

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Adams S17812

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State of South Carolina Edgefield District

On this the 5th day of June 1838 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Equity, now sitting William Adams of the District & State aforesaid aged seventy-three 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 & served as herein stated. He entered the service as a private in Captain Michael Watson's Company of mounted militia on or about the first of September 1781 as a volunteer in Edgefield District William Butler who afterwards commanded the company was first Lieutenant, Willis Watson 2nd Lieutenant. He continued in service in this company at intervals of scouting after the Tories until the first of August in the next year. He can safely say that he rendered at least six months service while attached to this Company. The most usual place of rendezvous was at Captain Watson's house from whence they would go in pursuit of the Tories that were committing depredations through the lower part of Edgefield, & in Barnwell & Orangeburg Districts. His company, Captain Watson's, belonged to Colonel Hammond's Command. The whole was under General Pickens. He was present when Captain Watson & Ensign Thomas Vardel were killed by the Tories in an engagement with them in Orangeburg¹; and was in several engagements with the Tories & assisted at different times in capturing several of them. During the time of his service he was engaged in no civil employment whatever.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present; & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. He further states that he has resided in Edgefield District since the revolutionary war & still resides there.

S/ William Adams, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

[Joseph Morris, a clergyman, & B. M. Blocker gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

South Carolina Edgefield District: Personally came before me James Eidson, a soldier of the

¹ The engagement at Dean Swamp or Dean's Swamp occurred on May 24, 1782 between Whig forces led by Capt. Michael Watson vs. Loyalist forces led by William Cunningham ("Bloody Bill" Cunningham).
<http://gaz.jrshelby.com/deanswamp.htm>

Revolution makes oath, that he is well acquainted with William Adams who makes the foregoing declaration & can say from his personal knowledge that the statement of his services in the foregoing declaration is true. He served with the said William Adams and Captain Watson's Company & was with him at the battle of Dean Swamp when Captain Watson was killed, & in several other engagements. He can say from his own knowledge, that he served at least 6 months, if not more.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me
S/ Wm Brunson, QU

S/ James Eidson,² X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 6 months service in the revolution.]

² [James Eidson S17939](#)