

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Hadden ¹ W7697 Mary Hadden f76GA
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State of Georgia County of Jefferson: SS

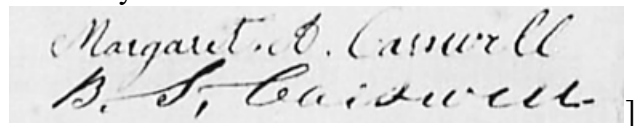
On this 7th day of May in the year of our Lord 1855, before the subscriber, "Ordinary" and Judge of Probates of the Court of Ordinary, held in and for the County and State aforesaid, being a Court of Record; personally appeared Mrs. Mary Hadden, who is to me known as a resident of the County of Jefferson and State of Georgia, in the Eighty fifth year of her age, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress approved 3rd February A.D. 1853, viz.:

That she is the widow of William Hadden, deceased, who was a Private in the Georgia Militia, in the War of the Revolution; as appears by the Record of his name, both as a citizen and fugitive Soldier, to the end of hostilities in said War in the State of Georgia, and original Certificates filed in the Executive Department of said State; certified Copies of Certificates, which are herewith exhibited. That she was married to the said William Hadden the 25th day of August A.D. 1791; and that her said husband departed this life the 22nd day of November A.D. 1819, as will more fully appear by the proof hereto annexed. She further swears that she is now a widow, and that she has never before made application for a Pension.

S/ W. J. N. Carswell

S/ Mary Hadden, X her mark

[p 70: On April 13, 1855, in Baldwin County Georgia, Margaret A. Carswell, daughter of William and Mary Hadden, and Beniah S. Carswell husband of said Margaret, gave testimony that Mary Hadden is the widow of William Hadden.



Margaret A. Carswell
B. S. Carswell]

[p 10: On September 4, 1855 in Baldwin County Georgia, Beniah S. Carswell gave testimony of authenticating a leaf of a Bible record containing the name and age of Thomas Hadden, son of William and Mary Hadden; the affiant states that Thomas Hadden is deceased and was the 2nd child of William and Mary Hadden.

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Memorandum

Thomas Hadden
was born the
21st of April
1794



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Comptroller General's Office

Columbia South Carolina July 17th 1855

I do Certify that the name of William Hadden appears on the Revolutionary Rolls in this Office is having served as Private in the 1st South Carolina Regiment from the 4th of November 1775 until the 3rd of August 1778 when he was Discharged.

S/ Thomas P Walker
Deputy Comptroller General

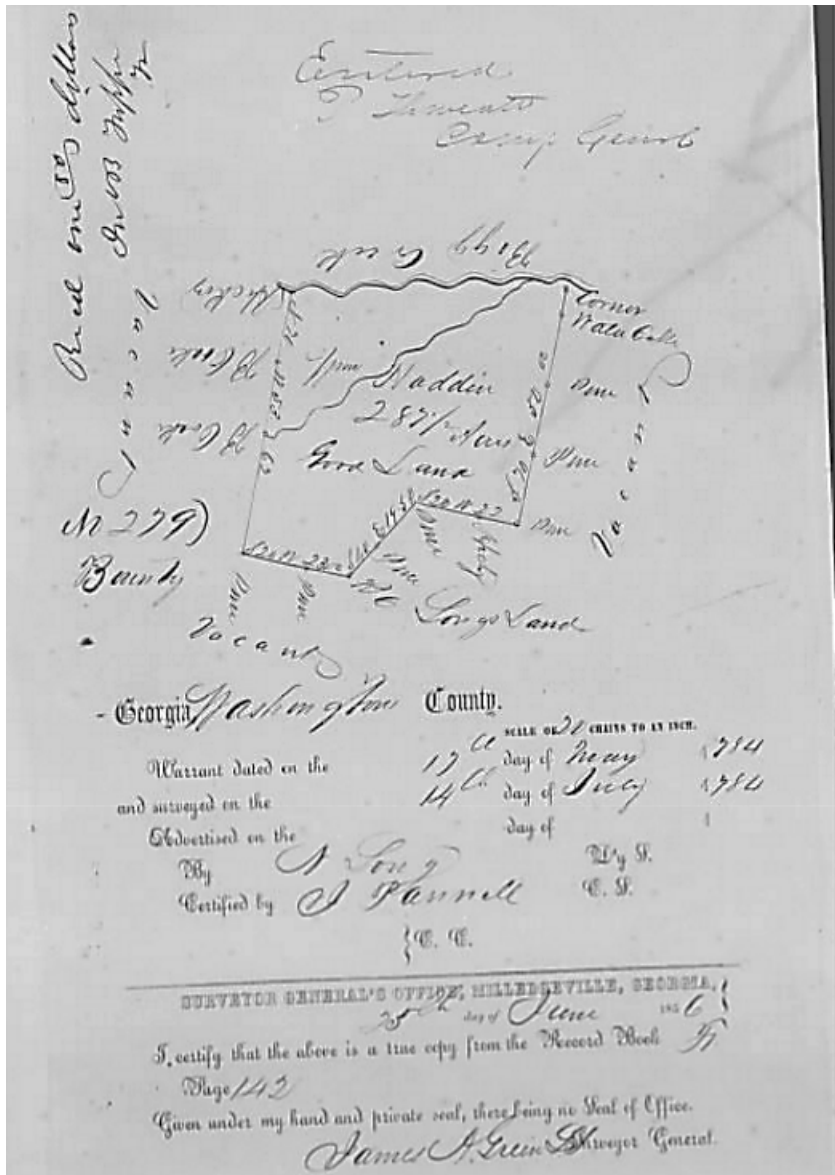
[p 14: On August 17, 1855 in Jefferson County Georgia, John W Bothwell gave testimony that Thomas Hadden, the 2nd child of William and Mary Hadden was about the same age as the affiant and that the affiant was born in 1794.

