Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Addison [1] W5599 *Nancy Addison* *f85SC*
Transcribed by Bob Barker
Supplemented by Will Graves 1/25/18 [rev'd 4/15/25] as shown in italics

[p 10]
State of Kentucky, Logan County
On this 6th day of May 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the county Court of Logan County in the State of Kentucky now sitting William Addison resident in the county of Logan in the State of Kentucky aged sixty seven years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath maketh following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of th Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. This applicant saith that he was born in Fairfield County in th State of South Carolina on th 29th day of December 1766; that he has a written record of his age in his Bible, which was taken from the family record of his father Capt. Thomas Addison.

That he entered the service of the United States in the year 1780 to the best of his recollection, when he was just a boy as a substitute for his brother Christopher Addison who had just returned from a long campaign. He rendezvoused at Winnsborough in said County of Fairfield in the State of South Carolina and was attached to a company of Militia commanded by one Captain Camp Strother *[Kemp Strother]*. The name of the Lieutenant was *Zachariah* Kirkland the name of the other officers in said company he cannot now recall. Colonal Hunter *[, Lt. Col. Henry Hunter]* was the Commander of the whole of the troops which rendezvoused at this place from hence we marched to Campden [sic, Camden]: it was contemplated when he joined the army that he would Join the army in Charlston [sic, Charleston], but after being at Campden for three weeks and before the army which lay at Campden was ready to march to the relief of Charleston news reached us of the surrender [May 12, 1780][2] of General Lincoln *[Benjamin Lincoln]* and we was discharged and sent home.

Soon after his return home which was to the best of his recollection in the last of the Spring or first of th Summer of the year 1780 he again entered the service of the United States in said County of Fairfield in the State of South Carolina as a private in the company of Rangers or Mounted Militia commanded by Captain John Gray, Andrew Gray his brother was Lieutenant in said company and after the promotion of his brother John, was appointed Captain and commanded the company. James Kincaid was the Lieutenant and Francis Kirkland was ensign. Some time after the company was ordered down to the Congaree River to a place called Fords Ferry. Here we were joined by two other companies one of which was a company of Cavalry commanded by Captain John McCool *[John McCooll]*. After remaining here perhaps a month or more we were marched to a place called four hole bridge in Deans Swamp. We joined a considerable body of South Carolina militia and in the command of Colonal Joseph Kirkland here we lay incased about a month. From here we marched to Santee River to a place called Managills ferry. Here we caught two British soldiers and a Tory, who made his escape the night after he was taken, by knocking down an old dutchman by the name of (Bucly) who was standing guard over him. We were stationed here four or five weeks from here we marched back

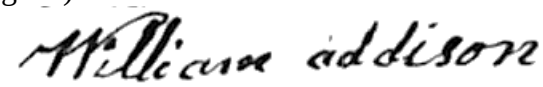
[1] *BLWt61311-160-55*
[2] Siege of Charleston http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/
& https://allthingsliberty.com/2020/10/britains-last-throw-of-the-dice-begins-the-charlestown-campaign-of-1780/

to Fairfield there being at this time a small collection of Tories in the neighborhood. We were told by a woman that they would cross Brand [sic, Broad] River at Lyles ferry. We put off in per suit of them and came to the bend of the river when the Tories had got about half over. We fired upon them as they retreated from us. We continued to beat about the county in the neighborhood of Fairfield County until we received orders to join General Greens *[Nathanael Greene's]* army some short time before the Battle of Eutaw Springs *[September 8, 1781]*[3]. He was attached to General A. Pickens *[Andrew Pickens]* command and was within a few paces of the general when he received a wound in his left breast buckle from a spent ball. We joined General Pickens about fourteen miles from the battle grounds the day before the Battle. We continued in the fight until it was over and some short time after the battle we returned to the neighborhood of Fairfield County but continued in the said company and in the service of the United States until the army was disbanded.

