

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Carroll Adams W8312

Sarah Adams

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To the Honorable Present and Members of the Senate

The humble petition of Carroll Adams show with upon your Honorable Body that he served as a soldier in Joseph Warley's Company in Colonel William Thomson's Regiment three years, was in the battle of Savannah¹ and in several other smaller engagements and was regularly discharged your petitioner is in great poverty and has a large family wherefore he prays your Honorable Body to grant him a reasonable pension for his services and your petitioner will ever pray.

2 Dec. 1825

S/ John C. Adams

South Carolina, Richland District

John Carroll Adams maketh oath that the facts stated in his petition are true and that he neither owns lands or Negroes & has an aged wife also to support, that for more than 10 years he has been under the influence of a protracted stroke of the dead palsy which totally disables him to support himself & wife and that in fact his relations & friends have kept him & his wife from coming to absolute want or starvation.

Sworn to 3 December 1825.

S/ J. O'Hanlon, QU

S/ John C. Adams

Appears Morgan Griffin² & Gideon Griffin³ and after being duly sworn as the Law directs saith on their oaths that Carroll Adams also called John C. Adams was a regular soldier in the third Regiment of South Carolina Regulars commanded by Colonel William Thomson and that said Adams did serve as a faithful soldier for the space of three years and was regularly discharged in Charleston – and the said Adams stands in need of the Pension as the Law allows to old soldiers.

Sworn to before me the third of April 1819

S/ William Watts

S/ Morgan Griffin, X his mark

S/ Gideon Griffin, X his mark

Treasury Office Columbia SC December 28, 1848

This will certify that it appears from the Books of the Treasury that John Carroll Adams of Richland District in this State was placed on the Pension Roll in 1825, and drew the sum of \$60 per annum till the year 1833, and in 1839, his widow, Sarah Adams was allowed the arrears up till his death.

T. Bush

¹ Siege of Savannah September 16-October 9, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790916-savannah/>

² [Morgan Griffin S18844](#)

³ [Gideon Griffin W8877](#)

P. B. Hart

South Carolina Richland District

Sarah Adams makes oath before me that she is the widow of John C. Adams; that her husband was generally called by his middle name Carroll Adams. That he died in Tennessee in May 1836, Carroll Adams her husband served during the War of the revolution in the American Armies for several years partly in the militia and partly in the Regular Army. He was pensioned by this State but removed to Tennessee and for some years before his death did not draw his pension.

Sworn to before made this 19th of October 1839

S/ Matthew Jones, JP

S/ Sarah Adams, X her mark

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State of South Carolina Richland District: SS

On this 31st day of August 1847 personally appeared before me Robert T. Wynn one of the acting Magistrates in and for the District and State aforesaid Sarah Adams a resident of said District and State aged eighty-six years eleven months and twenty-one days, (born September 10th, 1760) 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 passed the 7th of July 1838, March the 3rd 1743 and June 17th 1744, granting pensions to certain widows. That she is the widow of John Carroll or Carel Adams late revolutionary soldier deceased. She further declares that she was married to the said John Carroll Adams in Richland District South Carolina, as well as she recollects, in March 1785; that they lived together as husband and wife in said District and State aforesaid till April 1831 when they moved to Rhea County East Tennessee where they lived as husband and wife till May 1835 when the said John Carroll Adams died; that she returned in October 1835 to Richland District South Carolina; that she has remained a widow ever since her husband's (John Carroll Adams') death; that she has no family Record showing either the date of her marriage or the births of her children having left the family Bible in Tennessee. She further states that the said John Carroll Adams was a private and corporal under Captain ___ Warley, Colonel William Thomson's Regiment, Third South Carolina Continental line three years, was at the battle of Savannah and several smaller engagements, was regularly discharged which discharge she has seen but is now lost; that he was afterwards Sergeant in Sumter's Brigade (General Thomas Sumter) State Troops; that he was at the battles of King's Mountain and Cowpens; that he served seven years having enlisted under Colonel William Thomson when about twenty-two years of age; that they were engaged to be married before the war began; that he was born in North Carolina; that he served the United States in armies of the Revolutionary War against the common enemy. She further declares that her oldest child Ann Rona Adams was born the 2nd day of January 1786; that she (Sarah Adams) is the mother of nine children and that she is very poor and needy being quite infirm and aged. She hereby declares that her name is not on the pension Roll of any State or of any Agencies in any State; that she relinquishes all claim to a pension except the present.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me

S/ R. T. Wynn, Magt.

