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Pension application of Adam Skain (Skein, Skains)

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The State of Alabama, Butler County: County Ct. February Term 1833

On this 11th day of February 1833 personally appeared in open court before Edward H. Cook Judge of the said Court now sitting Adam Skains of said County and state aged about eighty years as is supposed 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 he entered the service as a drafted man of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he entered the service on or about July 1776 in an expedition against the Cherokees under the command of Captain Daniel Mackey [sic, Daniel McKee] and Lieutenant Samuel Otterson attached to Colonel John Thomas's Regiment – served as aforesaid about fourteen weeks he was in one battle with the Indians during the time. He served three monthly tours after the above against the said Indians which were succeeding the above tour – two of these tours were under Captain William Farr and the other was under one of Farr's Lieutenants after the above [illegible word]. In the year 1779, he went as a private in an expedition towards Charleston under the said Captain Mackey [sic, McKee] and the same Lieutenant belonging to Colonel Thomas Brandon's Regiment. He was stationed two months and ten days at the Ten Mile Branch no engagement took place in this time and he was discharged. Immediately after Charleston was taken he volunteered under Captain Johnson who was afterwards hung by the Tories. He was attached to the command of General Sumter [Thomas Sumter] for some time say two or three months-- and he was afterwards a volunteer under Captain Brown who was killed at the battle of Blackstock's upon Tyger River. He was turned over to Captain Hollingsworth [Aquilla Hollingsworth] and served some time under him. Captain H. was killed and died of his wounds at Tarleton's defeat [Battle of the Cowpens] he commanded by Colonel Brandon and Colonel Morgan [Daniel Morgan] commander in chief – General Pickens [Andrew Pickens] was also believed to be there. He was afterwards under Captains Tramel [sic, Dennis Trammel] and Johnson during some time. He was regularly in the service under the above officers and in engagements above named from a few days after the taking of Charleston until the end of the war. He has no written discharge. He never had any. He believes himself to be about eighty years of age, his father's Bible in which a record of his age was left has been lost. When he first entered the service he was living [in] Ninety Six now Union District South Carolina – and lived there from the close of the war until about six years ago when he moved to this County. I have procured the statement and testimony of Samuel Otterson¹ and Joseph Hughes² of this state who knew much of my services in the revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

1 [Samuel Otterson S25344](#)

2 [Joseph Hughes S31764](#)

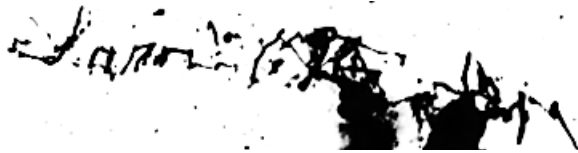
S/ Adam Skains, A his mark

[Rev. James Miller and Nathan Cook gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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This is to Certify that I Samuel Otterson now of Greene County & State of Alabama & formerly of Union District State of South Carolina did become acquainted with Adam Skane of Union District South Carolina in the year 1776. That in July of this year, we were called upon to go in an expedition against the Cherokee Indians in Captain Daniel Mackey's Company of which company I was first Lieutenant & Mr. Skane was a private in said company. This company was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel John Thomas and was called the Sparta Regiment. Mr. Skane served in this expedition something like thirteen or fifteen weeks, during this expedition, we were engaged in a Battle with the Indians, between the Middle Settlements & the Valleys. Mr. Skane was in said Battle. We proceeded to the Valleys Towns & from thence returned to Seneca in October & was there discharged sometime during the month of October in the [year] 76 during which times Mr. Skane served as a private in the aforesaid Company. Sometime during the year of 79, we were called upon to perform a tour of duty towards Charlestown, we were stationed at a Branch called the ten mile Branch for two months & 10 days. We were attached to Captain Daniel Mackey's Company. I was serving as first Lieutenant & Mr. Adam Skane serving as a private in said Company. This Company was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Brandon which Regiment we called the lower Sparta Regiment during this tour no engagements took place and at the end of two months & 10 days we were discharged at the aforesaid ten mile Branch in the first part of the year 1780 – during this whole tour Mr. Adam Skane served as a private in the aforesaid Company. On the 12th day May 1780 the City of Charlestown fell & the whole State of South Carolina was overrun with the British & Tories. We therefore retired into the State of North Carolina and from that time, I believe Mr. Adam Skane served as regularly as one of Continental Soldiers until the year 82 – by December of that year at time the British evacuated Charlestown. Sometime during the year 81 Mr. Adam Skane became attached to my Company at a place called Buck Head in the State of South Carolina, from thence we were removed to Orangeburg in the State of South Carolina, Mr. Skane was with us – and assisted in taking the Fortification at Orangeburg, that place was taken in the spring of the year 81 – This affiant believes that Mr. Adam Skane was at Kings Mountain, at Ferguson's defeat and also he was at the Cowpens at Tarletons defeat & was in that celebrated Battle – The Tories took from Mr. Skane's mother his Bible & he being an unlettered man depends greatly on may for his age, that Bible containing the only record of his age. The first service I ever knew Mr. Skane to render was in the year 76. I think Mr. Skane & myself were about the same age at that time & I was 22 years old at that time. I have been acquainted with Skane ever since the close of the Revolutionary war and I know him to be the same identical Adam Skane who rendered the aforesaid services – he is now a resident of Butler County in the State of [one or more pages of this affidavit are not copied in the digital images included in the Footnote.com file] ...for probity & honesty.

