

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Thomas Williams R11611

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State of Georgia, Carroll County

On this 19th day of January 1846 personally appeared before me is Subscriber a Justice of the Inferior Court in and for said County Mrs. Rebecca Williams a resident of said County & State aged 80 years past who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed July 7, 1838 entitled [“]An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows.” That she is the widow of Thomas Williams. That she has always understood and verily believes that said Thomas Williams was a private and Lieutenant and served during the War of the Revolution in the North Carolina Militia in Captain Edward Williams's Company, Colonel Belford & Dogen [sic, Dozier?] Regiment and in Captain Knight's Company, Colonel Litrel's [sic, Luttrell's] Regiment. That she was acquainted with the said Williams partially But not so intimate as to have a definite knowledge of his services so as to give a complete narrative. That he resided in Randolph County State of North Carolina during said War of the Revolution and done Service at different stages of the War and in all she believes that he served at least three Tours as private and two as Lieutenant for which she claims a pension. That she has no Documentary evidence in support of her Statements. That she knows of no person – living who could give a narrative of her Husband's Services. That Hardeman Rooks a resident of DeKalb County Georgia she believes done some little service with her said husband & he is the only person living within her knowledge who could testify to any part thereof – Knowingly. That the said Thomas Williams in the Land Lottery of the State of Georgia drew land under the laws of said State providing for soldiers who served in the War of the Revolution which is the only evidence of record showing that he was a soldier to be found in the State of Georgia. That the said Thomas Williams died on the ___ [blank in original] day of October 1826 in Fayette County State of Georgia. That she was legally married to said Thomas Williams on the 29th day of March 1785 in Roanoke County State of North Carolina by Richard Shackelford a clergyman. That she has no documentary evidence public or private in support of the fact that her family register he having been destroyed. That they removed from North Carolina about the year 1791 to the State of South Carolina from thence to Georgia about the year 1800 – and resided for many years in Jackson County – and moved from thence to Fayette County – where her husband died leaving her a widow. That she has remained a widow ever since the period of her husband's death on the day aforesaid. That she was not married prior to her husband's last Service but was married prior to the first day of January 1794 all of which she will be able to prove by Hardeman Rooks if in life.

S/ S. C. Candler, JIC of Carroll County

S/ Rebecca Williams, X her mark

[Facts in the file: Thomas Williams first married ___ McKnight in 1779 with whom he had two children; she died; Williams then married Rebecca Steed on March 29, 1784, '85, '86 or '87 [all dates appear in the file] in Randolph County, NC at the home of Nathaniel Steed [relationship, if any, not stated]; that Williams served under Col. Andrew Belford; Thomas and Rebecca Williams are said to have had a large family, but only sons Ned and Clayton are named in the file; Ned was 19 years old in 1807 and Clayton was living in Cherokee County, Texas in 1858; Rebecca died in Cherokee County, Texas in 1852.]