He would state with confidence that he was in the service of the United States during the time of three years. During which time he never engaged in any civil pursuit. He further saith he never was at home three days at a time during said time of service. He never received a written discharge for any part of his services-nor from any other service. He knows of no living witness by whom he can prove is said services except the testimony here to attached. Jesse Grigsby, minister of the gospel and Abner Clark a private citizen, both residing in my county and neighborhood will testify to my standing as a citizen and the reputation in the neighborhood of my having served in the War of the Revolution.

About forty five years ago he immigrated to Kentucky and settled in Madison County. After being in Kentucky *[p 4] about 2 years he thinks he volunteered under Captain Jacob Starns to go against the Northwestern Indians, we rendezvoused at Lening [?]* where Colonel Trotter took the command and from there we marched to Cincinnati, from hence up to the St. Marys and St. Joseph's (river). He was *in [a]* some few days after arriving here, in the Battle in which General Harmar *[Josiah Harmer]* was defeated *[October 20, 1790]*. Shortly after the battle he returned home. He was out nine weeks, received no written discharge for this service nor did he have any pay. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to pension or annuity except this per suit and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any state.

(signed) William Addison



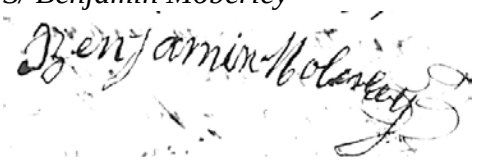
Mr. Lepo Grigsby, a clergyman, residing in the County of Logan and the State of Kentucky, and Abner Clark, residing in the same, hereby certify that we are well acquainted with William Addison, who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, that we believe him to be sixty seven years of age; that he is respected and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of th Revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

[p 6]
Benjamin Moberley, Senior, a resident of Madison County, aged 72 years, states that he is and has been personally acquainted with William Adderson [sic, so spelled throughout this affidavit] of Logan County for upwards of fifty years – was raised in the same neighborhood and was boys together. He knows that said William Addison was a soldier in the Revolutionary war he served

[3] https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

with him on several scouting parties and was commanded by Captain Andrew Gray. This affiant was taken sick, or he would himself have been in the battle at Eutaw Springs. He believes that said Addison was in that battle. It was so reported and believed in the neighborhood where they both resided at the time the battle was fought, or immediately afterwards – he has never heard this report contradicted. He has heard Addison state the circumstances of the battle often, and he has heard other man relate them. From his knowledge of Addison and the circumstances attending the battle, he has no doubt that Addison was in it. Addison was very often out in the service of his Country towards the close of the War. He was not in service with him but once, but resided in the same neighborhood with him, and knows he was absent from his residence and it was said and believed, and he never heard it contradicted, that he was out in the service of his Country. He further states that Addison is a man of good character. Given under his hand and seal this 1st day of April 1833.

S/ Benjamin Moberley[4]

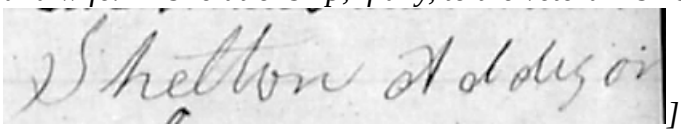


[p 7: Edward Moberley, 69, also give a supporting affidavit in which he stated the reputation of the veteran as a soldier of the Revolution. He says he, affiant, was not old enough to have served in the Revolution.]

[p 18: On November 13, 1854 in Todd County Kentucky, Nancy Addison aged 87, filed for a widow's pension as the widow of William Addison; she states she married him in 1797 in Summerset County South Carolina [there is no such County] and that her husband died May 20, 1853 in Todd County Kentucky. She signed this application with her mark.]

[p 23: On August 2, 1855 in Todd County Kentucky, Nancy Addison, 88 filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war veteran; in this document she states she married her husband in Sumter County South Carolina; that they were married by one Thomas Williams, a preacher and that her name prior to her marriage was Nancy Mobley. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 41: On October 7, 1856 in Todd County Kentucky, Shelton Addison gave testimony that he has known William and Nancy Addison for 50 or 60 years and that they lived together as man and wife. His relationship, if any, to the veteran is not stated.



