

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of William Adams R43

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State of Tennessee, Morgan County

On this the 25th day of March 1839 Personally appeared before me Daniel S. Lavender Justice of the Peace in and for said County Mary Adams a resident citizen of the County of Morgan State of Tennessee aged 80 years the 15th day of May next and after being duly sworn for that purpose on her oath states, that she was born and raise in the County of Jones in North Carolina that she was raised from a child within a few miles of her deceased husband William Adams and she makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th July 1838

She states that well recollects her said husband entering the service some time in the fall or winter season of the year and continuing in the service to her best knowledge and hereby founded on her own knowledge of his starting and returning from service and of their being about and being said to be in the service and also from the whole of her acquaintance with him during the time of her living with him and from many surrounding circumstances, but as to the precise time of his beginning service and quitting the same. She can not say precisely but agreeable to her best opinion his service was performed between the latter part of the year 1780 and the latter part of the month of august 1781. She is not certain whether he was a drafted man or not, she thinks that he was in continued service for nine months whether all at one engagement or not she cannot state, but he was absent for the whole time and she believes was under one engagement for the whole time and served nine months and served she has often heard him speak of being in service in the Carolinas and of being in service at Wilmington and at the Nuse [sic,

Neuse River] and of being in a skirmish at the Long bridge in North Carolina, and of many points and places not to her now recollected; and of his being and acting as a cook for the officers, as to all the officers under whom he served she cannot now say with certainty, but she distinctively recollects of hearing him often speak of serving under Col Avery, and serving under him and William Bush adjutant and Lieutenant Martin Franks and James Blacksher she thinks was ensign she does not now recollect of ever hearing her said husband say whether he was verbally discharged or otherwise. She states that after her said husband returned from this said service that she was married to him by Justice Jacob Johnson living just across the county line and in Dobbs County North Carolina they having first went to Whiley Franks a Justice of the county of Jones to be married, and he having been from home we then went to Jacob Johnson's in Dobbs County North Carolina and was married at his house on the 20th day of October in the year seventeen hundred and eighty one that she has no record of her said marriage as she knows of that her oldest son David Adams had a record of declarants age and his age and papers saved together but he being going to Missouri left it with declarant, which she states is probably in existence but that she is not certain that the time of her marriage is contained in the document. She states she was married to the said Williams on the 20th October 1781 that her maiden name was Gooden. He died in Morgan County Tennessee on the 19th day of June one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place before the first day of January seventeen hundred and ninety four to wit at the time above stated.

She positively states that her departed husband died on the 19th June of one thousand eight hundred and thirty two as above stated after living with her from the time of their marriage until she died and that she has remained a widow ever since his death. She has no record of her husbands service she believes that Daniel S. Lavender Esquire living near her with whom she has been acquainted from a child knows things of and concerning her said marriage, and her said husbands service that would in all probability be fully convincing of her husbands service and of declarants marriage and her husbands death and her widowhood

Sworn and Subscribed this 25th March 1839 before me

S/ Daniel S. Lavender

Justice of the Peace for Morgan County

S/ Mary Adams, X her mark

State of Tennessee, Morgan County

I, Daniel S. Lavender a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Morgan State of Tennessee, certify that I was born and raised in Jones County North Carolina, that I was born in the year seventeen hundred and seventy six on the 29th day of April that, I have a recollection of my two brothers to wit Samuel & John Lavender and William Adams returning from the service sometime in the latter part of the Revolutionary War that said William Adams came within half a mile of his said father to wit, John Lavender that he knows from living in the same neighborhood and from an intimate acquaintance with said William Adams that he married in a short time after

the Revolutionary War, that he has not so distinct a recollection of their marriage to wit the marriage of said William Adams and his wife Mary whose maiden name was Gooden as he has of said Adams return with his said brothers from the service but knows they were married shortly after the war. I am fully warranted in the undoubted [?] that she was married at the time she has stated in her forgoing declaration that he was acquainted with said William Adams until he died on the 19 June 1832 that his wife Mary has remained a widow ever since her said husbands death and he believes he served as she has stated that he has often heard his said brothers talk of serving with said Adams that the fact of said Adams serving is a matter undoubted by the intimate acquaintance of his and that from her bodily infirmity and old age she is unable to attend court.

S/ DS Lavender

Justice of the Peace for Morgan County

[Lavender's affidavit dated March 26, 1839]

Added by Will Graves

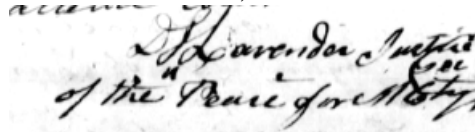
[fn p. 6: Note: "The printed list of 1852 gives cause of suspension as 'For proof and specification by witnesses – also for proof of marriage.'"]

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State of Tennessee Morgan County

I Daniel L Lavender a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Morgan State of Tennessee certify that I was born and raised in Jones County North Carolina, that I was born in the year 1776 on the 29th day of April that I have a recollection of my two brothers to wit Lemuel & John Lavender's and William Adams returning from the service sometime in the latter part of the Revolutionary war that said William Adams came within half a mile of his said father's to wit, John Lavender's that he knows from living in the same neighborhood and from an intimate acquaintance with said William Adams that he married in a short time after the Revolutionary war, that he has not so distinct a Recollection of their marriage to wit the marriage of said William Adams and his wife Mary whose maiden name was Gooden as he has of said Adams return with his said brothers from the service but knows they were married shortly after the war. I am fully warranted in the undoubted belief that she was married at the time she has stated in her forgoing Declaration that he was acquainted with said William Adams until he died on the 19 June 1832 that his wife Mary has remained a widow ever since her said husband's death and believes he served as she has stated, that he has often heard his said brothers talk of serving with said Adams, that the fact of said Adams serving in any manner undoubted by the intimate acquaintance of his and that from her bodily infirmity and old age she is unable to attend court.

S/ D. L. Lavender, JP



*D. L. Lavender Justice
of the Peace for Morgan
County*