

Pension Application for James Williamson

S.23487

B.L.Wt.7970-100-Pvt Issued Aug 30, 1790 to Volker Veeder, Assignee. No Papers.

State of New York

Montgomery County

Court of Com Pleas

On the 15th day of June 1820 personally appeared in open court in the Court of Common Pleas of the county of Montgomery being a court of Record constituted and established by the Constitution and laws of the State of New York for the said County James Williamson aged sixty one years resident in the town [of] Johnstown in the said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows—(was inlisted)

That he served during the war in the fourth New York Regiment commanded by Coln Henry B. Livingston in the company commanded by Capt Samuel Sackett and after his death by Capt. Silas Gray sometime in the fall of year 1776 in which he served untill the year 1781 when he was transferred to the second New York Regiment commanded by Col Philip Van Cortland in Capt Theodosius Fowler's Company in which he served untill the month of June 1783 when he was honorably discharged.

That he has received a pension Certificate under the seal of the war office of the United States No. 2754—and I the said James Williamson do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of march 1818 and that I have not since that time by Gift sale or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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 March 1818 and I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due me nor have I any income other that what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. James Williamson.

Sworn to & declared on the 18th day of June 1820 in open court. Jno McCarthy
Clerk

Schedule

A life estate in one half of an acre of Land one cow and calf—two shoats two Iron Kettles one tea kettle a few articles of household furniture two old spinning wheels some carpenter's tools one large Bible due to from B. Vrooman \$3.00. J. V. Veeder \$1.28 A. V Veeder 23 cents. James Williamson

And the declarant further saith that [he] is by trade a Carpenter. That he is not able to preform [perform] hard work or labor by reason of a rupture or burst in his left groin with which he has been afflicted for th least five years and is in consequence thereof frequently in such a situation that he cannot work at all. That his family residing with him consist[s] of four persons besides himself to wit four persons besides himself to wit. His wife Eleanor of the age of sixty years his daughter Hannah of the age thirty five who is not of sufficient ability to maintain herself being at times partly

deranged. Jane Ann Anderson on the daughter of the said Hannah of the age of two years and his Grandson names James Spoor of the age of eight years—And further that the declarant is not of sufficient ability to support himself and family. That the declarant now justly indebted to Sunday different person in the sum of about fifty three dollars to wit.

To the administrators of Doct Wm A. Reed \$17.

To the adm'rs of Thomas Edwards 18.44

To Mahlon Taylor 2.17

To Lucas Sponebergh 4.00

To John S. Casselman 4.50

To John Lisswell 1.42

To Henry Sponenbergh 2.75

To Henry Fonda 77 cts

To John Eisenlord 2.00

James Williamson

Letter in file dated January 6, 1937, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your request for information relative to Revolutionary War soldier James Williamson who served from New York and was placed on the pension roll in 1818.

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in the pension claim, S.2487, based upon the military service of James Williamson.

The date and place of his birth and names of his parents were not given.

He enlisted in New Haven, Connecticut, in the fall of 1776, served as private and first sergeant in the Fourth and Second New York Regiments under Captain Samuel Sackett, Silas Gray and Theodosius Fowler, and Colonels Henry B. Livingston, Weisenfels and Philip Van Cortlandt, was in the battles of Saratoga and at capture of Burgoyne in the battle of Monmouth, and in the siege of Yorktown and surrender of Cornwallis.

James Williamson was allowed pension on his application executed April 14, 1818, at which time he was fifty-eight years of age and was living in Johnstown, Montgomery County, New York.

In 1820 he was living in Johnstown, New York, and referred to the following as members of his family residing with him; his wife, Eleanor, aged sixty years, his daughter, Hannah, aged thirty-five years, and her daughter, Hannah, aged two years, and his grandson James Spoor, aged eight years.

In 1837 the soldier was living in Glen, Montgomery County, New York.

In 1852 the soldier's son, John Williamson, was living in Wilna, Jefferson County, New York, and referred to his father as "late of the County of Montgomery, New York, deceased", date of death not given.

There are no further data relative to the soldier's family.