

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of George Adams S16594

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Transcribed by Austin William Smith

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[Notes on Methodology: Transcribed documents are separated by line breaks and arranged chronologically beginning with any Revolutionary War period papers filed as evidence with the application. Original spelling, abbreviations, and punctuation have been retained in most instances. Corrections to spelling or additional notes have been inserted within brackets when deemed appropriate for ease of search and understanding. Signatures are indicated by the characters "S/" preceding the name. A solitary question mark in brackets indicates an entirely illegible word, while a word followed by a question mark in brackets indicates an estimation of a partially illegible word. Only materials pertinent to the American Revolutionary War service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits of testimony that provide additional information on these events are included, while standard affidavits, legal documentation related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. Recognition of any possible errors or erroneous omissions within the transcriptions and recommendation for their correction are welcome.]

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State of So Carolina, Laurens District, In the common pleas

On this Seventeenth day of October personally appeared in open court before his Honor Richard Gant [Richard Gantt] one of the judges of the court of common pleas now sitting George Adams a resident of Laurens District So Carolina aged about 80 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 – viz – That he entered the service of the US under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. He entered the service as a volunteer in the North Carolina militia in \_\_ 1779 under Capt John Nelson his company & Col John Paisley Majr John Nelson & Genl Rutturford [Rutherford] his field officers: marched through Salisbury to the high Hills of Santee, thence by Asheford to Purysburg [Purrysburg] So Carolina under the command of Genl Ashe: was in the engagement at Briar Creek [Brier Creek] on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1779. There were about sixty Continental troops under the command of Col. Elbert, marched thence to Black swamp and was there discharged after a period of nine months service, the discharge is lost or mislaid. He volunteered again in 1781 under Capt James Crump of the cavalry Col. Ledbetter commanding the regiment, marched to Dread Harris near the narrows of the Yadkin and served this second period six months. He volunteered again in 1781 under Capt Peter Oneal [Peter O'Neal] & Col John Paisly: was sent away with the prisoners on the day of the battle of Guilford: and served in this third & last period 3 or 4 months. He has no documentary evidence. Was a resident of Guilford County North Carolina when he entered the

service, John Wilson and Andrew Hughes can testify as to my revolutionary service this affidavit & the certificate of the justice are hereunto annexed--

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

I was born in April 1775 [sic, probably 1755] in Guilford County North Carolina

I have no record of my age

I was a resident of Guilford County North Carolina when I entered the service & removed to Laurens District South Carolina in about the year 1785 where I have lived ever since.

I entered the service three several times as a volunteer & served 3 periods of 9, 6, & 3 months.

I have no recollection of the names of regular officers of Continental or militia other than those mentioned in the forgoing declaration.

I received a discharge but it has been lost.

The Revd Thos A. Rosamond and Thomas Moore are persons acquainted with me in my neighborhood & can by testify as to my character for veracity & good behavior and John Wilson & Andrew Hughes by their affidavit certified & [?] testify as to my revolutionary services.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Garlington

Clerk Laurens District

S/ George Adams, X his mark

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[Reverend Thomas A. Rosamond and Thomas Moore give standard testimony. According to later legal papers filed in the application George Adams died on November 25, 1845.]

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Additions by Will Graves

[fn p. 24: There is a letter dated April 2, 1835 from J L Edwards referring to an application filed by the veteran for transfer of his pension benefit [presumably to the Alabama agency since he appears to have moved to the state of Alabama from other documents in the file]. I did not find the application for transfer in this file.]

[fn p. 19: on June 3, 1843 in St. Clair County Alabama, the veteran filed for a new certificate of pension.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and reduced from \$67.50 per annum. The pension represents service of 11 months as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

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Pension Application of George Adams, Natl Archives Microseries M804, Roll 10, Application #S16594

Transcribed and annotated by Nancy Poquette

GEORGE ADAMS, a resident of Laurens District, SC, aged 80 years:

“He entered the service as a volunteer in the North Carolina militia in \_\_\_\_ 1779 under Captain JOHN NELSON, his company, and **Colonel JOHN PAISLEY**, Major JOHN NELSON and General RUTHERFORD his field officers. Marched through **Salisbury** to **the High Hills of Santee**, thence by **Ashford** to **Purysburg**, South Carolina, under the command of General ASHE. He was in the engagement at **Briar Creek** on the 3rd of March, 1779 [*per Heitman, date is correct*]. There were about sixty Continental troops under the command of Colonel ELBERT. Marched thence to **Black Swamp** and was there discharged after a period of nine months service. The discharge is lost or mislaid.”

“He volunteered again in 1781 under Captain JAMES CRUMP of the cavalry, Colonel LEDBETTER commander of the regiment. Marched to Dr\_AD HARRIS near the **Narrows of the Yadkin** and served this second period six months.”

“He volunteered again in 1781 under Captain PETER O’NEAL and **Colonel JOHN PAISLEY**. Was sent away with the prisoners on the day of the **Battle of Guilford** [*per Heitman, March 15, 1781*], and served in this third and last period, 3 or 4 months. He has no documentary evidence. Was a resident of Guilford County, North Carolina when he entered the service. JOHN WILSON and ANDREW HUGHES can testify as to my revolutionary service.”