John W. Bothwell]

[p 16: On June 27, 1856 in Bibb County Georgia, Asa Holt gave testimony that he was acquainted with William Hadden, a revolutionary soldier late of Washington County Georgia now deceased and his widow, Mrs. Mary Hadden; that William Hadden received a grant from the state of Georgia for services rendered during the Revolutionary war; that said grant consisted of a parcel of land containing 287 ½ acres; and that affiant derives his title to that land from that grant. He attached a plant of the land to his affidavit.

Asa Holt]

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[p 29: a copy]
 State of Georgia

To the Honorable President and Members of Council now sitting in Augusta for the purpose of Granting lands to the two new Counties of Franklin and Washington, the petition of William Hadden, a citizen of the State aforesaid Sheweth:

That your petitioner is entitled to 287 ½ acres of land as a bounty for his services pursuant to the Certificate hereunto annexed, that your petitioner is desirous of taking up the said land in the County of Washington; – May it therefore please your Honorable Board to Grant your petitioner a Warrant for 287 ½ acres of land in the County of Washington on the right aforesaid and on his Complying with the terms of the State land Act & your petitioner will ever pray. 6th April 1784

S/ William Hadden

[p 49: a copy]

State of Georgia

This is to Certify, That William Hadden hath steadfastly done his duty from the time of passing an Act at Augusta, To wit, on the 20th of August 1781, until the total Expulsion of the British from this State; and the said William Hadden – cannot, to my knowledge and belief, be convicted of plundering or distressing the Country; and is therefore under the said Act entitled to a Bounty of two hundred fifty acres of Land, free from taxes fourteen years.

Given under my hand at Savannah the 2nd day of March 1784

S/ John Twiggs, B. G. [Brigadier General]

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State of Georgia County of Baldwin: SS

On this Sixth day of August, A.D. 1856, Personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace, within and for the County and State aforesaid, Mrs. Mary Hadden, aged Eighty-six years, a resident of Baldwin County in the State of Georgia, who, being duly sworn according to Law, declares that she is the Widow of William Hadden deceased, who was a Private in the Company commanded by Captain (name not recollected) in the Revolutionary War. That her said Husband, William Hadden, volunteered in said service on the 20th day of August A.D. 1781, and continued in actual service in said War until the final expulsion of the British from the borders of the Colony of Georgia, and was honorably discharged in July A.D. 1782.

She further states that she was married to the said William Hadden in Washington County, in the State aforesaid, on the 25th day of August A.D. 1791, by the Reverend David Bothwell a Minister of the Gospel, and that her name before her said Marriage was Mary Gordon; that her said husband died in Jefferson County on the 22nd day of November A.D. 1819, and that she is now a Widow, and a Pensioner of the United States, it having been conferred for the Revolutionary service of her deceased husband the said William Hadden, as per Certificates from the "Department of the Interior" of the United States, viz.: July 7th 1838, March 3rd, 1843 and January 1844; and February 2nd 1848; commencing on the 4th of March 1848, and continuing for life, unless she should again marry; in which case the Pension is not payable after the time of such marriage."

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty Land to which he may be entitled under the "Act approved March 3rd 1855," and the amendment approved May 14th, 1856.

S/ Mary Hadden, X her mark

[p 15: the following is taken from a summary of the contents of this file.]

"It appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, W. 7697, that William Hadden, while a resident of Georgia, served from August 20, 1781, until July 11, 1782, as a private in the Georgia troops; officers and details of service not given.

The soldier married, August 25, 1791, in Washington County, Georgia, Mary Gordon.

He died, November 22, 1819, in Jefferson County, Georgia.

His widow, Mary, was allowed pension on her application executed, May 7, 1855, at which time she was living in Jefferson County, Georgia, and in her eighty-fifth year.

In 1856 she was residing in Baldwin County, Georgia.

The following children were living and 1855: -- Mrs. Mary Garrett, Mrs. Margaret A. Carswell, the wife of Beniah S. Carswell, and a resident of Baldwin County, Georgia, Gordon and William Hadden.

The 2nd child, Thomas Hadden, was born, April 21, 1794, and was not living in 1819. There is no further data as to the children."

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$35.64 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband's service as a private in the Georgia militia.]