

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Sylvester Adams S30243

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State of Kentucky }

Rockcastle County } Sct

Be it known that on this 15th day of Dec'r. 1841 personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for the County and state afs'd. Sylvester Adams who states that he can not tell his precise age but states that he was 13 years old in march before the Revolutionary War or independence was declared – and now being duly sworn according to law on his oath makes the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th June 1832 – that he entered the services of the US in the Revolutionary War in February before Wallace was taken he thinks in 1781 [sic: Cornwallis, captured at Yorktown 19 Oct 1781] – and was in actual service eleven months. he was enlisted by one Cox (whose given name he has forgotten) [possibly Samuel Cox of the Loudoun County Militia] in Winchester Loudon [sic: Frederick] co Va – he was marched to York where Wallace was. however he was ordered to take charge of a wagon & team which had been pressed into the service as he believes and he was continued in the Wagoning service all the time of his service hauling suplies for the army from diferent places and depositing at the places of receiving privisions for the army. all his hauling was for the army at york. There were two other wagoners ingaged with their teams in the same district as it was called, Elisha Cundiff and Abraham Fur – when he inlisted he rec'd. \$8 which is all he ever did receive for his services. he hauld the most from Winchester Longs Mills and Gibsons Mill.

He states he was born in Loudon Co Va. He has no record of his age. He recd a discharge from Cox, but it was burnt up in his Father house which was burnt in the fall after peace. He moved from Va. to N. Carolina & from there to Ky – where he has been ever since – was never in any engagement. He was personally acquainted with General Washington he was also acquainted with Col Johnson – Capt. Ashley – Major Hammonds and old Major Burdoine and Daniel Ragan who was his Capt or wagon master. he also recruited soldiers sometimes. He states he knows of no person living by whom he can prove his services except what he can prove by Daniel Cummins of this county & John Cornol of the State of Indiana and does not that he is living – He hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state whatever. He states that he should have made application long since but he was advised that because he drove the wagons he was not entitled to anything and never was diferently advised untill a few weeks since Sworn to & subscribed before me the day & year afs'd Sylvester hisXmark Adams [Daniel Cummins deposed that a wagon belonging to Adams's father was impressed into service during the war, and that his own father was a soldier in the Continental service during the war.]

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Be it remembered that on this 14th day of February 1844 personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid Daniel Cummins Sen'r. who stated on oath that he was some younger than Sylvester Adams who is an applicant for a pension, that he was present when the said Sylvester Adams inlisted into the services of the Unites States in the revolution and wanted to inlist himself but was forbid – that Daniel Adams the Father of the Applicant was illiterate and not qualified for public business – also Nathaniel Adams states on oath that he was 8 or 9 years old when Sylvester Adams inlisted into the service of the Revolution. he was not present when he enlisted & has but very indistinct recollection of his inlistment, but he always understood from his Father & Mother who are dead that his Brother Sylvester Adams was in the Revolutionary War and [illegible word] a waggon

NOTE: On 24 Apr 1855 Sylvester Adams applied for bounty land stating that he thought he was about 90 years old.