

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Adam House R5260

Hannah House

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State of Missouri Washington County: SS

On this 4th day of May 1835 Personally Appeared in Open Court before the Justices of the County Court now sitting Adam House now a resident of Washington County in the Said State of Missouri aged about 70 years – who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present – and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State or Territory – That I was born in Shenandoah County in the State of Virginia on the 3rd day of January in the year 1763 according to the records of my father as stated in what was called the family Bible. I transcribe my age into my own Bible which is now at home. That afterwards when about sixteen years of age, in Culpeper County in the State of Virginia – I entered the Service of my Country against Great Britain as a substitute for my father Matthias House, who had been drafted to serve in the Revolutionary war about the first of June in the year 1779 or 1780. But I cannot now state positively whether the term was for three or six months or longer. – I entered the Service under Captain Bohannon at the Court House in Culpeper County, and was immediately ordered to march to Richmond in Virginia, but before we arrived at Richmond the order was countermanded and we were marched to Williamsburg, by the way of the Mobing Hills [Malvern Hills], where the Revolutionary Army had been Stationed a portion of which were then at that place, and either at the Mobbing Hills or Williamsburg in Virginia I joined the Regiment under the command of General Stevens [Edward Stevens], and Major Welsh used to drill and exercise the militia while in Camp.

From Williamsburg we were marched down the Country tour Town, but when the Army arrived at the Hickory Neck Church I was detailed on guard, and done my duty as a soldier – on one occasion in particular while the Army was stationed at the Hickory Church in a Company of about 100 militia man sent out as a reconnoitering or scouting party we were attacked by a superior number of British Cavalry supposed to be about 500 strong under the command as was said Colonel Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton]¹. The consequence was that the Company to which I was attached had to run and make their escape the best way they could. This detachment was commanded by Captain Marshall, but Colonel Mathews was also present. – According to reports afterwards I recollect it was stated that about 15 of the Virginia militia were taken prisoners. But

¹ Banastre Tarleton and his company of Dragoons did not enter Virginia until 1781. Consequently, the events described by the veteran had to have occurred in 1781 and not in 1779 or 1780 as he states.

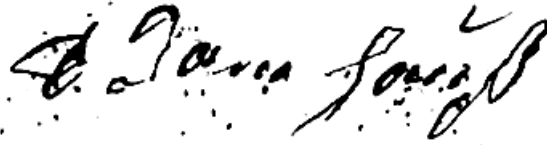
I well recollect I made my escape and got back to camp near the Hickory neck Church – From there we were marched down towards York Town and after remaining in that neighborhood a few days – and not far from the Burnt Ordinary, our Company was relieved by another Company of militia and when permission of our Captain to return home, which was effected about the last of September in the same year, 1779 or 1780, when I was discharged by my Captain Bohannon after a most severe and fatiguing Campaign of about four months in which time I suffered all the privations of a soldier of them days. I can further state that I am acquainted with the Reverend Mr. Jesse Lively a Baptist preacher, John Thornton and many others of my neighbors to whom I could refer the court as to my character and standing in society and their opinion of my having been a Revolutionary soldier. I cannot now state whether I received a written discharge from my Captain or not but I do know that I rendered the service as above stated and never received the first cent for it.

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court the day and year aforesaid

Subscribed & sworn to in open Court – May 4th 1835

S/ J. C. Brickley, Clerk

S/ Adam House



[Jesse Lively, a clergyman, and John Thornton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 7: On November 1, 1852 in Texas County Missouri, John House, 56, gave testimony and executed a power of attorney in which he states that he is the son of Adam House, a revolutionary war soldier; that his father died September 30, 1852 and that his mother named Catharine died May 10, 1839 [could be 1831]²; that his parents were married April 27, 1792 in Culpeper County Virginia where they resided for 15 years; that he files this power of attorney on by half of himself and the other heirs of Adam House, namely Mathias House, Adam House, Jacob House, Joseph House, Mary Hall and her husband formerly Mary House, Catharine Hopson and her husband formerly Catharine House.



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[p 10: Power of attorney dated September 8, 1854 executed in Washington County Missouri by Hannah House in which she states she is the widow of Adam House deceased; she signed this document with her mark.]