

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Adam Terrence (Torrence, Tarrence) S14663

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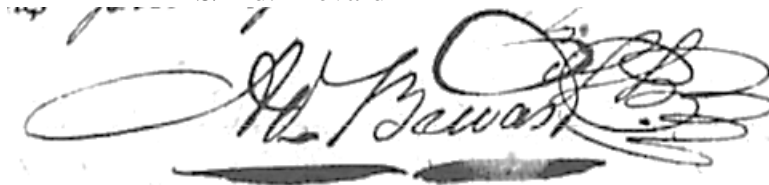
United States of America, North Carolina District, Iredell County October 5th, 1824

In pursuance to a Commission to me directed by the Honorable Henry Potter District Judge of the United States for the District aforesaid to take the Examination of Adam Tarrence of Iredell County in the District aforesaid as an applicant for a pension from the United States for Decisive Disability the effect [sic] of known wounds received as a Soldier in the Revolutionary War – having convened at the house of the said Adam Terrence in the County aforesaid on the day and date above written & Drs. Charles Harris & D. G. Templeton the examining Physicians & Surgeons & Adam Brevard and Gilbreath Neal Witnesses being present & sworn.

Adam Brevard Deposeth & saith that himself & Adam Torrence this applicant was at the Battle of Ramsour's Mill [June 20, 1780] in the County of Lincoln & District aforesaid in the summer of 1780 – as volunteers under Colonel Lock [sic, Francis Locke] in which action fought against the Tories the Applicant he understood received a wound from a Ball & he saw the applicant bleeding & he saw the wound some time afterward. The ball had entered his left hip – that he did not understand how or when the ball was extracted. The deponent further states that the applicant Adam Terrence served in that expedition until regularly discharged & that the applicant's occupation in life is a Blacksmith & farmer -- & that the said applicant has been a citizen of the County & State aforesaid for upwards of Fifty years & has raised a large family by the sweat of his brow – Four sons & six Daughters – two of the former & one of the latter have left his family. The said applicant's mode of life has been moral-- industrious & economical -- & his circumstances have always been startened [?] but his living as good as common in this part of the Country.

S/ W. L. Davidson, Com^r

S/ Ad. Brevard

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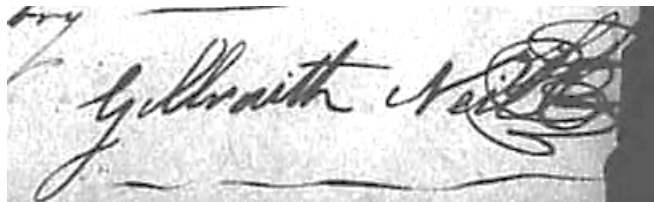
Gilbreath Neal¹(sic, Gilbrath Neill or Neil) Deposeth & saith that he was at the Battle of Ramsour's Mill fought against the Tories & served as a Lieutenant of a company of a Regiment commanded by Colonel Locke in the Summer of 1780 in which Battle or action Adam Torrence the applicant was a private Soldier & was wounded which wound the Deponent saw one or two

1 [Gilbrath \(Gilbraith\) Neill \(Neil, Neal\) W17400](#)

hours after the action – the ball had entered the left hip of the Applicant – Gilbreath Neill further Deposeth that the applicant served in that expedition until regularly discharged – The applicant's occupation is a Blacksmith & farmer & has been a citizen of the County & State aforesaid for upwards of Fifty years & raised a large family by the sweat of his brow – four Sons & six Daughters – two of former & one of the latter have left his family – The said applicant's mode of life has been moral – industrious & economical & his circumstances have always been stractened [?] but his living as good as common in this part of the Country.

S/ W. L. Davidson, Com^r

S/ Gilbreath Neill

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Gilbreath Neill", written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The signature is written over a horizontal line.

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We Charles Harris of the County of Cabarrus and District of North Carolina & David G Templeton of the County of Iredell & district aforesaid – practicing Physicians & Surgeons being called upon to examine Adam Torrence an Applicant for a pension the effect of a wound received in the left hip during the Revolutionary war – Hereby certify that after a careful examination of said Adam Torrence that the wound that he received in his left hip at the Battle of Ramseur's the scar of which we have this day examined & witnessed on his oath Administered to him by William L Davidson Commissioner declaring the said scar to have been caused by said wound which was a gun shot wound – We believe that a wound inflicted in such a part of the body and in such a manner might impair the use of the limb so as to disable him from following the active pursuits of life necessary to acquire a livelihood by manual labour and we do believe & are of the opinion from the Statement of the applicant on oath that the degree of disability is two thirds.

