

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to William Adams SC122 AA31

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[Note: This file contains documents relating to more than one individual named "William Adams." Note the page numbers to find documents relating to a particular veteran by that name.]

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To the Honorable the House of Representatives

The Humble Petition of William Adams Sheweth, That your petitioner at an early period of the Revolutionary war entered into the Service of his country as a private soldier under the command of Captain Joseph Calhoun; and that he continued to serve his Country in different capacities till the end of the war, part of the time acting as a private soldier, and the remainder as a Sergeant and Lieutenant read that he further contributed to the service of his country by acting as a Waggoner and furnishing supplies of provision. That by these Several Services he had a just charge against this State to the amount of Eighty-seven pounds Fifteen Shillings Sterling, as appears by a certified transcript of the Accounts kept by General Robert Anderson in which is hereunto annexed. That a return was made of the said account by the said Robert Anderson in September 1783. That your Petitioner has never been able to obtain his indent for this sum, or any other, although he has made several applications at the Treasury Office for it. That he has been informed that it has been drawn by some person unknown to him, and unauthorized by him from the said office. Your petitioner is also informed that the person so drawing his indent as not even left a pretended order from your petitioner, and that in the receipt his name is so obscurely wrote, as not to be illegible. Your petitioner regards his case, as an extremely hard one, in as much as he is thus deprived of the hard earned reward of his meritorious Services, without any the neglect, or default of his own, but wholly by the misconduct of an officer appointed by the State. Your petitioner hopes that your Honorable body will take his case into consideration and in regard to the justice and Equity of his claim; and the extreme hardness of losing many years of laborious and hazardous services in a war which has terminated so gloriously and fortunately for his Country, Grant such relief in the premises as to your Honors may seem meet and your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray &c.

S/ Wm Adams

¹ The South Carolina Audited Accounts are available on microfilm at the South Carolina Department of Archives & History in Columbia, SC. They will eventually be available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. The "SC" file number has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number.

Wm Adams

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The amount of Lieutenant William Adams' Account, during the Revolutionary War with Great Britain, for Personal Services, as Private, Sergeant and Lieutenant, for Waggon Service and supplies of provisions, as Returned by me in September 1783 is Eighty-seven pounds fifteen Shillings, £87.15, Sterling, as it is now taken from a Transcript of the said Accounts kept in my possession

Certified this 26th of April 1808

By Robert Anderson

Robert Anderson

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Personally Appears before me William Adams and being duly sworn saith that he never empowered anyone to draw the indent due from this State to him for services during the Revolutionary war from the treasury office, nor gave an order to that effect except Colonel Joseph Calhoun; and that he never received said indent, or been compensated for his service aforesaid.

Sworn to 9th November 1808

Before S/ Jas. Wardlaw, Clk

S/ Wm Adams

[Note: All of the documents in AA 38-2 and 38-3 (both 31-page files) relate to this same claim with more petitions and documents relating to the misappropriation of the indent due William Adams by someone whose name appears to be David Moss or David Moore or David Mosse. By 1815, the veteran was deceased and the claim was carried on by Samuel Adams and Arthur Gray, Administrators of the estate of the veteran.]