

Pension Application for William Williams

W.2307 (Widow: Honour)

B.L.Wt.26185-160-55

Fayette County

Pennsylvania SS

On this 12th day of March AD 1883 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Fayette State of Pennsylvania, now sitting William Williams, an resident of the county & state aforesaid aged seventy 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 act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he was born in Orange County New York on the 19th day of November 1762 and continued to reside there up to the period of the Revolutionary War. That Orange County in which he resided was situate between the British on the one side who had possession for the Hudson river & the Indians on the other, and a distance of about thirty miles between. That the order for raising a military force to meet difficulties of the terms [?] all over fifteen & under fifty five to military duty.

That in the fall of 1777 in November being then sixteen years of his age, he was enrolled and drafted as a minute man with orders to be ready to march at a minutes warning and marched a few days after into actual service, in Captain John Littles Company of New York Militia attached to Col. Tustans Regt.

That during the winter of 1779-8, he was in actual service as a drafted minute man under the command aforesaid at a town called "Goshen" and at Fort Montgomery. That the summer of 1778 he was on the British lines at the two aforesaid places and sometimes on the Indian frontier for the protection of the Inhabitants. That he was kept performing military duty as a minute man in the counties of Orange & Ulster generally on the British lines. Sometimes at Goshen, Fort Montgomery, and on the frontier untill September 1779 a period of two years minus two month and all the time belonged to the regt at first commanded by Col Tustan though Col Tustan and his first Capt (Little) were both killed in an engagement with the Indians at Minisink in 1778 and this deponent then, afterwards belonged to Capt John Sears's company of the same regt after the [?] of Col Tustan commanded by Col Hatfield.

That the fall of 1779 he removed to Virginia Berkley county and the last of August or first of September 1780 he volunteer in a company commanded by Cuthbert [Andinsor?] to suppress a company of Tories that had raised in order to join Cornwallis army and was out about two weeks having dispersed the tour.

That immediately after this, the last of Sept or first of October he was drafted in Captain Anderson's company of Virginia Militia of [???] for three months, but cannot recollect his Col. that he was ordered to march from Brinkley County to Yorktown to assist in the siege, but before they arrived Cornwallis surrendered.

That he was then ordered to Winchester to guard the prisoners surrendered by Cornwallis and served out his entire term of three months at that place. That the whole period of his service is two years one month & some days, all as drafted Militia – man that two weeks, which he served as a volunteer. That he has no documentary evidence of his services, nor does he know of any persons at present by whom he can prove them, but that the [?] Andrew Steward and George Mountin will certify as to his reputation.

He hereby relinquishes every pension or annuity whatever except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

To the Interrogatives of the Department he answers as follows.

1ST He was born in Orange Co., New York on the 19th day of November 1762.

2^{nt} He has a record of his age in his Bible.

3rd He lived in Orange Co., New York when when [sic] into the service and resided three months the fall of 1779 when he removed to Berkley Co., Virginia from thence removed after the war to Fayette County [?] where he still resides.

4th By draft as a minute man.

5th That Genl Stephens of the Continental Line was with the troops part of the term at Goshen. The general Circumstances of his service as above stated, he would however state more distinctly. That Col Thurston commanded the Regt to whom he belonged until he was killed at Minisink in the year 1778 and the regt was then commanded he thinks was Col. Hatfield.

6th He never received any written discharge.

7th The Hon Ananeb Stewart & George Moreaten will certify as to his reputation living in a remote part of the country he is not acquainted with any clergyman sufficient to get one to certify for him in residing in a remote part of the mountain. (Signed) Wm Williams.

Sworn & subscribed in open court the 12th March 1833. H. W. Burson

Letter in folder dated February 5, 1924, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers in pension claim W.2307 it appears that William Williams was born in Orange County, New York, November 19, 1762. While a resident of that place he enlisted in November 1777 and served one year and ten months as a private in Captains John Little, John Sears and Woods Company, Colonels Tusten and Hatfield's New York Regiment.

In the fall of 1779 he moved to Berkeley County, Virginia.

He enlisted in August or September 1780 and served about two weeks in Captain Cuthbert Anderson's Virginia Company.

He enlisted in September 1780 and served three months as a private in Captain Cuthbert Anderson's Virginia Company under Major Scott.

He was allowed pension on his application executed March 12, 1833, while living in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. He died September 1, 1848.

He married in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, July 28, 1803, Honour Davis. She was allowed pension on her application executed March 21, 1853, while a resident of Wharton Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, aged 76 years.

There was a large family of children and in June 1833 reference was made to two daughters, names not stated. There is no further data as to family.