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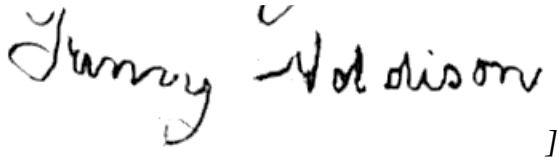
[p 46: On March 31, 1856 and Todd County Kentucky, Fanny Addison gave testimony that she was acquainted with William and Nancy Addison for 60 years; that they lived together as man and wife. Her relationship, if any, to the veteran is not stated.

[4] **Benjamin Moberley SC5814**



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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of $80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the South Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

He made application May 6, 1833, in Logan Co., KY at the age of 67.

WILLIAM ADDISON
LOGAN COUNTY
PRIVATE
SOUTH CAROLINA LINE
$80.00 ANNUAL ALLOWANCE
$240.00 AMOUNT RECEIVED
JUNE 3, 1833 PENSION STARTED
AGE 68

William Addison: WILLIAM LEDINGHAM FURNISHED SUPPLIES TO THE TROOPS OF THE REVOLUTION. WILLIAM LEADENHAM, RECEIVED A LAND GRAND IN 1764 AND BUILT THE ANCESTRAL HOME "OAK GROVE PLANTATION" WHERE HE LIVED TILL HE DIED IN 1783, in Oak Grove, Camden District, NC.

STUB ENTRIES TO INDENTS ISSUED IN PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AGAINST SOUTH CAROLINA FOR SERVICE TO THE REVOLUTION , BY A.S. SALLEY JR. BOOK Q-2 PAGE 199; ISSUED 17 MAY 1785 TO MR. WILLIAM LEDENHEM FOR NINETEEN POUNDS STERLING.....FOR PROVISIONS AND FORAGE FOR CONTLS. AND MILITIA IN THE 1781 AND 1782....."COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT ON FILE IN THE ARCHIVES AT COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA."

A BILL OF APPRAISEMENT OF ESTATE OF WILLIAM LEDENHEM IS ON RECORD IN THE KERSHAW COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, BOOK A-1, DATED 29 APRIL 1785. THE APPRAISERS WERE ANDREW PATTERSON,**********WILLIAM ADDISON********** AND ROBERT HILL.

THE BOND FOR THREE THOUSAND POUNDS STERLING WAS SIGNED BY WILLIAM SMILEY, SAMUEL BELL AND ********WILLIAM ADDISON**********. WILLIAM SMILEY WAS ADMINISTRATOR.

http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/l/e/a/Meredith-P-Leadingham/FILE/0022page.html?Welcome=1043163785

Camden District, South Carolina Plat Book E August 4, 1792 - Richland County - Pursuant to a Warrent from John Winn Esq. C. L. for C. D. I have admeasured and laid out to JOHN ADDISON a Tract of Land Con'g Two Hundred and Nine acres Situate in Richland County on a branch of Ceader creek Called the Middle Branch of the Waters of Congaree River and Bounded

S.W. and E. by Land of Andrew Patterson, S.W. by *******William ADDISONs Land and on all other sides by Vacant Land and hath such shape form and Marks as the above Plat represents. Surveyed 4th February 1790. Alex. Kennedy D. S. Certified for Jesse Brown.

See Brig. General Francis Marion, the Swamp Fox, Pay Identification Book L, entry 1. This shows William Addison served in the revolutionary war and was paid for his services. His brother Christopher is in the same book and shown on entry 2. Lastly Thomas Addison is shown in the records of General Marion.
http://www.geocities.com/BourbonStreet/1786/swampfox_NCO_A-B.html?200521

South Carolina Audited Accounts[5] *relating to William Addison* *p16*
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 44

[p 2: Form of indent No. 1, Book L, issued to Mr. William Addison in the "Sum of Twenty Eight Pounds four Shillings and three Pence Sterling for 215 Days Militia Duty in 1781 & 1782 as per Account Audited.]

[5] 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.