

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Seybert Odum [Odam] Ga6

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July 13, 1937

BA-J/ady¹

Seybert Odum

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Dear Madam:

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the record of Saybert Odum, or Odum, who received a pension while living in Chatham County, Georgia.

In the report of the Secretary of War, in regard to the pension establishment, which was printed in 1835, the name Seybert Odum is borne on a list of pensioners in Chatham County, Georgia. That report shows that he received a pension of \$21.42 per annum, which commenced March 1, 1801, was continued at the rate of \$60 per annum from October 27, 1810, under the Act of March 3, 1811, and under the Act of April 24th, 1816, his pension was automatically increased to \$96 per annum.

The papers in his application for pension were destroyed by fire when the War Office was burned as shown by the report cited above, which gives no description of his service.

This office has no further information in regard to that soldier. The pension was granted for disability incurred in line of duty of which no record is available in this office for the reason given above.

Very truly yours
A. D. Hiller
Executive Assistant
to the Administrator

[Note: The veteran was included in the Georgia Pension Roll of 1835 with the following information:

SEYBERT ODUM
CHATHAM COUNTY
PRIVATE
\$21.42 ANNUAL ALLOWANCE
\$205.33 AMOUNT RECEIVED

¹ These are the initials of the staff person who researched and drafted the letter for Hiller to sign responding to a request for information regarding this veteran.

APRIL 24, 1816 PENSION STARTED
\$60.00 ANNUAL ALLOWANCE
\$329.60 AMOUNT RECEIVED
OCTOBER 27, 1810 PENSION STARTED
\$96.00 ANNUAL ALLOWANCE
\$706.92 AMOUNT RECEIVED
APRIL 24, 1816 PENSION STARTED

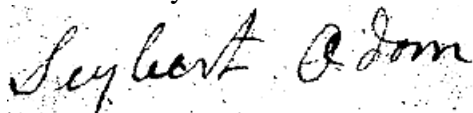
[See, <http://files.usgwarchives.net/ga/military/revwar/pensions/1835pens.txt> (viewed 9/22/17)]

South Carolina Audited Accounts² relating to Seybart Odom [Odam] pp9
Audited Account No. 5608D
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[p 4]
The Memorial of Sabert Odam
1797
Dec. Mr. Nott &c
paid
can not be granted

[p 5]
To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina
The Memorial of Seybert Odom
Sheweth Whereas your Memorialist being an invalid receives the Annuity of five pounds, he being disabled by the wounds he received in the late American War, from getting a living by any ways or means that he is capable of following and has a family consisting of four Children, his Annuity being not sufficient for his own support exclusive of his Children: Your Memorialist prays that your Honorable Body would take his Case into your most serious consideration and grant him such a pension as you in your Wisdom may think meet,³ and your Memorialist will in duty bound ever pray.
December 2nd, 1797

S/ Seybert Odom



[p 6: Receipt dated June 5, 1819 showing a pavement of \$60 to Seybert Odom an annuitant of the Revolutionary War]

² The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

³ In Samuel Johnson's Dictionary of 1755, the first definition of the word "meet" he gives is "Fit; proper...." Johnson noted that even at that time the word "meet" was rarely so used. It must have become fairly popular in South Carolina in the early 1800's, however, as it appears in many petitions submitted to the SC Legislature.

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State of Georgia Chatham County } Seybert Odam came before me one of the Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, and made oath, that he is the same Seybert Odam to whom the original Certificate in his possession was given of which the following is a Copy.

“I Certify that Seybert Odam has been placed on the pension list of the United States at the rate of one dollar, and seventy-eight cents per month in conformity with the act of Congress of the 3rd of March 1804. Entitled “an Act for the relief of certain Military Pensioners in the State of South Carolina.”

Given under my hand at the loop War Office of the United States this 12th day of November 1810

S/ W. Eustis

And the said Seybert Odam further saith he served in Colonel Harden’s [William Harden’s] Regiment of militia at the time he was disabled, he now resides in Richmond County Georgia prior to which he lived in South Carolina –

Sworn to this 10th
December 1810 before
me S/ U. Tobler JP

S/ Seybert Odom

I Seybert Odom of the County of Richmond and State of Georgia, do hereby constitute and appoint Daniel Odom of ___ my lawful Attorney to receive in my behalf of Robert Habersham my annual Pension, as an Invalid of the United States from the 5th of September 1810.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this

Signed & sealed
in the presence of

Acknowledged before me