

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John McAdams (McAdam) ¹ W2649

Sarah McAdam f60SC

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State of South Carolina Abbeville District} SS

On this Second day of October 1832 personally appeared before me James A. Black a Justice of Quorum in and for the District of Abbeville in the State of South Carolina John McAdams Esquire a resident of the District of Abbeville and State aforesaid aged Seventy-three years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

That he entered the service under Major Williamson [Andrew Williamson] (afterwards General), the company commanded by Adam C. Jones [Adam Crain Jones] a Capt., the first Lieut.'s name was Samuel Roseman², that he entered the service about the 15th of November 1775 as a volunteer Militia man and continued to serve until the last of February 1776 when he was discharged, that he resided in Abbeville District South Carolina, when he entered this Service, that they rendezvoused at Ninety Six in the State of South Carolina where they remained for some time then they marched into Laurens District to what was called the Snowy Camp near which place they had a skirmish with a party of Tories at or near Reedy River that they remained at that settlement until their time expired when they were discharged after being out about 3 months & a half.³

That he again volunteered under Capt. Adam C. Jones Samuel Roseman Lieut. and rendezvoused at Holmes' old field from there they went to Barkers Creek where Major Williamson was promoted to a Col. who commanded the expedition, that they marched into the Cherokee Nation of Indians up to Keowee River to a place called Sugar Town that they had several engagements with the Indians, cut down and destroyed much corn burnt several towns & drove the Indians from the frontier settlements that Andrew Pickens (afterwards General Pickens) acted as a Major in this service, that he resided in Abbeville District when he entered this service and was out on this occasion about five months when he was discharged.⁴

¹ BLWt26206-160-55

² Bobbie G. Moss lists this man as Samuel Rosamond in his *SC Roster*.

³ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_snow_campaign.html

⁴ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_seneca_town.html
http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_cherokee_towns.html
http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_ring_fight.html

That he again entered the service as a volunteer Militia man under Capt. Adam C. Jones Lieut. Samuel Roseman that they rendezvoused at a place called Cummings Ford [sic, Cummings' Ford?] on Hard Labor Creek in Abbeville District where they joined the General Williamson & set out for Florida,⁵ that they crossed the Savannah River at Augusta that passed on through Georgia crossed the St. Mary's [River] and went to St. John's [River], that they returned to Midway in the State of Georgia where they were discharged & sent home that he entered this Service on the 8th day of May 1778 and got discharged about the first of November 1778 having been in service about six months on this occasion.

That he again volunteered under Col. Pickens Capt. Jones commanding the company with Lieut. Roseman that they set out after a set of Tories under a Col. Boyd [James Boyd], that they crossed Savannah River at the Cherokee Ford in and overtook them at Kettle Creek and destroyed them that he was out on this occasion about 6 weeks and was discharged.⁶

That he again volunteered under Capt. Adam C. Jones and marched to the High hills of Santee and joined the Gov. Rutledge [John Rutledge] and Pickens that they were on the way when they heard that Charleston had fell into the hands of the British that he was discharged & came home.⁷ He entered the service about the first April 1780 & left it about the first June 1780 being gone about 2 months on this occasion.

That he again entered the service as a volunteer and went with Capt. Jones and joined General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] at the siege of Ninety Six [May 21-June 19, 1781]⁸ and stayed with him during the Siege -- that he was out in this service about one month.

That immediately after the Siege of Ninety Six he joined Capt. Robert Maxwell's Company of Rangers or frontier guards and served in that capacity in Laurens District for ten months watching the safety of the settlements & keeping the Tories in awe this Scout was ordered by General Greene for the safety of the country, that he entered this service in the spring of 1781 and served until the following fall that in addition to all the above service he did do several short tours of service on several emergencies but too short to be noticed here, and that he has no documentary evidence of his service.

That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to & subscribed the 2nd day of October 1832 before me.

