

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John McAdams (McCaddames) S2762

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State of Tennessee, Sumner County

On this 11th day of March 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Sumner now sitting John McAdams, a resident of said County and State, and aged about 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.

In the month of June 1780 applicant then residing in Orange County North Carolina, substituted in the place of his father, who had been drafted for a three months Tour, he was commanded by Captain George Horton, Major Justice & Colonel Lytle, Applicant does not recollect the number of the Regiment, the Brigade to which applicant belonged was commanded by General John Butler. Applicant marched to South Carolina and was in the Battle near Camden [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780],¹ where General Gates [Horatio Gates] was defeated by Cornwallis which took place in August 1780. Of the American officers who commanded at this battle applicant recollects Generals Gist [Mordecai Gist], Stevens [Edward Stevens], Caswell [Richard Caswell] & Gates, Smallwood [William Smallwood] & Baron DeKalb, who fell, Colonels Armand [Lt. Col. Charles Tuffin Armand], Williams [Otho Holland Williams]: a short time after this battle he made good his retreat [?] home. Applicant together with his Company was assembled at Hillsboro & was regularly discharged by his Captain, his Term of service having expired. In September or October following Applicant volunteered for five months & was commanded by Captain Horton, Major Justice & Colonel Lytle during this time Applicant was principally engaged against the Tories down among the Swamps & on Cross Creek, during this time Applicant was in two little skirmishes with the Tories in which some were killed & some taken prisoners and afterwards executed. At the end of this Tour Applicant was marched back to Hillsborough and regularly discharged by Captain Horton. This is all the services rendered by applicant in the Revolutionary War, both of which Tours he performed as a private. Applicant has lost his discharges. Applicant resided in Orange County until about 1800, when he moved to Tennessee, Sumner County, where he has resided ever since. Applicant has no Documentary evidence of his service. He knows of no person living, whose testimony he can procure by whom he can prove his service.

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 or Territory.

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year above written – in open Court.

S/ J.W. Baldridge, Clerk

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_camden.html

S/ John Mccaddames

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Mccaddames". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper background.

[Richard Cope, a clergyman, & George Stallings, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months in the North Carolina militia.]