

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of David Adams S34622

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District of West Tennessee

On this 3rd day of February 1819 before me John McNairy Judge of the Courts of the United States for the Districts of East & West Tennessee, personally appeared David Adams aged fifty six years resident in the County of Hickman in the State of Tennessee, who being by me duly sworn, according to law, doth on his Oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled “An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval Service of the United States in the revolutionary war,” that he the said David Adams Enlisted in the Company commanded by Captain Elisha Moore in the second North Carolina Regiment commanded by Colonel Lytle [Archibald Lytle], that he does not remember the date of his enlistment but that it was directly after the Battle of Ramsour's Mills, that he continued in the Service of the United States, he believes for five years and until after the Battle of Eutaw Springs in South Carolina, that he was in the battle when Gates [Horatio Gates] was defeated and in the Battles of Catawba River, of Guilford and of the Eutaw Springs and was discharged soon after the last battle, and has long since lost his discharge, and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of assistance from his country for support; and that he has no other evidence in his power of his said Service.

That he Sworn to & Subscribed before me the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John McNairy

S/ David Adams, X his mark

District Judge

State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 9th June 1819

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid do certify that it appears from the muster roll of the North Carolina Continental line in the revolutionary war, that David Adams was mustered as a private in Captain Lytle's Company of the 10th Regiment on the sixth of June 1781 for 12 months and “left the service on the 6th of June 1782.”

Given under my hand the date above.

S/ Wm Hill

The State of Mississippi, Monroe County: Circuit court November Term 1826

Personally appeared on the 25 day of November 1826 in open court being a court of Record & made so by the laws of this state, David Adams a resident of said County aged about sixty six next February who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress on the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820 that he the said David Adams was enlisted for during the war -- This affiant thinks sometime in June 1777 by a Captain Elijah or Elisha Moore That he was sent on to Salisbury N. C. to the Company commanded by Captain Givins -- the name of the Colonel commandant or the Regiment this affiant does not now recollect -- in the Army commanded by General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] in the line of the state of North Carolina Continental establishment -- That he continued in the Army of General Rutherford until it joined the Army commanded by General Gates -- that he continued in said Army until the battle of Gates defeat -- shortly after which he joined the Army commanded by General Greene [Nathanael Greene] in the company commanded by Captain William Lytle in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Archibald Lytle -- That he continued to serve under the said Captain William Lytle in said Regiment until the end of the war when he was regularly discharged in the said State of North Carolina. This affiant states also that he was in the battle of Gates defeat. At the battle of Guilford and at the Eutaw Springs where he was very severely wounded -- and also at the siege of Ninety Six -- and that he would has no other evidence of his said services now in his power except his own oath -- and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension this affiant states that he thinks some time in the year 1819 he was at the pension office in Nashville in the State of Tennessee and that Stephen Cantrell and Judge McNairy the pension agents there on being advised of the circumstances and situation of this affiant conceived him entitled to a pension. When he this affiant got the said Judge McNairy to write his declaration in order to place him on the pension list under the act of 18th March 1818. That he got it as he conceived regularly certified and put it in the post office at Nashville directed to the Secretary of war as he was directed -- but whether the same has ever been received he does not know. That he hired Washington Perkins to write an inquiry what disposition had been made with it -- & he has been informed & was advised none such had been received -- about this time this affiant moved to the said County of Monroe his present place of residence and that it was several years before the courts were organized so that his declaration could be properly certified and authenticated. That at the May term of said circuit court of Monroe County being quite illiterate he got Chancey S. Killogg Esq. an attorney at Law to make out his declaration for him which was entered of record and as he is advised was properly certified and sent by mail on to the Secretary of war, but whether further has been done with it this affiant he does not know that he has been informed nothing has been heard from it since. Why it has been that this affiant's applications have not been noticed and his pension allowed him he is not able to account -- But states that he has suffered much from his indigent circumstances for his pension which he conceives himself to have been entitled to ever since the year 1818. And in pursuance of the act of the 1st of May 1820 I the said David Adams do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I

have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any other person in trust for me any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

8 head of cattle worth about	\$40.00
1 Steer	12.00
1 Horse	80.00
10 head of Hogs	20.00

This affiant is indebted to his neighbors and County men something the rise of sixty dollars.

This affiant cannot state the changes that have taken place in his property since the 18th of March 1818 But states on oath as aforesaid that his circumstances have been pretty much of the same since the 18th of March 1818 as they are now. This affiant states that he has a claim to a bout 10 head of cattle in possession of John Adams, William Adams & David Adams which he cannot get but by suit in law – which he is unable to prosecute and the result of which he can not tell.

And this declarant further states that he is by occupation a farmer and that his ability to pursue his said occupation by his own personal exertion which is very feeble – and that the members of his family now resident with him is a daughter about thirty five years of age who has three small children for whom he is obliged in great degree to provide or support which he is illy able to do.

Sworn to in open court S/ David Adams, X his mark
S/ Stephen Cocke, clerk

Aberdeen Mississippi 10 July 1839

Hon. J. R. Poinsett Secy of War

Sir

I am now labouring under the most extreme poverty and destitution of the necessities of life in consequence of my pension being stopped by the Pension Agent at Natches [sic, Natchez], on the ground that I did not apply immediately after it became dead. I have now three half years pay coming to me and cannot get one cent, the reasons I did not apply were

1st That I have to procure some friend to make out my papers, and which is not always so done as the Agent well recognizes and paid them. I sent them on three times and were returned for informality, in the mean time the time expired which is limited by the Dept. and I have to [illegible word].

2nd Natchez is nearly three hundred and fifty miles from where I reside, I am so old and decrepit I cannot travel in person, and if I were able, it would take the greater part of my pension to pay traveling expenses.

I hope that these reasons will be satisfactory why I have not applied in the time prescribed and that your honor will immediately forward to me an order to the Pension Agent at Natchez to pay me the amount due me, and I am suffering for the necessities of life for the want of it.

Respectfully

S/ David Adams, DA his mark

Please write to the Care of George Wightman Aberdeen Monroe County Mississippi,
who I now get to attend to my business

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing February 3,
1819, for one year's service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]