S/ Sam Otterson



[attested by Edward Herndon, JP Greene County, Alabama November 7, 1833.]

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This is to Certify that I Joseph Huys [sic, Joseph Hughes] of Pickens County & State of Alabama & formerly of Union District South Carolina have been acquainted with Mr. Adam Skaine formerly of Union District South Carolina & now of Butler County State of Alabama ever since the year seventy or seventy-one. In the year 1776 an expedition against the Cherokee Indians was sent out from Union

District – I was engaged in that expedition and know that Mr. Adam Skane was in the said expedition. We were both attached to the same Regiment commanded by Colonel John Thomas & called the Sparta Regiment. We marched from Seneca towards the Valley towns & in the Middle settlements we had an engagement with the Indians in that engagement I know that Mr. Skane was engaged, we proceeded on then to the Valley towns & from thence back to Seneca, & was there discharged, after serving about 13 or 14 weeks. I know that Mr. Skane served all of the tour during the year 79 & expedition was sent towards Charlestown commanded by Colonel Thomas Brandon, this expedition was stationed at a Branch called the 10 mile Branch & lasted 2 months & 10 days – I know that Mr. Adam Skane was in this expedition, during the whole of the time. I was in that expedition & Mr. Skane & myself were attached to the same Regiment commanded by the said Colonel Thomas Brandon & was called the lower Sparta Regiment – and at the end of the 2 months & 10 days we were discharged. On the 12th day of Me 1780 Charlestown fell & the whole State was overrun with British & Tories & we retired into the State of North Carolina – & from that time, until the [year] 1783 – Mr. Skane was constantly engaged in service, as much so, as any of the Continental Soldiers – I know that Mr. Skane was at Kings Mountain, at Ferguson's defeat, and was also at the Battle of the Cowpens at Tarleton's defeat, and was in those engagements. I have been acquainted with Mr. Adam Skane ever since the close of the war, & know him to be the very identical Adam Skane who rendered the aforesaid services & that he has ever since borne the character of an honest up right man.

S/ Jos. Hughes, Sr.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jos. Hughes, Sr.", written in dark ink on a light background.

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State of Alabama County of Butler: SS

On this the 28th day of January [1834] personally appeared Adam Skains of said County and State before the Judge of the County Court of said County his Honored Daniel Gafford presiding who being duly sworn maketh the following amendment to his original declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by act of Congress passed 7th day of June 1832. That by [reason] of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods below mentioned and in the following grades. That he feels satisfied that he served fourteen weeks under Captain Mackey as stated in the declaration – he is also satisfied that he served the other 3 tours one month each as stated in said declaration – he is also satisfied as to the tour of 2 months and 10 days mentioned in said declaration at the 10 mile branch – he is also satisfied that the service under Captain Johnson and General Sumter as stated in said declaration lasted for the space of 2 months – which makes 10 months 10 days or 15 days say 13 days. He also served as stated in his declaration aforesaid but being illiterate and having no expectation of finding it necessary to rehearse the names of his officers or the particular length of each tour the facts have escaped his memory and he cannot further designature [sic?] than he has done in the said declaration – upon mature reflection however he is perfectly satisfied that the whole of his service amounted to 3 years and one month and about 10 days – all which service was performed as a private, and for which service or such portion thereof as may be satisfactorily proved he claims a pension.

S/ Adam Skain, A his mark

[fn p. 25: Certificate dated January 21, 1843 from the South Carolina Comptroller General listing payments made to one Adam Scone for service in Brandon's Regiment; for 18 days duty as Sergeant of foot; for 53 days as a footman; for 48 days as a horseman; for 234 days as a horseman; for 30 days as a

horseman; and for 30 days as a horseman the whole in Colonel Brandon's Regiment.]

[fn p. 8: power of attorney executed December 1, 1847 in Butler County Alabama by William Skein, Thomas Skein, Adam Skein, Sarah Preslar, wife of Allen Preslar, Judy Thomas, wife of John H. Thomas, James Skein and Melina Hammonds, Elizabeth alias Betsy Hammonds and Ann, the children of Mary Hammon, daughter of Adam Skein, Sr., and John H. Thomas and Allen Preslar appoint their attorney to collect the balance of the pension due Adam Skein at the time of his death.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$64.70 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 18 months & 12 days service as a Dragoon, 28 days service as a infantryman & 18 days service as a Sergeant in the infantry, all in the militia service of South Carolina.]