

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Renick S14262

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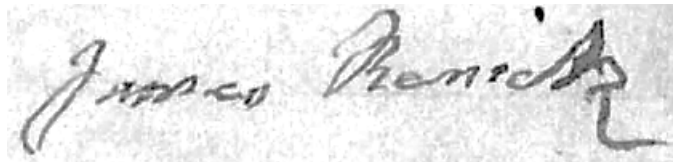
State of Kentucky, Lincoln County: Sct.

On this 27th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the honorable John L. Bridges, Judge of the Lincoln Circuit Court now sitting James Rennick [sic] a resident of Lincoln County and State of Kentucky aged Eighty 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 7th, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, to wit: In the year 1775 or 1776, I entered the service in the Militia of South Carolina under Genl. Andrew Williamson, commander, Richard Sadler, Captain and Thomas Neil [sic, Thomas Neel], Colonel, and served a tour of about seven months against the Cherokee Indians. In the year after the war with the Cherokees, I served a tour of duty in guarding the frontiers of Georgia under John Wallace as Captain and Col. Andrew Neil [sic, Andrew Neel], son of Col. Thomas Neil. Shortly after I served another tour in Georgia and was at Bryer [sic, Briar] Creek defeat [March 3, 1779]. On this tour William Bratton was at first my captain and afterwards, Colonel of the regiment. I do not recollect the name of the commander but this I believe that he was a traitor [spelled "traytor"] and abandoned his men.¹ I was afterwards at the taking of the Tories at the Snow Camp so called from a very deep snow which fell the day after the Tories were taken. This affair happened in South Carolina, and under the command of Genl. Richardson [Richard Richardson. I was next called to Orangeburg under Governor Rutledge [John Rutledge]. I think Joseph Ross was my Captain at this time. I was marched to Charles Town and was there in the service when the City was attacked by the British But was not present when it was taken. I was also in the battle of Stono [June 20, 1779] when Genl. Provost [sic, Augustine Prevost] was defeated. I was also at Sullivan's Island when the British shipping attacked it [Late June 1776]. My next service was under General Sumter and bracket Thomas Sumter] as a volunteer militia man and remained with him through the scrape except when detached on other service. I was at the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] under Genl. Greene [Nathanael Greene], at the Battle of Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780] under Col. Williams [James Williams], at the Cowpens [January 17, 1781] under Morgan, at the Battle of Blackstocks [November 20, 1780] where Sumter was wounded and at several other engagements. I do not recollect the whole time I was in the service but believe it was upwards of five years, and according to the best of my

¹ Perhaps a reference to General Andrew Williamson who, following the fall of Charleston on May 12, 1780, lay down his arms and took protection from the British. There is no evidence, however, that he ever actively served in the British Army or any Tory militia

recollection and belief I was in upwards of thirty battles & skirmishes of greater or less importance; I have received several shots through my clothes but was never wounded. The reason why I served more than ordinary militia men was that I served for both myself and my brother who remained at home with the family. My residence was in York County South Carolina. I had several discharges but they have not been preserved. 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 so far as he knows or believes.

S/ James Renick

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Renick". The ink is dark and the paper appears aged.

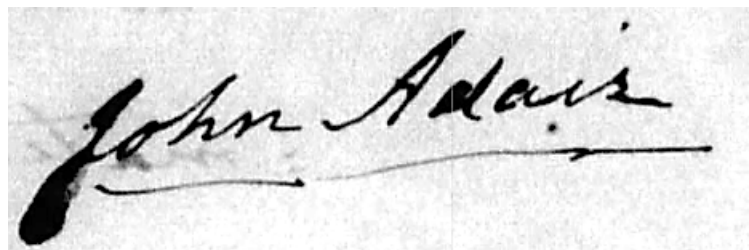
[Walter Anderson, a clergyman, and Benjamin Briggs gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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I do hereby certify that I was intimately acquainted with James Rennick (now and for many years an inhabitant of Lincoln County in the State of Kentucky) before the War of the Revolution and during the War we were often in service together -- I am well assured that he was more than 2 years in constant service besides performing many tours of duty in the militia, before he entered the service under General T. Sumter -- Some after the war he removed with his family to Kentucky, where he has resided until the present time -- He has ever sustained the character of an honest and peaceable citizen and his Certificate and Deposition is entitled to full credit --

Given under my hand this first day of September 1832

S/ John Adair²

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Adair". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, possibly aged, paper.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the South Carolina militia.]

² [John Adair W2895](#)