

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Francis Adams W5198

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State of Georgia in Henry County

On the 18th day of December in the year 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Inferior Court of said County now sitting, Francis Adams a resident of the second District of Henry County State of Georgia, aged sixty-nine years on the 24th day of November in the year 1832 -- who having first [then] duly sworn according to law, doth on oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 viz.: That he volunteered about the first of July in the year 1778¹ under Captain Henry Coffee whose company joined General Sumpter's [sic, Thomas Sumter's] Army on Sugar Creek, a branch of Catawba [River] and on the fifteen miles square of Land, then in the possession of the Indians² by permission of the State of South Carolina within the limits of which State, said Land lives --. Deponent was marched across Long's Ford on Catawba to the Battle of Rocky Mount³ in which Battle he was -- and thinks the Fort would have fallen into the hands of the Americans but for the falling of excessive rains during the evening of the battle day -- he was marched on retreat back to the Waxhaw settlement -- then to Granby⁴ -- a British Fort -- then to Buckhead Fort⁵ -- Stormed & took it -- he was then marched towards Charleston -- met & took 17 loaded wagons of arms, goods etc. on the road to Lord Rawdon at Camden. Then marched to the Fort at Rights Bluff [sic, Wright's Bluff] the British Army met Sumter, about two miles from the Fort were defeated and lost near one hundred. Deponent was in the Battle at the head of Blak River [sic, Black River?], when Sumter was attacked by the British under Colonel Watson -- Deponent says that some of the General officers under Sumter were Colonel Henry Hampton, John Marshall, Frederick Kimbrel, Major Thomas Thompson, Deponent served first under Captain Coffee, then under Captain Marshall Jones -- Commander of Cavalry & then under Lieutenant James Craig -- the Captain John Montgomery was sick. Deponent was in service under Colonel Bratton at the Four Hole Bridge when Cornwallis was taken Deponent, thinks his

¹ The events described by the veteran clearly indicate that the year of his entering the service was 1780, not 1778 as he states.

² The Veteran is describing the land which ultimately was designated as the reservation for the Catawba Indians, a staunch I of the Americans during the revolution.

³ July 30, 1780 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/rockymt.htm>

⁴ February 19 -- 21s, 1781 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/fortgranby.htm>

⁵ traditionally known as Fort Motte. May 8 through 12, 1781 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/motte.htm>

discharge took place in the month of September or first of October 1781. No written discharge was ever given. He was in the service from the first of July 1778 until the last of September 1781 -- Deponent's name is on the roll of Pensioners in South Carolina by the state enactment & is now receiving a pension as evidence of the fact that he was a revolutionary soldier. The certificate of General David Adams of Jasper County State of Georgia in his own handwriting and under his hand and seal is hereto annexed -- he is known to General Blair of Congress -- Stephen Miller Senator in Congress -- is known to the Reverend Ephraim Strickland -- parks W. Smith, Esquire, Tandy W. Key -- PM William L. Crayton of Henry County. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the roll of the agency of any State, (unless the above be so considered). Sworn to and subscribed the 18th day of December 1832.

S/ Fras. Adams

[Ivy F. Stegall, a clergyman, and William L. Crayton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Georgia Henry County Before me a Justice of the Peace for said County came Francis Adams the within named petitioner who after being duly sworn saith that he was in the American service during the revolutionary war & upon mature reflection says that he served from the first of the month of July 1778 until November 1781 -- instead of September or October as is stated in his declaration. He volunteered [indecipherable word] only -- He did serve continually with the exception of been permitted to go home for clothes is certain he was absent from active service not more than three months during the time of service mentioned -- He thinks not over two months -- he volunteered to serve during the War at the age of fourteen years & six months old & has stated his services as fully in the declaration as his memory will now enable him.

Sworn to & subscribed the 11th of November 1833

S/ Thomas D. Johnson, JP

S/ Fras. Adams

[fn p. 11: on July 22, 1853 in Union County Arkansas, Mary Adams, 68, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Francis Adams, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution at the rate of \$80 per annum; that he died September 12, 1846 in Noxubee County Mississippi; that she married him November 27 1817 in South Carolina Lancaster district; her name at the time of her marriage was Mrs. Mary Ryan; that she moved from Noxubee County Mississippi to The union County Arkansas some years ago; that she remains a widow.]

[facts in file: the widow was the daughter of William Farrell of Lancaster district South Carolina; no reference is made to the children of the veteran; his widow was living in 1859 in Lisbon, Union County Arkansas.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 2 years service in the revolution.]