

**Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements &  
Rosters**

Pension application of James Casaday (Cassada or Cassaday) S8176      f31VA  
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State of Virginia, Charlotte County to wit:

On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 1844 personally appeared before me Hillery Mosely one of the acting Magistrates and a member of the court of the county aforesaid (it being a Court of Record) James Cassada sometimes spelt James Cassaday or Casaday a resident of the County and state aforesaid, aged Eighty Five 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832.

That he was drafted into the service of the United States as a Militia Man from the State of Virginia at three different times from the County of Halifax and State of Virginia; Where at that time he was a resident, that he does not precisely recollect the date or dates of either time that he was drafted, but refers to events, and his best recollection to establish dates.

That the first tour was as a private soldier in the second Regiment of the Virginia Militia which was of six months duration under the command of Capt. Paul Watlington of Halifax County and State of Virginia. Under whom he marched from said county and state by the way of Hillsborough [Hillsboro] in the State of North Carolina, where we were stationed some considerable time. Thence to Camden in the state of South Carolina where he was engaged in a battle [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] and the Americans were defeated under the command of Genl. Gates [Horatio Gates]; as well as my memory serves me at this distant date, I think that I was drafted on or about the month of April or May in the year Seventeen Hundred and Eighty. That after having served the above named tour of six months, I received a regular discharge which was placed in the hands of my Brother who has moved to parts unknown to me. As well as my memory serves me Genl. Stevens [Edward Stevens] Commanded the Virginia Militia, Lawson [Robert Lawson] was the Col. who commanded the Virginia Militia

Second Tour

That he was drafted the second time under the command of Capt. Francis Moore from the aforesaid county and state for the term of three months, under whom he marched from said county and state, crossing Dan River at Irvin's Ferry and passing by the way of the Red House in the state of North Carolina, thence to Hillsborough, thence to Guilford Court House where we were engaged in the Battle [March 15, 1781].

As well as my memory serves me in regard to this tour, I was drafted for three months about the first of February in the year 1781. I also received a discharge from this tour, and it was carried off as above named. My Commanding officers were Generals Lawson and Greene [Nathanael Greene]. I served this tour of three months faithfully.

#### Third Tour

I marched from Halifax County and State of Virginia under the command of Capt. Roberds [Roberts?] and Col. Rogers commanding to Yorktown and was drafted for the term of three months as well as my memory serves me about the first of September 1781, Where I remained until the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781]; after which I was discharged and my discharge was lost as stated above. He further declares and assigns as a reason why he has not made application for a pension previous to this is that for a number of years until recently, that he has been a resident of one of the Western Counties in this state, and that he was not aware until recently that there was a living witness by whom he could prove any part or portion of his service. He has now become old and infirm and incapable of supporting himself by manual labor and therefore requires the aid of his country.

That there is no minister of the Gospel known to him in his immediate neighborhood with whom his acquaintance will justify his applying to for a certificate; that he has no documentary evidence in his possession; that for the time during which the services named above were performed he was nor employed in any civil pursuit but he was in the actual service of his Country.

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.

S/ James Casaday, X his mark

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Hillery Moseley, J. P.

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#### Amended Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

State of Virginia, Charlotte County to wit:

On this 30th day of November Eighteen Hundred and forty four personally appeared before me, Hillery Mosely one of the Acting Magistrates and a member of the County Court of the County aforesaid (it being a Court of Record). James Cassaday a resident of the aforesaid county and State aged Eighty Five years, who being first duly sworn according to law, on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7th, 1832.

That he was born in the County of Halifax and the State of Virginia on or about the year 1760, he has no record of his age; that when called into service he was a resident of Halifax County State of Virginia, and was drafted into the Militia Service of the United States for the several tours of duty which he served; he received a regular discharge; which discharges were placed in the hands of my brother, who has moved to parts unknown to me, that about eighteen or twenty years since he moved from this County of Halifax to the County of Patrick, State of Virginia, where he resided until he came to this section of country with a view of prosecuting his pension Claim—that by reason of age, bodily infirmity and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear

positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades.

The first tour of six months commencing in the month of April or May in the year 1780: I served as a private soldier under Capt. Paul Watlington of the County of Halifax, Virginia, and was in the Battle of Camden known as Gates' defeat. My impression is that Lawson was the Col. and Stevens the Genl of the Regiment in which I served. Genl Gates was Commander in Chief.

The second tour I was drafted for a tour of three months, and marched under the command of Capt. Francis Moore of Halifax County, Virginia, and was in the Battle at Guilford as well as my memory serves me. We marched about the first of February, 1781. Generals Lawson and Green were the commanding officers.

The third tour he was drafted for three months under Capt. Michael Roberds [Roberts?] of Halifax County, Virginia, Col. Rogers commanding the Regiment, about the first of September, 1781, and was at the Siege of Yorktown and Surrender of Lord Cornwallis.

For the three above named tours of duty, I claim a pension, and for more particular information and evidence I refer to former declaration on file in the pension office. He hereby sends some additional testimony explanatory of his Claim.

His reason for not applying for a pension previous to this time is this, that he resided in Patrick County, Virginia a distance of about one hundred and fifty miles from his former residence in Halifax County, Va from which county he marched and expected to obtain testimony of his service. That from old age and bodily infirmity and want of convenience of conveyance to the place where he expected to obtain evidence he being a poor man without a horse or any other means of conveyance has prevented his making sooner application for a pension that at the earliest date after procuring such evidence of his service as could be obtained he prepared a declaration setting forth his service with accompanying evidence of service, which is now on file in the pension office to which he particularly refers.

That he is now about Eighty five years old laboring under many bodily infirmities, very poor without a horse or any means of conveyance and therefore he does not consider himself able to attend the County Court of Charlotte (in which County I at present reside) in order to make the foregoing declaration and the former one which has been forwarded to the Commissioner of Pensions at Washington City.

S/ James Cassaday, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November 1844.

S/ Hillery Moseley, J. P.

[p 19: Bartlett McKinney and Asa McKinney gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Virginia Halifax County

I Joseph Ashby<sup>1</sup> do hereby certify that I was acquainted with James Cassada in the Revolutionary War, and also that I served with him 2 tours and that he belonged to the 2nd Regiment of the Virginia Militia the first Tour that I served with him was of 6 months duration, under the command of Capt. Paul Watlington of the aforesaid County

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<sup>1</sup> [Joseph Ashby S8039](#)

and State, under whom we marched from this County to Camden in the State of South Carolina where we were engaged in a battle and the Americans were defeated under the command of General Gates. The second Tour that I served with him was of three months under the Command of Capt. Michael Roberts of the aforesaid County and State under whom we marched to Yorktown and both of these Tours I served with him and knows that he served both of them faithfully and was honorably discharged; I also give it as my opinion and believe that he served on a Tour to North Carolina from the aforesaid County and State of 3 months, but I was not in Company with him, I cannot assert the fact on oath, I am now about 85 years old, Given under my hand this 30th day of May 1844.

S/ Joseph Ashby, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written.

S/ John S. Pleasants, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.66 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 11 months in the Virginia militia.]