Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Adair W9691 Catharine Adair f68SC
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State of Missouri St. Francois County} SS

On this twenty third day of January in the year while Lord 1844, personally appeared before the subscriber one of the Judges of the County Court in and for the County and State aforesaid Catharine Adair a resident of the County of St. Francois in State of Missouri aged seventy six years who being 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 July 7th 1838, entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows, That she is the widow of William Adair, who was a private in the Army of the Revolution and entered the service in the State of South Carolina as she thinks under Captain Polk and thinks he served some under Colonel Neal and thinks he entered the service in the year 1778, or 1779, on account of her old age and imbecility of mind and also as she was living in another State at the time of his performing the service, it is impossible for her to state whether he served in the militia or Continental [line] but can only say the service was performed in South Carolina, that her husband died in the year 1808 and don't recollect the particulars but thinks he served more than two years, his discharge she don't recollect anything of. She further declares that she was married to the said William on the first day of May in the year while Lord 1783 by publishing of the banns of matrimony in Lincoln County North Carolina, that she has no record of her marriage nor does she know of any record showing the fact anywhere. That she has a record of the births of her children which has been in her possession for more than thirty years and she believes it to be a true record showing the births of her children, that the Record marked A and annexed to this Declaration is said Record. She further declares that she was married to the said William Adair on the first day of May in the year 1783 and that her husband the aforesaid William Adair died on the 15th day of May in the year 1808 and that [she] has not intermarried but has remained a widow ever since that period -- that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage [took place] prior to the first of January 1794 viz. at the time above stated.

Catharine Adair, X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year first above written before me.
S/ E. C. Sebastian, Judge

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State of North Carolina Haywood County} SS

Be it remembered that on the 24th day of August 1844 before the undersigned one of the

Acting justices of the peace for said County of Haywood Personally appeared James Janes a resident of said County who on being duly sworn according to law says that he is seventy five years of age to the best of his belief, that he has a sister named Catharine who was married to William Adair about one year after the taking of Charleston[1] in the war of the Revolution, said William Adair was ~~a Lieutenant in the Army as this affiant has been informed and believes and~~ was in the battle at the time Charleston was taken -- Deponent distinctly recollects that said Adair was taken by the British and sworn never to raise arms against the King which oath this affiant has good reason to believe he violated. This deponent was not present at the marriage of [his] sister but saw them living together as man and wife about a year after the taking of Charleston and shortly after he understood they were moving. Deponent knew said Adair well, he resided in York district South Carolina, Deponent was frequently at the house of Adair while residing there, and he knows that his sister was known and recognized by his neighbors as his wife. How long the said Adair served in the war this deponent is not able to state -- he has frequently heard him talking of the war many difficulties the soldiers had to encounter and particularly the part he himself took in the battle at Charleston -- of his being in that battle this deponent is as well satisfied as though he were present and believes his sister Catherine was married shortly after -- This deponent was at the house of said Adair about twelve months after the said battle -- His sister Catharine Adair now resides as he is informed and believes in the State of Missouri.
Subscribed and sworn to before me on the day and year first above written.
S/ H. H. Davidson, JP

James Janes

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South Carolina York District}

Personally came James Floyd & being duly sworn says that he well knew William Adair & his wife Catherine -- formerly Catharine Janes -- that he knew them fifty seven years ago, at which time they were living together as man & wife -- that Deponent has heard the said William Adair say he was an officer in the Revolutionary War -- his rank Deponent does not recollect -- has also heard others who were in the Revolutionary Service with said William Adair say he was an officer but whether in the South Carolina Troops or militia -- does not recollect -- he was in the South Carolina Service as an officer during a portion of the Revolution as Deponent has been informed & believes -- the said Catharine Adair is a first Cousin of Deponent -- Deponent is now in the sixty seventh year of his age -- & has a distinct recollection of seeing the said William Adair & his wife Catharine on a visit to this District from Rutherford County North Carolina, at the time Deponent's father removed to this neighborhood -- at which time Deponent was in his 10th year. Deponent saw the said William Adair & Catharine frequently afterwards living together as man and wife.

Sworn to & subscribed before made this 29th January 1846
S/ J. Bolton Smith, Magt.

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[1] May 12, 1780 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/ & Carl P. Borick, A Gallant Defense: The Siege of Charleston, 1780, Columbia, University of South Carolina Press, 2003

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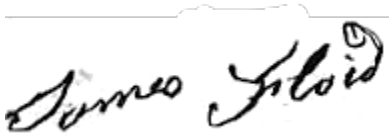

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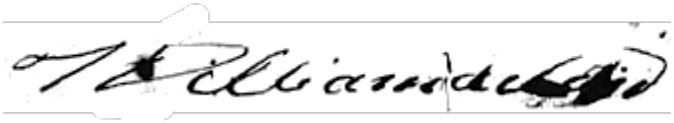
North Carolina Rutherford County}

