

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Ellison E. Adams S37649

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At a Court of Quarterly session held for King William county at the courthouse on Monday the 24th of May 1819 —

Ellison E Adams a resident of this county aged sixty six years this day came into court, 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 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 Ellison E. Adams enlisted for the term of two years in March 1776 in King William county, State of Virginia, in the company commanded by Captain Holt Richeson of the Regiment commanded by Colonel McClanahan [sic: Alexander McClenachan], in the line of the State of Virginia on the continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States until the [blank] day of March 1778 when he was discharged from service at Vally Forge, State of Pennsylvania, that he was in the battle at Gwins Island [sic: Gwynn Island, 8 - 10 July 1776], 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 –

District of Virginia. SS.

On this 24th day of September 1821, personally appeared in open court, being a court of record in the said State and County of King William, because it is expressly made so by an act of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth, Ellison E. Adams, aged sixty nine years, resident in King William in said state, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows. “That he enlisted for the term of two years in March 1776 in King William County, State of Virginia, in the Company commanded by Capt Holt Richeson, of the Regiment commanded by Col. McClanahan, in the line of the State of Virginia, on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps or in the service of the United States till 1778; when he was discharged from service at Valley Forge, State of Penn, because the term for which he had enlisted had expired” – that he made a declaration of his services as aforesaid on the 25th day of May 1818, and an amendatory declaration thereto, on the 24th of May 1819, the first being informal. That he has received a pension, and that the no. of his pension Certificate is 13478. —

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 to provide for certain person 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 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.

“I have no species of property whatever, real or personal, having given up every thing which I possessed, some few months ago, upon taking the Oath of an Insolvent Debtor” He the said Adams further states that his occupation is that of farming, and that from his age and infirmity he cannot contribute much to his support. That he has a wife about 40 years of age, named Jenny who contributes to her own support by her labor, tho’ infirm. He has four children; one named Betsy, about six years old, one named Granit about 2 years old, one named John about eleven months old, and one other named Sally aged 12 years: the three first unable to support themselves, and the last, named Sally also unable to support herself; tho’ contributes something towards it.

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I do hereby Certify that Ellison E. Adams served [in the] Continental Army under Capt Holt Richerson in the Seventh Virginia Regiment which was Commanded by Alexander McClanaham the full term of [illegible]

Given under my hand this 22nd day of Jan[?] 1810 [signed Thomas Lipscomb VAS949] Ensign
[undeciphered word] Reg't.

King William County to Wit I, Thos. Lipscomb Ensign in the said Regim't. do swere that the above Certificate Contains a true statement of facts

Sworn before me a justice of peace for s'd. this 22^d [rest illegible]

John Fox

Sir/ Please to deliver to Mr. David L Smith whatever may be due me on the Within Clame & Oblige

Jan'y 23rd 1810 Yours &c

To Clerk of Land Office &c

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