Sworn to and subscribed this 5th day of October 1824

S/ Chas. Harris

S/ D. G. Templeton

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Mount Mourm [?] No. Ca. 30th Novr. 1824

Dear Sir

Enclosed you will find my papers relative to my application for a pension – I am now old & worn out a small matter of gratitude from my Country for a very little space of time would help me much being much disabled from the effects of a wound received during the revolutionary War at the Battle of Ramsour's Lincoln County where I saw my Father fall on the field of Battle being shot dead through the head by a ball & a few moments afterwards I was shot in the hip & which hurt me all my life since, but so long as I held power to labor I declined asking – now forced by entire disability to labor in my shop or elsewhere (being bred a Blacksmith) & having a large family of females (six all grown) & but one small Son now living with me you must see that my situation would thankfully receive that assistance that is due to a Soldier & in the cause of Liberty & national independence lost that nerve which would have still enabled me in some degree to have worked for the support of my family has heretofore – although it is admitted that in my period in life 67 years my nerves would be some decayed yet my native Constitution would have still held me out in some degree of labor. But as it is & has been for the last three years I am barely able to cripple about & see my need of exertion as

heretofore but no power to do. For the last 12 years I have worked but little at my trade owing to the pain that would thereby be created precisely where I was shot in the hip & for the last three years I have not been able to work any or in any way whatever.

If I was as I were when my Father & myself ascended the hill where he was slain by the enemies of America's Liberty I would not now be an applicant for help. I leave my case with you & my Country – when a man has seen better days & a larger family around him – he feels as I do.

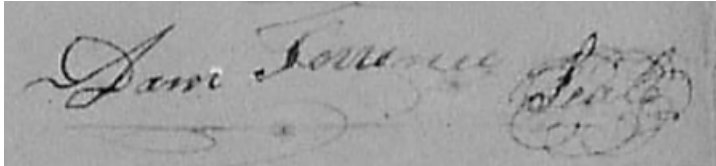
If the papers or power of attorney are wrong in any way – will you be so good as to make them right. I have had a great degree of trouble about them & little able to undergo it I do hope the present papers will do.

Your well wishes

S/ Adam Torrence

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Adam Torrence". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

[p 10: The power of attorney given by the veteran appears to me to be signed “Adam Torrence” as follows:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, similar to the one above, but with a circular stamp or seal partially visible to the right of the signature.

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By virtue of the Commission hereunto attached, We the subscribing Physicians of the County of Cabarrus & State of North Carolina do hereby certify that after a careful examination in the case of Adam Torrence (Sr.) of Iredell County, who is now on the Pension Roll, we are of opinion that his disability does still continue & hath increased from a wound in the Hip by a Ball.

And further that his disability is such that he is unable to support himself by manual labor & that he should draw full pay (Viz.) \$8 per month.

Sworn & subscribed to before me this 26th day of January 1828.

S/ Wm Houston

S/ James Allison, JP

S/ Sam. Harris

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It is hereby certified that Adam Terrance formally a private in Captain James Houston's Company, Francis Locke Colonel of the Regiment of North Carolina Militia who it appears by the accompanying Certificate was placed on the pension Roll at the rate of \$5.33 per month on account as he states of having received a wound by a Ball in the Hip while in the line of his duty and in the said service on or about the 20th of July 1780 in the Battle at Ramsour's in Lincoln County North Carolina is not only still disabled in accordance with the said injury but in our opinion is entitled to more than he already receives as a pensioner being disabled to a degree amounting to total disability.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23rd of April 1828.

S/ James Allison, JP

S/ Wm Houston

S/ Sam P. Harris, Surgeons

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$5.33 1/3 per annum commencing October 5, 1824 for

service as a private in the North Carolina militia. The amount of his pension was based on the assessment of 2 physicians that the ratio of his disability was two thirds.]