

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements](#)

Pension application of Jesse Adams W66

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[Note: this application is heavily edited for spelling]

State of Tennessee, Humphreys County

On this day being the 20<sup>th</sup> of September 1832 personally appeared before me Amos Bruce one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for Humphreys County and State of Tennessee Jesse Adams a Resident of Humphreys County and State of Tennessee Aged seventy nine years and being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the Benefit of the provisions made at the act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832, that to the best of his Recollection he entered the service of the United States of America as a militia Soldier in the month of October but he does not Recollect the date of the year nor day of the month he states that he was mustered in to service in Kingston [sic, Kinston] in the State of North Carolina under Captain John Whitley and Matthew Cullars [Matthew McCullers<sup>1</sup>] Lieutenant in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel William Caswell and that he marched from Kinston in the Army commanded by General Ash [sic, John Ashe] towards Charleston to Moncks Corner in South Carolina from there he marched to the White Bluffs in view of Augusta where they [were] stationed a few days and from thence they marched through Augusta and down near the mouth of Briar Creek in pursuit of the British Army and that when they got to a certain Bridge across the said Brier Creek the British had crossed the said Brier Creek and had taken up the Bridge, he states that our Army was then stationed in the fork between the Brier Creek and the Savannah River until the British Army marched Round and came down on the Back of our troops and attacked our Army, he states that he was not in the battle of Briar Creek himself, but was sick and had Crossed Savannah River with the baggage he supposes near eight miles above the Army and was marched down the River he believes near four miles when the battle begun in the evening of that day he states that he could hear the report of the guns and see the smoke arise from the battle he states that General Ashe was defeated in said battle and he left his Army and crossed the Savannah River and came to the Baggage near Dark of the same evening of the battle, he states the next morning the Baggage was marched on to a place known by the name of the white house where the troops began to Rally together after their struggles across the said River, he states that they went from the white house to Bee Creek and from there to the Savannah River again into the white mulberry old fields where he states he was taken to the hospital and knew no more of the particulars of the Army until he

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<sup>1</sup> [Matthew McCullers W7415](#)

was discharged in the month of March but he does not Recollect the date of the month he was discharged but states that he was discharged for a five months tour of duty, he states that he then returned home to Franklin County in the state of North Carolina where he remained until the date of 1781 in which date he states he again entered the militia service of the United States as an orderly Sergeant under Captain Nicholas Murphy he states they Collected at Goodners Cross Roads in said Franklin County and marched from there down to two miles of Halifax town in said state where they were stationed a few days and from there he marched under the Command of Colonel Linton and Major Wood on in sight of Halifax town but did not march through town on account of the small pox in said town but marched on to Tarborough in Edgecombe County and from there to Kings town [Kinston?] where he was mustered in to service for the first tour he served and from there they marched to Rockfish where they had a scrimmage with the Tories and from there they marched to Smithfield where he was discharged with a three month tour of service as first Sergeant under Captain Nicholas Murphy, he further states that their principal Business in the three months tour was scouting after they left Halifax he states further that as near as he can Recollect that he left the service of the United States sometime in the month of August 1781. That as near as he can Recollect he served in all about eight months, he states his discharges he has lost or mislaid so that he knows not what has become of them and that he has no other means whereby he can prove his services in the United States only by his own oath he states that he was principally Raised in Franklin County in North Carolina which place was his Residence at the time he entered the service of the United States the first time though he was drafted in Johnson [sic, Johnston] County of the same State, he states that his father had moved to Johnston County and he had gone there on a visit and that he went to a muster with his two brothers Briant Adams and Byrd Adams and that he went into Ranks with them and they were all three were drafted at the same time he states that he was also drafted in Franklin County for the last tour his states that he married in Franklin County shortly after he was discharged the second time and that he Resided in Franklin and Nash Counties until the date of 1812 and he then Removed to the state of Tennessee in Smith County where he Resided Eleven years and from Smith County he Removed to Humphreys County where he now resides and he hereby Relinquishes all claim or annuity [sic] to a pension except the present and Declares his name is not on the pension Roll of any State or territory of the United States he further states that he has no Record of his age but from the account of his parents and from the best information he has he is the Rise [sic] of seventy nine years of age. Sworn to and subscribed day and year above written.

S/ Jessee [sic] Adams, X his mark

[William Bruce, a clergyman, and James Bruce gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee, Humphreys County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for said County Jesse Adams who being duly sworn Deposeth and saith that from the circumstance his removing a great distance from where he Resided when he rendered his services as a soldier in the Revolution of the United States and from his affliction at present and years past which has kept him confined to his house that he cannot obtain a witness to prove his actual services for he knows of no none living at the present time he further deposeth and saith on propounding the following interrogatories

A 1. That from the information he had from my parents I was Born and in the State of North Carolina in Bute County now Franklin and from the account I had from my parents I was Born in the date 1759 [could be 1753].

A 2 The Record of my age the last that I knew of it was in my father's Bible in North Carolina.

A 3 My residence at the time I was called into service and & as he is plainly set forth in my Declaration.

A 4 The manner of my being called in to service is also set forth in my Declaration.

A 5 The names of the Regular officers who were with the troops where I served I have got except

Sergeant Gun[?], the number of Regiment I do not recollect much about the names of the officers of some of the militia regiments were Colonel Eaton and Colonel Perkins the general Circumstances of my service are set forth in my Declaration.

A 6 By Reason of old age and the Consequent loss of memory I do not recollect who gave me my discharges nor what has become of them.

A 7 Evens Gordan Esqr. Capt. Sion Rogers, Green Flowers Esqr, Jesse Palmer, Emanuel Hale but I will Refer to Cyrus Council and John Sanders who has been acquainted with me for many years in North Carolina and are now acquainted with me in this neighborhood who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution in addition to the certificates annexed to my present Declaration.

He further deposes and saith that by Reason of old age and Consequent loss of memory I cannot swear positively as to the precise length of my service but according to the best of my Recollection I served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades for five months as a private soldier and for three months I served as an orderly Sergeant and for such service I claim a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of July 1833.

Attest: S/ As Bracey, JP

S/ Jesse Adams, X his mark

[Cyrus Counele and John Sanders gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 17: On June 18, 1840 in Benton County Tennessee, Unicy Adams, 74, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Jesse Adams who was a pensioner at the rate of \$26.66 per annum for his service in the revolution; that she married him May 26, 1782; that he died December 6 1835 and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 21: family record:

Nancy Adams was born November 20, 1782

Polley Adams was born April 4th 1784

Henry Adams was born April 14 1786

Alsey Adams was born July 31 1788

Elizza Adams was born January 1, 1791

Unicy Adams was born February 3, 1794

Milley Adams was born March 28 1795

Tabitha Adams was born October 16th 1797

Jesse Adams was born April 30 1802

Gillum Adams was born June 14 1804

Morning Adams was born October 2, 1806

Young Adams was born April 25 1809

"Rote by Gillum Adams June 11, 1822

[fn p. 38: On October 1, 1840 in Benton County, the widow filed another application; in this when she states she is 73 years of age as of November 21st 1839; that she is filing under the 1838 act; otherwise her statements all as set forth above.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 8 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]