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Pension Application of William Williams, Nat'l Archives Microseries M804, Roll 2596, Application #W3907

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Cleveland County, North Carolina, 25th January, 1844, William Williams saith that he did enlist in the United States service in the Revolutionary War. That he was enlisted by one Archibald Lyttle, but that he does not recollect who was the captain that he mustered under when he went into the army, and that he believes that he mustered in the sixth or seventh regiment and that he served something like fifteen months and being in bad health, he left the army a few months and returned to the army and served until he was regularly discharged from the army, and that he served about two and a half years, or near that time..."

"...That he believes that he was after that time, that he was discharged, he was in the first regiment of the North Carolina militia, and that there was one sergeant in the regiment by the name of Samuel Gillson who wrote his discharge and that he believes that one Colonel Thomas White gave him his discharge..."

Cleveland County, North Carolina, on 5th of July, 1844, William Williams, aged 97 or 98 years: "That he enlisted in the army of the United States the **spring** before the Independence of the United States was declared, he supposes **1776**. That he was enlisted by one Archibald Lyttle into the company commanded by Captain McGlaughon or Captain Dixon, and that he served in the 7th regiment of regulars under _____. He declares that his memory has so failed that he cannot recollect the colonel's name, except it was Thomas White. He recollects that there was a Captain Brevard that acted as adjutant and a Major Harney who was in the army with them. Also a Captain Donahoe and a Samuel Gilston, a sergeant, and a Stephen White, who died the night after the Battle at Monmouth Courthouse..."

"...He further declares that at the time he went into the service of the United States, he was about 30 years old and was living in Orange County, North Carolina. Mustered with the few that was collected at Hillsborough, marched to Wilmington, all in North Carolina. Was there stationed when Congress first declared the American Independence."

"Some time afterwards, marched to Alexandria in Virginia and there halted, and almost the entire troops was inoculated with the small pox, and after a short stay, they marched through the upper part of Maryland and into the state of New Jersey, and there joined General George Washington's army and was stationed a part of the winter in a little village called Morristown. Next summer, was a while at a place called White Plains. That he was sick with fever and ague and could not march with the army. Got leave of the Captain to leave. Got some instrument of writing said to be a furlough, he thinks."

"In **August** was absent until some time in the winter, supposed to be **January**. He again mustered into the army at or near a place called Valley Forge on the Schuylkill in Pennsylvania where the army was stationed that winter, where sickness and deaths was beyond description. The next summer they marched over into the New Jersey state and on the [?last? or ?dusk?] of **June 28** (he supposes **1778**) they met with the British at or near Monmouth Courthouse and there had an

engagement. This was the first battle that he was in and he thinks the Americans gained the victory, for he was guard to the baggage wagons that day and they remained on or near the same ground that night they were on the night before.”

“And a few months after, say sometime in **November**, he was regularly discharge from the army whilst they were stationed on the North River. (But that he had omitted to state that he thinks that he was thrown out of the First Regiment to fill the vacancy occasioned by death ___? But if so it was the First Regiment of the regular line and not of the militia as set forth in the former declaration through the imbecility of mind or a mistake of the magistrate, for he says he did not serve with the militia at all during his service in the army...”