S/ Sarah Adams, X her mark

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State of South Carolina district of Richland: SS

On this 21st day of June in the year of our Lord 1849 personally appeared before the undersigned Judge of the Court of Ordinary for the District of Richland in the State of South Carolina at her own residence in the District and State aforesaid Sarah Adams a resident of the District and State aforesaid (the said Sarah Adams being from old age and bodily infirmity unable to attend at the Court House of said District at the regular session of said Court) aged eighty-eight years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make this following declaration in order to obtain the benefit

of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That she is the widow of John Carroll or Carel Adams deceased who was first a private next a Corporal and then a Sergeant of Infantry in the Third South Carolina Regiment on the Continental Establishment and afterwards a Sergeant of Dragoons in Sumter's Brigade State Troops during the War of the Revolution. That he enlisted in Captain Joseph Warley's Company in the said Third Regiment of South Carolina on the Continental Establishment commanded by Colonel William Thomson early in the year 1778 and served three years in said Company in said Regiment. That he was at the battle of Savannah Georgia and in several other smaller engagements. That her husband the said John Carroll or Carel Adams having enlisted early in the year of our Lord 1778 in the Company commanded by Captain Joseph Warley in the Third Regiment of South Carolina on the Continental establishment as above stated served his Country faithfully and was regularly discharge which Discharge this Deponent has seen. That when her husband and herself moved to Rhea County in the State of Tennessee as they did do in 1833 said Discharge was taken with them and an old black pocket book and left or mislaid by them and that Country so that it cannot now be found or produced.

That in the spring of the year of our Lord 1781 her husband the aforesaid John Carroll Adams deceased entered as a Sergeant of Cavalry commanded by Captain William McKenzie and Colonel William Hill's Regiment Sumter's Brigade State Troops and served in said capacity for the period of ten months. That he was at the battles of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] and Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780]. She further declares that she was married to the said John Carroll Adams on the ___ day of March in the year 1784.

That her husband the aforesaid John Carroll Adams on the first day of May 1836 died in Rhea County in the State of Tennessee: That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service as above stated but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 viz.: at the time above stated. That this Declarant has heretofore given a full statement of all the facts in detail in her Declaration under the acts of July 7th 1838, March 3rd 1843, June 17th 1844, February 2nd 1848 made this day and also in her Declaration signed 31st day of August 1847 before R T Wynn Magistrate, now on file in the Pension Office of the United States accompanied by certain other documents and proofs to all which she respectfully refers for further particulars.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written during this 31st day of June in the year of our Lord 1849.

S/ James S. Guignard, Judge

S/ Sarah Adams, X her mark

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Comptroller's Office Charleston 13th of January 1848

This is to certify, that it appears from the original Pay Roll of Captain William McKenzie's Troop in Lt. Col. William Hill's Regiment in Sumter's Brigade; that, John Carrol Adams, commenced service in said Troop on the 5th of April 1781 with the rank of Sergeant -- that he served 10 months -- that his pay & Bounty in Negroes was 1 great and ¼ small -- and that the Balance due him was 1 great and ¼ small Negro.

