

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Benjamin Adams S35169

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The Commonwealth of Kentucky

Woodford County Towit

Be it remembered that this twenty[?] fourth Day of June in the year of our lord Eighteen hundred and Eighteen personally appeared before me the undersigned one of the Circuit Judges in and for the said Commonwealth Benjamin Addams and made oath on the Holy Evangelist of almighty God That he enlisted in the Revolutionary War at the first of the war at Norfolk in the minute servis under Cap. Joseph Spencer [pension application S37436] and remained there in the service for too years and was Honourably Disgraged at Valley forge. he then seved in the Militia service to the End of the war: he recd his Discharge from Gen William Woodford he is now in Reduced Circumstances and stands in need of the aid of his Country he is now in the sixty seventh year of his age he is now a Resident of the County of Woodford in the state of Kentuckey and that he never has received any pension for his service

signed Benjamin hisXmark Addams

State of Kentucky

Fayette county. Sct.

In addition to the declaration hereto annexed and in correction & explanation thereof came Benjamin Adams before me the undersigned one of the Judges of the circuit court of Ky in & for sd county & made oath that he enlisted & served under Capt Spencer for two years in the 7<sup>th</sup> Va. Regt. on Continental establishment under Col [William] Dangerfield & then under Col McClanahan [sic: Alexander McClenachan] – that he was in the Battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Stony Point [?; 16 July 1779] and Germantown [4 Oct 1777] & several skirmishes – That he has lately procured the evidence of his Capt & Lieut. which is hereto annexed [the latter not found]. & that he was honorably discharged but has it not now in his possession.

Benjamin hisXmark Adams

I hereby certifie that Benjaman Adams was a Soldier in my Company of Regulars in the 7<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment and sarved as such during the term of two years commencing in the spring of the year 1776 & terminating in the Spring of the year 1778 being the term appointed by law for the soldiers of that Regiment & then was discharged in all which sarvis he discharged his duty as a good and faithfull soldier. givin under my hand this 16<sup>th</sup> day November 1819 [Boone County KY] Joseph Spencer (Late C. 7<sup>th</sup> R

State of Kentucky, Fayette Circuit, June term 1820.

Be it remembered that Benjamin Adams made affidavit in open court and produced a schedule of his property amounting to ninety one dollars, agreeably to the act of Congress of the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820, concerning pensioners, which is ordered to be entered of record viz. District of Kentucky, SS: Fayette County,

On this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 1820 personally appeared in open court being a court of record in said district, Benjamin Adams, aged seventy one years, resident in Jessamine 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 (see the statement hereto annexed marked A.) viz. A District of Kentucky Sct. on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 1820 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Fayette Circuit Court, personally appeared in open court, Benjamin Adams, aged 71 years, resident in Jessamine County in the said district, who being by me first 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 Adams enlisted for the term of two years on the [blank] day of [blank] in the spring of the year 1776, in orange County in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Captn. Joseph Spence of the regiment commanded by Colo B. McClanahan being no. 7 in the line of the state of Virginia on the continental establishment, That he continued to serve in said Corps, or in the service of the United States until the spring of the year 1778 when he was discharged from service at the Valley forge of Pennsylvania. That he was in the battles of Brandywine, Germantown, and stoney point, and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except that herewith enclosed sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid.

Benj. hisXmark Adams

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

One horse beast worth \$20 two cows and calves \$28. 15 or 16 hogs great and small \$16. some poultry \$2. Kitchen furniture \$8. about one hundred dollars and have owing to me about \$13.

my occupation is farming on rented land, but owing to wounds received in the battle of Brandywine and age I can work but very little, my wife aged about 60 years and three daughters compose my family, Betsey aged about 28 years Fanny aged about 14 years and Polly about 17 years. Benj. hisXmark Adams

NOTE: This is the same Benjamin Adams whose children, George W. Adams and Polly Adams, applied for bounty land (BLReg176257-1855). They stated that their father died "on or about the 25<sup>th</sup> of June 1846 leaving no widow" and only themselves as heirs.