Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Adams S8007 f32NC

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State of North Carolina, Wake County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term 1832

On this the 21st day of August personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court now sitting James Adams a resident of Wake County & State of North Carolina aged 76 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 Seventh, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers (To wit) – That in __ he entered the militia Service in Halifax County N. C. & as a Substitute under Capt. S. Kerlock [Thomas Scurlock] & Col. Eaton [Pinketham Eaton] & Gen. Ashe [John Ashe] & Served for six months – that he marched under Gen. Ashe into South Carolina & was at Brier Creek[1] at the defeat of the American forces.

That after the defeat he remained at Purisburg [Purrysburg] until the term of Service for which he claims a pension expired when he was discharged.

That on __ he was drafted in the militia in this State for 3 months under Capt. Richard Norwood & marched up to the Six Miles Creek in Mecklenburg where he and his company were stationed under the command of Gen. Allen Jones that he remained here until his 3 months expired.

That in __ , he again entered the Militia in this State as a Substitute for 3 months under Capt. Dupuy [Jesse Dupree] & Col. Seaywell [Benjamin Seawell]. That he marched down towards Tarborough [Tarboro] where his company was met by the British forces which drove them back to Halifax from which they had first started & thence over the River Roanoke & up the River as far as Taylor's ferry where they crossed the River again and after remaining sometimes at Williamsboro his company marched down to Halifax which place the British had then left.

That again he was drafted for 12 months with what were then called the "States men" in the year __ under Capt. Swann Toughton [Swan Trouton] & Major Crawford. That he marched up to Hillsborough in this State & there Guarded the Assembly of the State which then was in Session after the Assembly broke up he marched to Deep River in Chatham County and was Stationed at Dowd's Mill for several weeks. Thence over the Pee Dee River to the State of South Carolina & after remaining there a short time he returned to his former Station at Dowd's Mill. That the "States men" to which he belonged were raised for the purposes of [sic] Purpose of Putting down the Tories and in attacking & annoying them he was principally employed during the 12 months for which he was drafted. That at the end of the 12 months he was marched back to Hillsboro & there received his discharge.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension rolls of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court.

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[1] Briar Creek March 3, 1779 http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/

James Adams, X his mark[2]

I Philip Adams a Soldier of the revolution certify that I am well acquainted with James Adams who has subscribed & sworn to the above declaration & that I believe him to be Seventy Six years & that he is reported and believed in the Neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution.

Phillip Adams[3]

State of North Carolina, Wake County

On this the 6th day of November 1833, before me, one of the Justices of the peace in & for the County aforesaid personally appeared James Adams, a resident of the County & state aforesaid and after having first been duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, say by way of addition & amendment to & of his declaration made before the Justices of Wake County Court at August Term thereof A.D. 1832, for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832, to which declaration this affidavit is appended – That the first tour of service mentioned in his said declaration, as having been rendered by him in the revolutionary war, commenced in the Fall of the year 1779 –that he was substituted in the place of Lewis Roan, who had been drafted for the service, performed by this declarant as is set forth in his said declaration – which was of the Term of six months.

That the second tour of duty mentioned in his said declaration as having been served by this declarant was in the Fall of the year 1780 after the happening of Gates defeat [Battle of Camden, August 16, 1780] – which was of three months duration: --

That the third tour of duty mentioned in his said declaration as having been performed by him, was in the Spring of the year 1781, after the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781]: that the declarant was substituted in the place of Dempsey Feuguy [?][4], or some such name, who had been drafted for three months in the militia of North Carolina and that this declarant continued in said service until the expiration of the said term of three months for which he had been substituted: --

That the fourth tour of duty mentioned in his said declaration as having been performed by him commenced in the latter part of the summer or early in the Fall of the year 1781 – and that the declarant was under arms by virtue of the engagement which brought him into [illegible word, looks like "Full" or "Fult"][5] on that occasion, as is set forth in his declaration, twelve months: -- that all his discharges for his services in the war of the revolution have been destroyed or lost. This Affiant here states that in the draft of his said declaration, was omitted to be inserted, a tour of duty for three months, which this declarant rendered in the revolutionary war: Viz.: in the year 1778 or winter of 1778 – 79, in the County of Halifax N. C. Declarant was substituted for one John Justice, who had been drafted for a three months service in the Militia of North Carolina – and that declarant was under arms until the expiration of the said term of three months in the said County of Halifax, being there stationed to guard the magazine and prisoners in the Town of Halifax, under Capt. Smith: that at the end of said Term, he was discharged by said Captain. His discharge is destroyed or lost. At this time declarant was a mere youth. In all the aforesaid service, declarant was a private. The declarant is now an infirm man, being afflicted with Palsey, & cannot travel, but with very great difficulty – and he knows of no clergyman whom he can procure to testify to his services or the reputation of them having been a resident of Wake

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[2] The above transcript was conformed to the original image of it as posted at https://digital.ncdcr.gov/Documents/Detail/james-adams-pension-request/6153015?item=6153018

[3] **Philip Adams S8008**

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County only since April 1832. That this declarant was born in Sussex County, State of Virginia, June 2, 1758: that when about 12 years old, he was removed to the County of Halifax, North Carolina – where he resided until about two years after the close of the revolutionary war and thence returned to Virginia, and resided in the Counties of Brunswick, Sussex, Greensville & Dinwiddie – until about 20 years ago: and thence removed to the State of Tennessee in the County of Davidson – and from Tennessee, he returned to the East of the Allegheny about two or three years ago on a visit & from infirmity hath been unable to return to Tennessee.

He hath no record of his age.

He hath no documentary evidence of his services.

He cannot procure the testimony of witnesses, of his service – except the accompanying affidavits of Phillip Adams and Joab Sikes.

By way of summary, the declarant served out the following terms, in the order stated above – viz.:

	Months
1st Term	6
2nd	3
3rd	3
4th	12
5th	3
	27

In all twenty seven months.

Sworn to & subscribed before me.

James Adams, X his mark

Benj. Rogers

State of North Carolina

Secretary of States Office

14th Dec. 1833

Sir

The militia of this State, or a portion of them were at one time called out for six months, and there were drafts for 12 & 18 months which were placed under Continental officers in the line of the State. The old man whose declaration accompanies this, was a few days past in this Office. He appears harmless and childish, his memory very much impaired, but from the little he can now relate of his service I have no doubt his statement is correct as far as his memory serves him. There is abundant evidence of Philip Adams' service who declares in this old man's favor. James Adams does not appear now to know whether he enlisted, or was drafted, for 12 or 18 months. I believe the Assembly was guarded at Hillsboro the Tories being numerous and troublesome in that section of the State.

I am very respectfully

Your Obt. Servt.

Wm Hill

James L. Edward, Esqr.

State of North Carolina

Secretary of States Office

I, William Hill, Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do certify that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that James Adams a private in Captain Sharpe's Company of the 10th Regiment entered the service in 1782 for the term of 18 months, and that nothing more said of him on said rolls.

Given under my hand this 14th day of December 1833

Wm Hill

[Joab Sikes and Phillip Adams each gave statements in support of Adams' application, but only Phillip Adams says he actually served with Adams.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of $80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the North Carolina militia and Continental line.]