

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

North Carolina 6984

**John Williams S18436**

of Currituck in the State of N. Carolina who was a Pri. in the company commanded by **Captain Singleton** of the \_\_\_\_\_ commanded by \_\_\_\_\_ in the Va. line for 2 years.

Inscribed on the Roll of North Carolina at the rate of 80 Dollars \_\_\_\_\_ cents per annum, [to] commence on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 1833 and sent [to] **Hon. Wm. Shepherd** at Mrs. Blakes.

Arrears to the 4 <sup>th</sup> of March 1833	\$160.00
Semi-anl. allowance ending 4 Sep. 1833	40.00
	\$200.00

{Revolutionary Claim}  
{Act June 7, 1832}

Recorded by **Nathan Rice**, Clerk  
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North Carolina 2126

**Abijah Williams**

widow of **John Williams**, dec<sup>d</sup>, who died on the 7<sup>th</sup> November 1835 of Currituck in the State of No. Ca. who was a Private in the Company commanded by **Captain Singleton** of the \_\_\_\_\_ commanded by \_\_\_\_\_ in the Va. line for 2 years.

Inscribed on the Roll of North Carolina at the rate of 80 Dollars \_\_\_\_\_ cents per annum, to commence on the 7<sup>th</sup> November 1835.

Certificate of Pension issued the 18 day of June 1838 and sent [to] **Hon. A. Martin**, Ho. of Rep.

Arrears to the 4 <sup>th</sup> of March 1838	\$186.67
Semi-anl. allowance ending 4 Sep. 1838	40.00
	\$226.67

Recorded by **D.D. Addison**, Clerk  
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Paid at the Treasury under the Act of April 6<sup>th</sup> 1838 from March 4<sup>th</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1841. Agt. notified July 11<sup>th</sup> 1842.

State of North Carolina  
Currituck County

On this 29<sup>th</sup> day of May 1838 personally appeared before me **Caleb Etheridge** one of the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the county aforesaid **Abiah Williams** eighty three years who being duly sworn according to Law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4<sup>th</sup> 1836. That she is the widow of **Colonel John Williams** who was a soldier in the War of the Revolution but she knows nothing of his particular services, and she knows of it only what she has heard her husband say and that

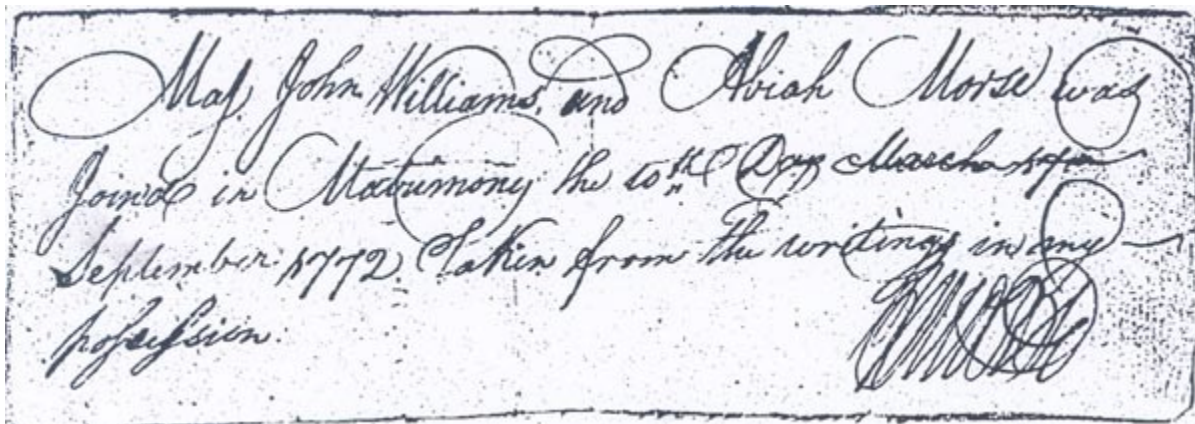
is imbodyed in the Declaration of her said Husband a copy of which is hereto appended and marked (A) She further says that this herewith encloses a transcript from the family Bible of her father which she received many years ago from her Brother, **Joel Morse**, which she believes to be correct. She says that according to her memory she was married to the said **John Williams** in the year 1772. She has no record of her marriage in her possession but has heard that her fathers family Bible in which her marriage is registered is yet in existence & in the possession of one of her fathers descendants but she cannot now obtain it. She further says that her husband, the said **John Williams**, died on the 7th Nov 1835 and that she has remained a widow ever since as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

Attest **C. Etheridge**, JP

(signed) **Abiah** (her x mark) **Williams**

Sworn & subscribed on the day & year above mentions & I do hereby certify that the above named **Abiah Williams** is so old and infirm as to be unable to attend Court for this purpose making oath hereto.

(signed) **C. Etheridge J.P.**



Declaration (A)

In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832

State of North Carolina  
Currituck County

On this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before **John B. Jones, Benjamin T. Simmons, Caleb Etheridge**, and **William Bray**, the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the county and state now sitting **John Williams** a resident of Currituck in the county of Currituck and State of North Carolina, aged eighty one 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 June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

Viz. I entered the service of the United States as a volunteer under **Capt. Peter Singleton** in the County of Princess Anne State of Virginia in September 1775 and was stationed at Kempsville Princess Anne County State of Virginia when the British made an attack on that place and preceded in taking possession of it. **Col. Thomas Walker** commanded our army which consisted of Militia or volunteers belonging to the County of Princess Anne. We had one man killed and two wounded, several drowned in attempting to cross the Eastern Branch. Our army was completely dispersed. The greater part of the inhabitants of Princess Anne went into the British and took the oath of allegiance. Under these circumstances I left Princess Anne for North Carolina procured a house for my family and joined the army near the Great Bridge Norfolk County Virginia and remained there untill after the Battle at the Great Bridge which took place the 9<sup>th</sup> day December 1775. The British commander **Fordyce** was

killed and his army completely defeated with a very considerable loss the number not known. The officers that commanded at the Great Bridge was **Col. Woodford** of Virginia **Col. Jarvis** of North Carolina and **Major Scott** of Virginia. I joined the North Carolina line and was under **Capt. Alexander Whitehall**, we next marched for the North West River Bridge Virginia and erected a Breast work near the place. I remained with the North Carolina Militia during the War and was frequently sent in command of detached parties to detect refugees which were often committing depredations. I was also employed at other times as a Blacksmith made handcuffs for refugees. I also had fifty or sixty stand of arms to repair at one time. I was appointed Captain of a company and received a commission from his Excellency **Governor Alexander Martin** dated at Hills boro the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April in the 6<sup>th</sup> year of our Independence which I now have and remained in that capacity untill after peace was proclaimed. He further says that he was in the service much more than two years in all the time he served during the Revolution. He can prove by **Hosea Ball** that he was in the American Army at the Battle of the Great Bridge at **Fordyce** defeat. He further states that he is a native of Princess Anne County Virginia but has lived in Currituck County North Carolina from the time herein before mentioned untill the present time and that he now resides in said County. 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.

Sworn and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

(signed) **John Williams**

We **Edward Hardy** a clergyman of Currituck County and State of North Carolina and **Foster Jarvis** of the same place do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with **Colonel John Williams** who has subscribed and sworn to the above Declarations. We believe him to be of the age of eighty one years and that he is [rest of affidavit is missing] **Thomas Williams** maketh oath that he was born in the year 1762 and that he is the brother of **Colonel John Williams** the husband of **Abiah Williams** and that according to his recollection she was married to **John Williams** in the year 1773, but it might have been in 1772. He further maketh oath that he saw **John Williams** die? on or about the 7<sup>th</sup> November 1835 and that **Abiah Williams** his widow has remained unmarried ever since the death of her husband.

(signed) **Tho<sup>s</sup> Williams**

Sworn before me this 29 day of May 1838

**T. Bell**, JP

**Caleb Etheridge** maketh oath that he has known **Col. Jno. Williams** & his wife **Abiah** for the last fifty years & that his age is about fifty nine years & that they had children older than this affiant and that **Col. Jno. Williams** died as he thinks on the 7<sup>th</sup> of Nov 1835 and that **Abiah Williams** has remained a widow ever since.

(signed) **C. Etheridge**

Sworn before me

**T. Bell**, JP

July 31, 1933

**Mrs. W.C. Burnham**

1525 West 33rd Street

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to your request for information in regard to **John Williams**, a soldier of the Revolution.

The data furnished herein were obtained from papers on file in the pension claim W.18436, based upon the Revolutionary War service of **John Williams**.

He was born in Princess Anne County, Virginia. The date of his birth and the names of his parents were not given.

While a resident of that county he volunteered in September, 1775 under **Captain Peter Singleton** in **Colonel Thomas Walker's** Virginia Regiment and served until after the battle of Kempsville (Kemp's Landing) which battle he was in. He stated that after this battle the greater part of the inhabitants of Princess Anne County took the oath of allegiance to the British and that he then left that county for North Carolina where he procured a house for his family and joined the army near the Great Bridge in Norfolk County, Virginia. He was in the battle of Great Bridge, serving with the North Carolina troops under **Captain Alexander Whitehall**. He stated that he remained with the North Carolina militia during the war and was frequently sent in command of detached parties in detect refugees, was employed as blacksmith making handcuffs for refugees and repairing arms, was appointed captain of a company and received a commission from **Governor Alexander Martin** "dated at Hillsboro the 26th day of April in the 6th year of our independence", and remained in that capacity until after peace was proclaimed. He stated that he was in service much more than two years in all.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 29, 1832, at which time he was eighty-one years of age and was living in Currituck, Currituck County, North Carolina, where he had lived from the time he left Virginia. His pension certificate number was 6984.

In 1832 he was referred to as colonel. He was also referred to as major. The papers in this claim give no evidence of his having served as colonel or major.

He died November 7, 1825 in Currituck County, North Carolina.

The soldier married September 10, 1772, **Abijah Morse**.

She was allowed pension on her application executed May 29, 1838 at which time she was eighty-three years of age and the application was made in Currituck County, North Carolina. Her pension commenced November 7, 1835 and her certificate number was 2126.

In 1838 reference was made to children of **John and Abijah Williams** but no names were given.

In 1838 one **Thomas Williams** stated that he was born in 1762 and that he was the brother of **Colonel John Williams** (the soldier).

In 1838 the widow referred to her brother, **Joel Morse**.

No charge is made for furnishing this information.

Very truly yours,

**A.D. Hiller**, Assistant to Administrator