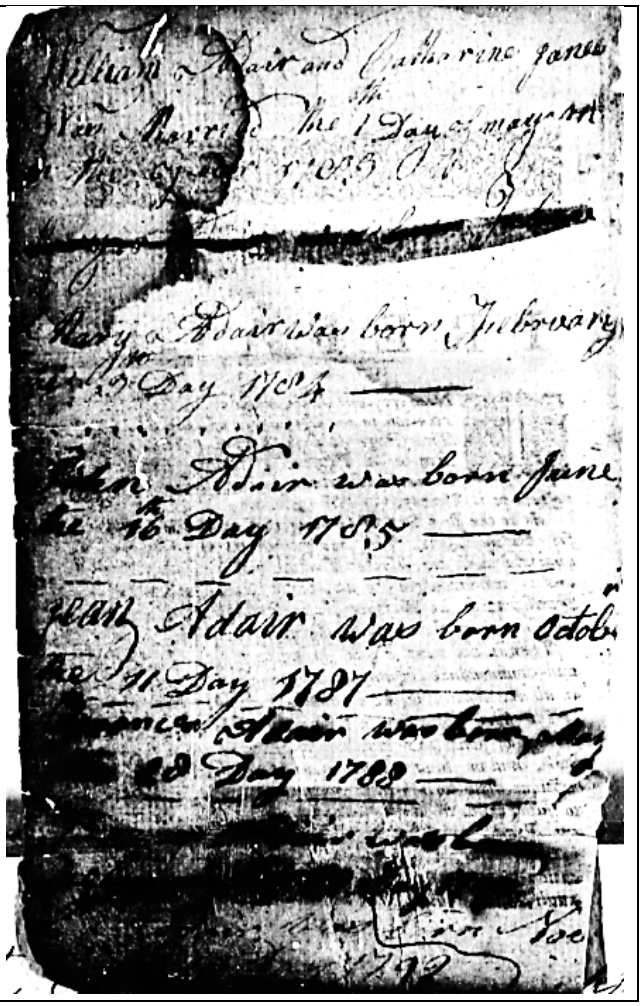
Personally appeared before me the Robert G. Twitty a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid William Adair and after being duly sworn according to law makes the following statements the paper attached to this affidavit he received from his Father William Adair that it is in the hand writing of his Father and it was given to him as a family record and It has never been out of my possession until it was cut out of the Book it was in to attach to this certificate. My Father removed from the York District in the State of South Carolina this County when he and my mother moved west & I remained here I have often heard my Father speak of being an officer a Lieutenant I think in the Revolutionary Army against the British and Tories I was fifteen years old when he died I can recollect of seeing his papers stating his service and discharge but they were lost or mislaid about the time my Mother left this Country. Sworn to and Subscribed before made this 2nd day of February 1846

William Adair



S/ Robt G. Twitty

[p 15 family record]

William Adair and Catharine Janes Was Married the 1th Day of may 1783 Mary Adair was born Fubruary the ? Day 1784 John Adair was born June the 16th Day 1785 Jean Adair was born October the 11 Day 1787 Frances Adair was born May the 2d Day 1788 [illegible] [illegible] Adair was born Nov. ? Day 1792	

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State of Missouri County of St. Francois: I John Cobb Clerk of the County Court within and for the County aforesaid do certify at a term of said court begun and held in and for the said County on the 21st day of May 1840 satisfactory evidence was exhibited to said Court, that Catharine Adair was a Pensioner of the United States at the rate of $120 per annum, that said Catharine Adair died in the County aforesaid on the 11th day of January in the year 1849, that she left two and only two surviving children whose names are William Adair and Catharine Wallace and the heirs of her deceased daughter Jane Ferrinton and that she the said Catharine Adair remained a widow up to the time of her death. And I further certify that the said Edmond C. Sebastian has been by the said Court duly appointed Administrator on the Estate of the said Catharine Adair and that he is at this time duly authorized to act in that Capacity.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the official seal of said Court at Farmington this 21st day of May A.D. 1850

S/ John Cobb, Clerk

[p 46: Certificate of the South Carolina Comptroller General dated May 10, 1844 showing payments made to Lieutenant William Adair for services during the revolution including Indent No. 287: Book F: "issued the 4th of January 1785 to Lieutenant William Adair for 120 pounds 18

shillings & sixpence 3 farthings sterling for pay & subsistence as Lieutenant in the 6th Regiment of South Carolina Continental troops in 1778 as per account."
Indent 106, Book II "Issued 27 August 1784 to William Adair for twenty-eight pounds 18 shillings & sixpence 3 farthings sterling for ninety days duty done as Adjutant in Col. Lacey's Regiment in 1780 & 1781 per Acct. Audited."
"Wm Adair
This account certified by James Ramsey Captain
1780 June 18, 60 days duty as Adjutant in Lacey's Regiment
1781 Feby 12, 30 " " " " " " " "]

[Transcribers Note: The South Carolina Audited accounts relating to **William Adair SC101** probably relates to this veteran.]

[Widow was pensioned at the rate of $120 per annum commencing March 4, 1836, for her husband service as a Lieutenant & adjutant in the South Carolina line [sic, militia].]