

Willoughby Williams (FPA W36)

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Nancy McMinn applied for a widow's pension in Nashville before the Davidson County Court in 1848 at age 77. Her facts were foggy, but one was quite clear. She was certain that her deceased husband was wounded in the Battle at the **Cowpens**.

“That during the tour aforesaid he was in the battle of the Cowpens, in which battle he was very **badly wounded in the right arm** & thereby greatly disabled.”

Willoughby Williams was often mentioned as a North Carolina soldier and legislator. Conflicting details about his service are found in various publications and internet posts.

Nancy deposed that Willoughby enlisted as a private in Dobbs (later renamed to Greene County) County NC in 1776. She said that he was promoted a number of times and by the end of the war was Colonel Williams. Nancy was the daughter of Col. James Glassco, (Glasgow) NC Secretary of State. She married Williams 01Jan1786 in Dobbs County at New Bern in an elaborate ceremony attended by several military and civic dignitaries. On 06Jun1802, the family (with four young children) was moving to Tennessee when Willoughby died at Rutledge TN. Subsequently Nancy married Joseph McMinn who served as governor of Tennessee. McMinn died at the home of J.G.Williams, Nancy's son, about 1827, leaving her again, and ever since, a widow.