

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Adams: R30

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State of North Carolina Watauga County

on this 30th Day of November 1852 personally Apeared Ester Adams Before me one of the Justices of the Court of Record for the County above mentioned and after Being Duly Sworn according to Law Doth on Her oath Make the following Declaration in order to obtain the Bennifitts of the provision made by the act of Congress Passed 4th June 1832, 4 July 1836, 7 July 1838 Granting pensions to widows of persons who served During the Revolutionary war That she is the widow of John Adams who always stated to me at the time we was Marryd & allso untill the time of his Death that he came to the united states with General Lafayette an Count Degrace [sic: Comte de Grasse] as a Musician a Drummer in that army & served in the survise untill the war was ended & not being willing to Return Back to france made the unted states his Residence for Life

She further Declares that she was married to John Adams in the month of September 1795 in Roan County North Carolina acording to the family Record I was Born in orange County North Carolina in the year 1774 as to the age of my Husband John Adams I have no Record of his age but from what he told me at the time we was Married he was near thirty year old or there abouts John Adams Died July 24th 1823 at the place where I now Live & have Lived here for fifty one years & previous thar to I lived in Roan County where I was Married and am still a widow & the family Record which I here present has been kept in my own possession ever since the Death of my Husband John Adams

Sworn & subscribed to the Day & year above written

Esther herXmark Adams

State of North Carolina }
 Watauga County }

Be it known that Before me Benjamin Councill a acting Justice of the Peace in & for said county Duly Authorized by Law to administer oths personally apeared Hugh Eggers & made an oath in Due form of Law that the Declaration of Esther Adams which here present which I have examined is Carrect & true so far as my knowlege of it is to me known I am now in my 68th year of my age and have Been intimately aquainted with Esther Adams wife of John Adams the space of fifty years past as I have lived all my Life within Two Miles of where she now lives I was Also well aquainted with John Adams for 23 years previous to his Death & can say that the statement made in the Declaration as to the Date of his Death is correct & true as to his services as a soldier in the Revalutinary I cannot say anything further that the statements of what I have heard John John Adams Make in his Lifetime I have always During his life time heard him say he came from france to the united states under General Lafaytt or Count Degrass & fought in the army was untill the close of the war that he said he was a Drummer or Musitian in that army & I no he was a fine Musitian as I have often heard him Beat on a Drum & he always said that when the french Army went Back to france he was not willing to go Back & as such stayed in the united states I have no Hesitation in saying from all that I was Able to Judge from & from his Conduct & course through his life that he served in the war of the Revolution acording to his statements his widow Esther Adams who now lives at the same place where she has lived & where John Adams for upwards of fifty years I am Justifyable in saying is the Lawfull wife of John Adams (Deceest) as they Raised a Large family of children here all of which I was well aquainted with her Mind is aparently good

Genealogy of Mr John Adams & Family.

Esther Hawkins now the wife of John Adams, was born in the County of Orange, now Caswell North Carolina State, in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy four.

john adams deseast on twentiforth july 1823 being the 46 year of our indipendancy

John Adams & Esther Hawkins were married September seventeenth, Anno: Dom: 1795

Offspring, born where the aforesaid Parents were married, in Roan County, North Carolina

State.

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1. Francis Adams, born October 5th 1797
2. Squire Adams born August 10th. 1799
Offspring, born in, Ashe County.
3. Rachel Adams born December 9th. 1800
4. Sarah Adams, born June 15th. 1802
5. Tarlton Adams, born MAY, 16th. 1805.
6. Allen Adams, born March, 16th. 1807
7. Martha Adams born October 4th. 1808
8. George Washington Adams. born Novem'r. 4th 1809
- 9 Alfred Adams, born on Gwinn's branch, Cove Creek, Ashe County, North Carolina 19th. of
July Anno: Domini 1811
10. Betsy Adams, born on the eve of Monday about 9th. hour October 18th. 1813, on Cove
Creek.

Mrs: John Adams has allway told his friends that he left france When he Was about seven years old and came to america With count degrasse And deseast in july 24 1823 About one o clock pas noon in his sencis Aparrently and Was buried next day one o clock Which Was friday By a respectable audiance With all his children spectators of the mollencolley seen - ageed About between 53 and 58 by computation

John Munden alexander was born the 23 of octobere in the 1827