharged, he thinks in South Carolina. when in the service he was in the battle of Camden [Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781] and in the battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] and at the Seige of Ninetysix [Ninety-Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781]. that he served with the regular troops, or continental troops. he served wholly in North & South Carolina. when Col. Campbell was killed at the eutaw Springs [Battle of Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781] he was sick and not in the engagement. he has no documents to show he was in the service. his discharge he sold to Samuel Price & William McClung for four or five gallons of whiskey, which was all he ever got for his eighteen months service he knows of no person by whom he can prove his services except Eli Perkins of Greenbrier County Virginia should be alive to whom he has directed a letter but rec'd no answer

Question Where and in what year was you born?

Ans I was born in Fairfax County Va. Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> 1757

Quest have you any record of your age?

Ans- I have a record as given me by my mother.

Quest Where were you living when called into the service?

Ans- In Botatourt County Virginia.

Quest Where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live?

Ans- I lived in Greenbrier County Va. until 1817 when I removed to this State (Ohio) and since lived in Gallia County.

Quest. Was you drafted

Ans I was drafted

Quest State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served. Such Continental & Militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service?

Ans General Greene Commanded the troops, and it is so long since I cannot remember particularly more than I have previously stated

Quest did you ever receive a discharge from the service if so by whom was it given?

Ans I did receive a discharge & think it was given by the quarter master sergent I think his names was Monk

Quest What became of your discharge

Ans I sold it as I before stated

Quest do you know of any person or persons in your present neighbourhood, who can testify any thing as to your service as a soldier of the revolution?

Ans I think Mr Samuel Boggs & Mrs Eleanor Boggs have some knowledge as to my return from

the service

I William Williams do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state as I never have before applied for a pension William hisXmark Williams

NOTE: On 29 Jul 1848 Mary Williams, 73, applied for a pension stating that she married William Williams in May 1795, possibly on the 21<sup>st</sup>, at her father's home in Greenbrier County VA (now WV). She stated that William Williams died 23 Aug 1832. On 17 Apr 1855 she applied for bounty land, giving her age as 78