S/ James A. Black, JQ

S/ John McAdam, X his mark

[Arthur Williams, a clergyman, and Cador Gantt gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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South Carolina Abbeville District

Personally came before me the subscribing Justice Thomas Milford⁹ aged 76 who being first duly sworn on his oath saith that he was one of the Soldiers under the command General Williamson in his expedition to Florida in 1778 That he was well acquainted with the applicant John McAdam Esquire in that expedition that he knew him well & believes he served out his

http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_tamassee.html

⁵ Third Florida expedition: Spring 1778 <http://www.ourgeorgiahistory.com/wars/Revolution/revolution12.html>

⁶ Kettle Creek February 14, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790214-kettle-creek/>

⁷ Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780

⁸ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ninety_six.html

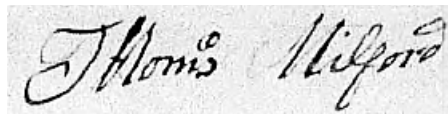
⁹ [Thomas Milford S21375](#)

time faithfully & that he does know that the said McAdams was generally out in the service and bore the name of a good soldier.

Sworn to and subscribed the 4th of October 1832 before me

S/ James A. Black, JQ

S/ Thomas Milford

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Milford". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

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South Carolina Abbeville District } SS

Be it known that on this 14th day of June 1833 before me James A. Black a Justice of the Quorum in and for the District aforesaid personally appeared John McAdam Esquire aged 73 years and on oath make the following amendment and explanation of his declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832 the is

That he served in his first tour under Major Williamson in Capt. Jones' Company as set forth in his declaration three months and a half.

That he entered his second tour under General Williamson & Major Pickens on the 5th July 1776 and left it or was discharged the 10th day of December 1776 being out in this tour 5 months & 5 days.

That he entered his third tour of service (or Florida expedition as it was called) on the 8th day of May 1778 and was discharged on the first day of November 1778 being in service on this occasion 4 months & 22 days.

That he entered his 4th tour or expedition to Kitle Creek [Kettle Creek] in Georgia (as it was then called) as he thinks in the year 1779 and served six weeks on that occasion.

That he entered his 5th tour of service under Gov. Rutledge & Pickens (before the fall of Charleston) on the first of April 1780 and was discharged on the first June 1780 being in service 2 months on that occasion.

That he entered the 6th tour of service under General Greene at the Siege of Ninety Six in May 1781 as he believes and was out one month on this occasion.

That he entered his 7th tour of service with Capt. Maxwell's Rangers as they were called on the first of June 1781 that he served in this Corps until the first April 1782 being out ten months on this occasion, as will be seen by his original declaration.

He also on oath makes the following answers to the Seven interrogatories prescribed by the War department

Qu 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: I was born in the County Down in Ireland in the year 1759.

Qu 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans: I have no record of my age but what I made, by the information of my parents, in my family Bible

Qu 3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: In Abbeville District South Carolina on the same plantation then since & now

Qu 4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans: I was always a volunteer

Qu 5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans: I was acquainted with General Greene at the Siege of Ninety Six of the Regulars or Continentals that he does not recollect the name (or Number) of any Regiment with which he served.

Qu 6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans: I did Received several discharges signed by my Capt. Adam C. Jones all of which were burned in my house in the month of March 1784.

Qu 7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans: I am acquainted with James Wardlaw Esquire Col. Patrick Noble Col. Alexander Bowie Joseph Black Esquire James A. Black Esquire Lemuel Tribble Esquire Cador Gantt Esquire the Rev. Arthur Williams Rev. Hugh Dickson Rev. William Barr James Latemore Thomas Jade Gray and others

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year first above written before me

S/ James A. Black JQ

S/ John McAdam, X his mark

[p 19: On October 9, 1853 in Abbeville District South Carolina, Sarah McAdams, 82, filed for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of John McAdams, deceased, a pensioner at the rate of \$80 per annum for his services in the revolution; that she married him in the summer 1806; that she has no record of her marriage; she does have you family record showing the date of birth of her first child [daughter Jane] after the marriage being February 19, 1808; that her husband died November 11, 1834; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 8: On March 22nd, 1855 in Abbeville District South Carolina, Sarah McAdams, 83, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war soldier. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 43: Certificate from the South Carolina Comptroller General's Office dated October 25, 1855 showing payments made to John McAdam for the militia service in the horse and foot from 1779 to 1782; there also entries indicating militia duty by John McAdam as a private horseman heard the pay bills of Captain Wilson and Captain Wardlaw.]

[p 30: On July 12, 1866, the widow, 95, still living in Abbeville District, South Carolina, applied for the reinstatement of her pension benefits.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the South Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]