

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Adam Adams (Addams) S34623

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Maryland, Charles County

Be it remembered that on this twenty eighth day of March 1818 before the subscriber an associate Judge of the first Judicial District of the State of Maryland (comprising the Counties of St. Mary's, Charles and Prince Georges) Personally appeared Adam Adams a free black citizen of Charles County in the District and State aforesaid, and being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God Deposeth and saith, that he enlisted as a private soldier with Lieutenant John Mitchell in Captain Henry Gaither's Company first Maryland Regiment in May 1777, for and during the continuance of the war, and that he continued to serve as such until duly discharged in November 1783, when the Maryland line was discharged at Annapolis and that by reason of his reduced circumstances in life, he is now in need of assistance from his Country for support.

S/ Edmund Key

State of Maryland in Charles County Sct. Be it Remembered that on this 28th day of March 1818 Before the subscriber and Associate Judge of the first Judicial District of the State of Maryland personally appeared Colonel William Bruce late a Captain in the first Maryland Regiment of the Continental Army and made oath on the Holy evangely [sic] of Almighty God that he is personally acquainted with Adam Adams in the preceding deposition mentioned that he knew said Adams while belonging to the Army during the Revolutionary war, and saw him often and for a long time serving in the first Regiment of the Maryland line in the Continental service, that the said Adams now lives in Charles County aforesaid, and he verily believes is in indigent circumstances and this deponent further believes the facts stated in the preceding deposition to be true.

S/ Edmund Key

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I certify that it appears by the Musters of Maryland Troops that Adam Adams a private in the first Regiment Enlisted on 16th May 1778 and was Discharged on first November 1780.

S/ R. Loockerman, Aud. Genl.

Auditors Office of Annapolis 21st April 1818

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First Judicial District of Maryland, Charles County

On this 5th day of June 1820 personally appeared in open court being a Court of record for said County Adam Addams aged fifty seven years, resident in Charles County in said District, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: In the first Maryland Regiment commanded by General William Smallwood in a company commanded by Captain Henry Gaither attached to the Maryland line, that the time he served in the

American revolutionary war was from the year 1776 to the year 1783, that the date of the original declaration is the 28th day of March 1818, the number of his pension certificate is 327. And I 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 provide for certain engaged in the land & 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 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.

Schedule of my property and income:

2 Draught horses-- 2 milch cows-- 4 yearlings, 1 calf, 3 hogs, 40 dollars annual income from the State of Maryland. S/ Adam Addams, X his mark

And I do solemnly swear that my occupation is that of a farmer, that I am unable to derive a sufficient competency therefrom to support my family, the number, ages and names of which are as follows:

Ann Addams my wife age	36 years
Pamelia Addams	14 Ditto
Eleanor Addams	9 Ditto
John Addams	8 ditto
Robert Addams	6 ditto
Richard Addams	4 ditto
Lydia Addams	3 months

All of which live with me and contribute but little towards their support. Sworn to and declared by me Adam Addams the day and date herein before written.

Before S/ John Barnes, C [Clerk]
of Charles County Court

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing March 28, 1818, for service as a private in the Maryland Continental line.]