

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension app of James Adair S9264

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State of SC, Chester District

On the 24th day of October, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, personally appeared in open Court, before William D. Martin, Judge of the Court of General Sessions and Common Pleas, now sitting, James Adair, Sr., a resident of Chester District, in the State aforesaid, aged eighty 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 7th, 1832.

First.—that he was born in Bucks County in the State of Pennsylvania on the 8th day of May, 1752.

Second.—Has now in his possession the record of his age, copied by himself from the family record kept by his parents.

Third.—Was living when he entered the Service of the United States, in York District, in the State of South Carolina, removed to Chester District in the time of the Revolutionary War, where he now lives, and has ever continued to live.

Fourth.—Entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in the year 1776—and served a campaign of three weeks under the command of Captain Frank Ross, and Colonel Thomas Neel. In the same year, served as a volunteer, a tour of duty for three months, under the command of Captain John McCool and Col. David Hopkins; also, served a tour of duty, as a volunteer, in the year 1777—for two months under the command of the officers last mentioned. In the three months Tour of duty, this applicant was engaged in an expedition against the Indians, on the Western Frontier; and in our engagement with the Indians, on War Woman's Creek, at a place called the "Horse Shoe"—received a wound from a Ball in his left shoulder, which disabled him from service; and in consequence of which, he was discharged from the service in 1777—after serving the two months duty.

Fifth.—He has no regular discharge, nor did he ever receive a written discharge.

Sixth.—This applicant refers to the Revd. James B. Stafford, and James Anderson who are well acquainted with him, and can testify as to his character as a man of veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

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 this or any other state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court Oct. 24th, 1832.

S/ James Adare (sic), X his mark

S/ J. Rosborough, C.J.

Interrogatories put by the Court to James Adare, Sr.

1 Q. Where & in what year were you born?

A—I was born in the year 1752, 8th May, in Bucks County, Pennsylvania

2. Q. Have you any record of your age, & if so, where is it?

A—I have a record now in my possession taken from the record kept by my parents.

3. Q. Where were you living when you were called into the service; where have you lived since, & where do you now live?

A—I was living in what is now called York District So. Car. during the war I removed to what was then called Craven County, now Chester District So. Car. and have lived in Chester District ever since, and live there now.

4. Q. How were you called into the service; were you drafted; did you volunteer; or were you a substitute; and if so for whom?

A—I was a volunteer every time I entered the service.

5. Q. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served; such continental & militia regiments as you can recollect & the general circumstances of your service?

A—Genl. Williamson, Capt. Frank Ross, Col. Thomas Neel, Capt. John McCool and Col. David Hopkins. I volunteered three successive times. The first time I was out about three weeks, when I was discharged. The second time I volunteered, I was out 3 months, and the third and last time which was in 1777 I volunteered for a service of three months & was marched on an expedition against the Indians (written over "British") under the command of Capt. Jno. McCool of Col. David Hopkins' Regiment. In an engagement with the Indians, I was wounded by a ball in the left shoulder, which disabled me from doing any farther service, & I was discharged about two months from the time when I last volunteered.

6. Q. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service & if so what has become of it?

A—I never did receive a written discharge from the service.

7th Q. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood who can testify to your character for veracity & their belief of your service as a soldier of the Revolution?

A—Rev. James B. Stafford & John McCrary, Snr.,
Sworn in open court Oct. 24th, 1832.

[Bobby Moss, in *SC Patriots*, says: "Later [after the service the applicant describes above] he appears in Pickens' brigade as one who recovered horses lost at Briar Creek. During 1782, he was under Capt. James Dillard, Col. Casey and Gen. