

Subject: Moses Williamson Sr. Revolutionary War Service

The following documentation is submitted regarding the War Service of Moses Williamson Sr.-

A List of the men's Names Drafted for the Regular Service in Ohio County this 19th Day of March 1778

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Jacob Fisher
Robert Harkness
Jeremiah Orandell
Joseph Miller
John Harris

Given under my hand this 1st day of May 1778
David Shepherd
County Clerk

H. & P. O. War Dep't
Returned to files
Nov 16, 1867
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Williamson, Moses

Virginia.

(Revolutionary War.)

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List dated

May 1, 1778.

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Memorial in behalf of the Inhabitants of
Pittsburgh, and others living on or near the waters of
the Rivers Monongahela, Allegany, and Ohio.

To the Honourable the United States
in Congress assembled.

O We the Subscribers to the present,
beg leave most humbly to represent to the Honourable the
Congress, that we conceive the natural and local advan-
-tages originating from Salt Springs and the Improvements
thereof, to be of the utmost consequence to the Cultivation and
Welfare of this extensive part of the United States; That the
Inhabitants dwelling in the neighbourhood of the Waters of the
Rivers Monongahela, Allegany and Ohio, have been hitherto
constantly reduced, and, and more especially during the war,
to the greatest inconveniencies from the very great scarcity and
excessive high value of that most important article Salt, so very
necessary for their existence, as well as the health of their Cattle
and Live Stock in Climates too remote from the sea Shore,
and which is, even at present selling at Pittsburgh at
thirty shillings per Bushel and in many other places in
that Neighbourhood at a much higher rate. In conse-
-quence whereof, we do most earnestly entreat and pray,
that the Supreme Power and Benevolence of Congress
may be extended to us, and exerted in the most speedy
manner for our relief, in order that we may enjoy those
natural advantages, acquired through our united exertions
-ons during the late arduous Conflict.

We the Subscribers being also informed that
General William Irvine, Col: Stephen Bayard, Major
Isaac

Isaac Craig, Captain J^r Findley, David Duncan, and Robert Elliott, Merchants, residing at or near Pittsburgh, have formed a Company for the purpose of trading with the Friendly Indians, and at same time of extracting Salt from the waters of certain Springs, situated near great Beaver Creek, between the Ohio & Lake Erie, We humbly represent, that we conceive this Company deserves effectual and proper encouragement, and that such laudable enterprising exertions, from whence Public advantages of the highest importance must necessarily flow, merit in our opinion the support and Countenance not only of the Inhabitants of this Country, but also the protection of Congress, and of every Friend to the happiness, prosperity, and welfare of the Community at large.

In consequence whereof we have herewith signed our names, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty six, and in the ninth year of the Independancy of the United States.

Richard Yeates
 Joseph Vance
 George Miller
 Joseph Wilson
 Jonathan Lane
 Thomas Greck
 James Smith
 Isaac Hartin
 Galt Sprigg

Charles Dodd
 George Knox
 James Craig
 Thomas Williamson
 John Williamson
 Jeremiah Williamson
 Gerrard Hartfield
 Evan Phillips
 Elijah Philips
 Daniel Harris

Moses Williamson Junr
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 Johnathan Markland
 William Markland
 Mathew Markland
 James Nevia
 Henry Johnston
 Richard Markland

Josiah Coan
 Abraham Craig
 Joseph Tumbleston
 Leung Mills
 Samuel Fulton
 Alex. Fulton
 James Fulton
 Lewis Bonwith
 Lewis Grindstaff
 Jacob Whitsill
 James Smith
 Henry Smith
 Edward Richardson

Corrod Group
 Henry Labach
 Abraham Castles
 William Gane
 John Dyer
 Garland Coan
 William Dyer

Jacob Crow
 Abraham Messer
 Thomas Hayward
 James Niccounell
 Henry Clark
 William Black
 John Hanthorn
 Adam Hanthorn
 Henry Dickson

Henry Jolly
 James Pugett
 Peter Angerson
 John Colman
 Micham Lockman
 John Peff
 Edward Mills
 Thomas Mills
 John Beard
 Philip Whittier
 William N. Mackin

Oliver M. Lowell
 John Carpenter
 William Buchanan
 John McBride
 John Whittell
 Adam Row
 James Mitchell
 Newton Harvey
 Andrew Craig

These are the names of the subscribers to the subscription for the purchase of the land in the town of Newburyport, Mass. in the year 1796.

Moses Williamson Sr. was born in Armagh, North Ireland in 1723 to Scottish parents, Samuel & Mary Williamson (natives of Fifeshire, Scotland) and came to America in 1733 at 10 years of age (his mother dying on the voyage). Moses grew up in Pequea Valley, Cumberland, PA and learned early the danger of living on the frontier. The Williamson family moved west to Newville Twp in Western Cumberland Valley, but were driven Eastward in 1756 by Indian attacks. Moses Sr. and his six sons were members of the famed "Virginians" that fought in Lord Dunmore's War (as the Indian War prior to the Revolutionary War was called). In October 1774, John Murray, 4th Earl of Dunmore, led a fighting force from Fort Pitt (later called Fort Dunmore), including Moses Sr. and his sons, to pacify the Shawnee and Mingo Indian Tribes. The engagement ended in victory at the 'Battle of Point Pleasant' and resulted in a treaty with the Indians, strengthening of the claim of Virginia to her Western lands and gave Moses Sr. and his sons valuable military experience that would aid them in the upcoming war with Britain for independence.

During the Revolutionary War, Moses Sr. lived in Fort Henry (formerly, Fort Fincastle and, later, Fort Wheeling) and in 1777, 1781, and 1782 he repelled major attacks upon this key fort by combinations of irregular British troops and large Indian contingents. His exploits as a rifleman are the stuff of Pioneer Novels. By holding this critical fort, Moses and his fellow defenders denied the British from gaining access to a major route of egress against the unprotected flank of the defending Patriots seeking freedom and the establishment of what is now the United States. In 1777 Moses Sr. and his sons took their oath of Citizenship (see 'The Williamson Family' by Dr. Raymond Bell and Edna Miller, pg. 33).

Submitted by James Steed, Captain (Retired), Fifth Great Grandson of Moses Williamson Sr.