

## **Pension Application for James Williams**

S.23488

State of New York

County of West Chester SS

On this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year 1834 personally appeared before Ezra Lockwood Esqr, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of West Chester aforesaid James Williams a resident of the Town of Bedford in the County aforesaid aged seventy seven years on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of April inst. 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, an served as herein stated—That is to say.

That some time in the fall of the year 1775 the declarant enlisted as a private in a company of Militia commanded by Capt Gray in the Regiment of Col. Samuel Drake, for the term of three months.

That he entered said company and marched to a place called Horne's Hook and continued in actual service for the term of his enlistment at or near said place on York Island, in the county of New York and received a written discharge, which is lost.

That in the year following the declarant was ordered out in the company of Militia to which he belonged commanded by Capt Marcus Moseman in the Regt of Col. Thomas, and marched to White Plains in said County of Westchester and there remained on duty in the field for the term of two months during which term he was a Serjeant [sic] and served as such in said company—and was verbally discharged—That the same year the declarant was again ordered out into the company and Regiment aforesaid an was marched to East Chester in said County and stationed at Ward's House in East Chester and there remained on duty under arms for five weeks and was verbally discharged.

That in the year following the declarant was again ordered out and entered the service under Capt Richard Sackett in the Regt of said Col Thomas and was marched to Harrison's Purchase, so called, and there served as a private soldier two months and was verbally discharged—

That in the same year the declarant was again called into service in the company and Regt last aforesaid and marched with said Company to the town of Rye in said County and there remained in actual service for the term of eight weeks—and was verbally discharged.

That some time in the year following, (the declarant does not recollect the month) he was ordered out again into the service and joined said company and was marched to or near Pines Bridge on Croton River in said County and there continued in actual service for five weeks and was verbally discharged and returned home—and the declarant on his oath further saith that he was ordered out into the service, in the year that the British Ships Phoenix and Rose were up the North River and was marched in the company of Militia commanded by said Capt Moseman and Regiment

of Col. Thomas to Greensburgh in said County and was there in actual service one months—and was verbally discharged.

That the declarant well knew General Washington, Col Drake, Col Budd & Col Thomas, who were with the troops where he served—That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency in any state.

And this declarant further states that for the time during which the service by him as above set forth was performed he was not employed in any civil pursuit.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) James Williams

Sworn to & subscribed the 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 1834 before me. Ezra Lockwood one of the Judges &c in & for Westchester County.

Letter in folder dated April 12, 1938, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of James Williams (Williamson) who was born in 1754, in Bedford, New York, where he later resided and where he died in 1844. You state that he served also in Company "A", 27<sup>th</sup> Infantry, from the vicinity of White Plains, New York. You cite one pensioner listed on page 457, Volume 2 of the Pension Roll, where James Williams is recorded as a private of the New York Militia and placed on the pension roll June 24, 1834.

A search of the Revolutionary War records has been mad and no claim for pension found based upon service in that war of a James Williams or Williamson who, it is shown, was born in 1754, in Bedford, New York, nor is there a claim for pension on file based upon service in the war of 1812 of a James Williams or Williamson who served in the 27<sup>th</sup> U.S. Infantry.

The record has been found of the New York pensioner, James Williams, recorded on page 457 of the Report of the Secretary of War printed in 1835. His record is furnished you herein as found in pension claim, S.23488, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

James Williams was born April 15, 175, in New Canaan, Connecticut. The names of his parents were not given.

While residing in Bedford, Westchester County, New York, James Williams enlisted sometime in the fall of 1775 and served three months as a private in Captain Gray's Company, Colonel Samuel Drake's New York Regiment. He enlisted the following year, or in the year of the battle of White Plains, and served two months as sergeant in Captain Marcus Moseman's Company, Colonels Budd's And Thomas' New York Regiments. He enlisted the following year and served two months in Captain Richard Sackett's Company, Colonel Thomas' New York Regiment, stationed at Rye in Westchester County, New York. He was again called out during the same year and served eight weeks under the same officers. He enlisted the next year and served five weeks under the same officers then returned home. He served another tour of one

month in Captain Mosemen's Company, Colonel Thomas' New York regiment; dates of enlistment except for first tour not given.

James Williams was allowed pension on his application executed April 24, 1834, at which time he was a resident of Bedford, Westchester County, New York.

It is not stated whether the soldier ever married.