S/ Wm J. Laral, For Comptroller General

[facts in file: widow was born September 10, 1760; her maiden name and place of birth and parents are not stated in the file; she died June 25, 1852; the veteran and his wife had 9 children, that only names given are Ann Rona, the eldest, who was born January 2, 1786; and Richard J., the date of his birth not given; in 1847, that there is documentation containing the statement that all of their children had died except the oldest and the youngest, names not given; Richard J. Adams was administrator of the state of his mother; in 1848, William A. Troublefield, son of Ann Rona Troublefield stated that his mother had moved from Tennessee and was "living in Alabama, near Wetumka, with her son Michael J. Bulgar;"

William A. Troublefield stated that he lived in 1848 in Decatur, Morgan County Alabama; "Brother Joel also lived in that County; C.C. Troublefield is living in Talladega County, Alabama; James A. Troublefield and sister Sarah Ann still living in Bradley County, Tennessee."]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁴ relating to John Carl [Carroll] Adams AA22
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 33A

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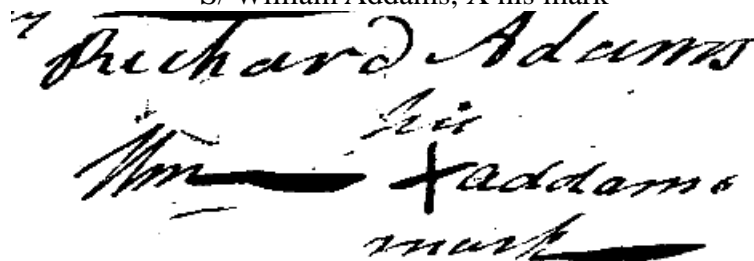
October} The State of South Carolina to John Carrell Addams [sic] a Soldier in the State Service
Commanded by General Thomas Sumpter [Thomas Sumter]
Do To a horse lost in action at Orangeburg
£15.0.0

Rich Land [Richland] County} before me William Meyer Personally appeared Richard and William
Addams and made oath that the above Horse was by them well known and to the best of their Judgment
and belief the said horse was well worth the above Some of 15 Pounds Sterling Money
Sworn to the 30 day of October 1790 before me

S/ Wm Meyer, JP

S/ Richard Adams

S/ William Addams, X his mark



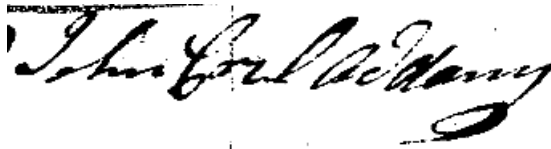
The image shows two handwritten signatures. The top signature is 'Richard Adams' in a cursive script. Below it is a signature that appears to be 'Wm Addams' with a large 'X' mark over the name, indicating it is a mark rather than a full signature.

Before me William Meyer personally appeared John Carroll Addams and made oath that he has never
Received any part parcel [?] or other Satisfaction for the above account in no case whatever.

Sworn to the day and year above mentioned before me

S/ Wm Meyer

S/ John Corl Addams



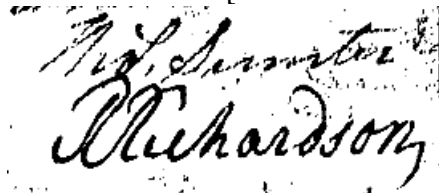
The image shows a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'John Corl Addams'.

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We Certify the within acct. amounting to fifteen pounds as it Stands stated is Just.

S/ Thos. Sumter [Thomas Sumter]

S/ R Richardson [Richard Richardson]



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⁴ 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.

[p 4: Form of Indent No. 120, Book M dated October 1, 1784 issued to John Carrol Adams [sic] "late Sergeant in McKenzie's Troop Hills [William Hill's] Regiment & Sumters [Thomas Sumter's] Brigade State Troops in the sum of 105 Pounds 15 Shillings Sterling being balance of pay and Bounty due him...."]

[p 8: An image of the original affidavit transcribed from page 2 of the federal pension file. Veteran's actual signature affixed thereto:

John C Adams
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[pp 15-20: various receipts of pension payments signed by the veteran using the following signatures:

Carrol Adams *Carroll Adams*
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