

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Adam Binkley S1890

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State of Tennessee, Davidson County

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County and State aforesaid

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared before the Court aforesaid Adam Binkley a resident of Davidson County in said State aged 93 on the first day of August 1832, 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<sup>th</sup>, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in the war of the Revolution in the year 1778 as well as he recollects in the State of North Carolina Surry County at the time there was a beat up for volunteers (State) to go against the British at King's Mountain, as a lieutenant in Capt Henry Smith's Company of volunteers which belonged to the regiment commanded by Col. Joseph Williams of which Joseph Winston was Major. One Genl. Joseph Williams [sic, James Williams?] was commander in chief and Col. Campbell [William Campbell], and Col. Cleavelly [Benjamin Cleveland] were also on the expedition. He states that on this occasion he marched from Surry County to King's Mountain and was in the battle of King's Mountain [October 7, 1780] in which Col. Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] the commander of the British was killed. He was in the service some time on this occasion, the precise time he cannot precisely recollect.

His next term of service was in going from his residence in Surry County N. C. to Savannah in Georgia with the North Carolina troops under Genl. Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] with his wagon and team, he driving the same to Savannah and back, at a loss of three thousand two hundred and sixty dollars, as he used his own team and horses and found himself in everything during the trip. This he knows he cannot claim any benefit for under the present law and only stated it to show the extent of his services and sacrifices during the war—This occupied him besides expenses, five months and three weeks, besides being afterwards impressed with two wagons for eleven weeks during which time he also found himself and received no compensation.

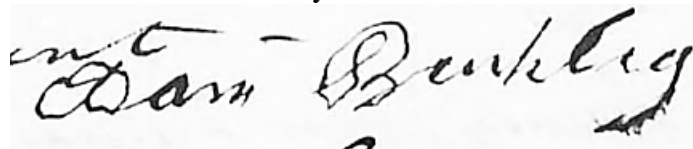
His next tour of service was about the time of the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] when he was out about two months and was in the battle of Guilford on which occasion he commanded a company of volunteers, on which occasion Micajah Lewis was first major, and John Goode was second major, and one Paisley [John Paisley] was Colonel—Genl. Greene [Nathanael Greene] was the commander in Chief.

Besides these tours of Service, [he] was very frequently out a few days or weeks at a time both against the British and against the Tories, having gone out every time there was a

requisition for troops, and always as a volunteer never having been drafted—He states that all his tours of service put together would amount to more than two years. He was regularly discharged from services on several occasions, but has lost his discharges—(being now very old in his 94<sup>th</sup> year and not knowing that they would ever be of any value--) He states that he has now no documentary evidence which he can produce on this subject, and that being very old and long way from the scene, he does not believe that it is in his power to produce the testimony of any of the officers under whom he served, believing them all to be dead.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he does not know that his name is on the pension roll of the agency of any state he is certain that he has never received any pension heretofore, but being now very old and in need wishes to avail himself of the bounty of the Government.

S/ Adam Binkley

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Adam Binkley". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court August 4, 1832.

Test: Henry Ewing, Clerk of Davidson County Court

[Wilson Crockett and William Lytle gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a Lieutenant for one month and as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]