

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Adam Setser (Setzer) R9389

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State of North Carolina Burke County

On this 20th day of August 1840 Personally appeared before me Robert C Pearson one of the Acting Justices of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid Adam Setser a Resident of said County and State aged Eighty two (82) years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in the year 1781 about the first of June in that year that he was drafted as an Indian Spy – that at the time he entered the service of the United States he was about 23 years of age and lived at that time in Lincoln County North Carolina that by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he is unable to give a minute detail of the services rendered by him during this the first period of his service. He only can recollect the names of a few of the officers under whom he served amongst whom he was best acquainted was his Captain William Frisal – That he joined Captain Frisal's Company in Lincoln County in company with his Step Father Conrod Mingus that on their march to Burke they were joined by Col. Joseph McDowell and marched in company with him to the head of the Catawba River where we were stationed and remained two months at Davidson's Fort – After serving two months we were all discharged and returned home – This Discharge hereunto annexed he received at Captain Frisal's the day I left the service and returned home in about three days afterwards – This was my first tour and was of two months duration –

Soon after my return home from this service I was again drafted into the Service of my Country and served as a Corporal for three months in what was called the Wilmington Expedition, in this service I was under the command of Captain John Hazzlburger [John Hazzleburger] Lieutenant Barney Sigmon [Barney Sigman] Colonel Charles McDowell and General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] these are the principal officers that I am now able to recollect – I marched under my Captain from someplace not now remembered (I think at a place called Wards) in Lincoln County and marched on until we arrived with the Troops under General Rutherford in the upper part of South Carolina – I was not engaged in any Battle during this Tour, but soon after we joined General Rutherford in South Carolina it was reported to the Company under his Command that the British and Tories were encamped near us and prepared to make an attack on us. The Troops under command of General Rutherford were marched to the Cross Roads near Bluforts Bridge [Beaufort's Bridge?] in South Carolina (I do not recollect the water course on which stood the Bridge to which I allude) where we were all formed ready for battle and General Rutherford rode up and down the line and told us "not to be in too big a hurry,

– but to take it steady and coolly and give them a sure fire, and a fair fight – and there would be no danger" it happened however to be false alarm as it was afterwards ascertained that the enemy were not near us – during our march from Lincoln to South Carolina & from there on to Wilmington I was out every other night on Picket engaged in relieving men that were on duty standing Sentry and substituting others in their places this duty I was required to perform in consequence of the appointment of Corporal which I received from Captain Hazzlbarger at the time I entered the service – after our Company marched on to South Carolina where we joined the Troops under General Rutherford we marched on towards Wilmington and went near there before we were discharged – I received a discharge from Colonel McDowell who was with us the whole time I was out and have had this discharge in my possession ever since. The same may be found hereunto annexed.

These two tours the first under command of Captain Frisal for two months and the next under Captain Hazzlebarger for three months making together five months were all the services I rendered the United States during the War of the Revolution but the whole of this time for which I claim a compensation I was absent from my Family and house and suffered much fatigue and although I done nothing more than every good man and Citizen should have done for the Honor and Interest of his Country as well as for the safety of himself and his family I did not think until I became so old, infirm and helpless that I would ever apply to my Country for the compensation they have been so kind as to bestow on those who aid in support of our rights in the days of the Revolution. I find that the little that may [be] due me will add much to the comfort of myself and my old lady in the few remaining years we may be spared to live.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State –

He further states that he knows of no person by whom he can now prove his services – but hopes that his Discharges here unto annexed will be sufficient to satisfy the Department that he served as he alleges. He further swears that he has no record of his age and is only enabled to arrive at it from the information derived from his Parents that he was married at the age of 23 and that was only a short time before he first entered the service of the United States – He was born in Lincoln County, lived in Lincoln at the time he served in the Revolution and has lived there & in Burke County ever since.

Further this applicant saith not.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year first above written.

S/ R. C. Pearson, JP

S/ Adam Setser, X his mark

[John Kincaid & Charles McDowell gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 14: Charles McDowell, son of Charles McDowell an officer of the Revolution gave testimony in Burke County that the signature on the discharge submitted by the veteran is the signature of his father.]

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August the 10 1781

this Is to Certify that adam Setser has Served two months  
at the head of the Cataba River Given under my hand

William frisel Capt

*(Original Dec 10 1781)*  
This is to certify that Adam Setzer has served two months  
at the head of the Colabar Kings given under my hand  
William Powell Capt

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This is to Cartify That Adam Satzer Soldier has been in the  
Wilmington Expedition on the 15 of Septbr to the 15 of Decbr  
1781 and is hereby Discharged C McDowell Colo.

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Wilmington Expedition on the 15. of Septbr to the 15. of Decbr,  
1781 and is hereby discharged C McDowell Colo.

[p 2: Power of attorney dated June 16, 1852 executed in Caldwell County North Carolina by  
William Setzer in which the affiant states that his father Adam sits or was a soldier in the  
Revolutionary war and filed an application for a pension under the Act of Congress of June 7,  
1832. In the body of the document he is named as William Setzer but his signature looks more  
like Willen Setzer to me.

*William Setzer*

[p 26: power of attorney dated April 24, 1854 and executed by William Setzer of Caldwell  
County in which he states he is the son and heir of his deceased father, Adam Setzer. This time  
his signature appears as follows:

*William Setzer*

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State of North Carolina  
Comptroller's Office

I, William J Clarke Comptroller of Public Accounts in and for the State aforesaid do hereby  
certify that it appears of record in said Office among the payments made by said State to sundry  
persons for Military Services in the Revolutionary war as follows:

"Adam Setzer"

Book No. 7 Page 20 £13 S 19. Specie March '84

Book G No. 18 Page 45 £13 S 10.

Indent or Army Certificate No. 4894. £13.10

Morgan District for Militia Services, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1784

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of  
said Office October 24<sup>th</sup>, 1854

S/ Wm J. Clarke, Compt'r

A handwritten signature in cursive script, enclosed in a rectangular box. The signature reads "Wm J. Clarke, Compt'r." with a long horizontal flourish extending from the end of the word "Compt'r."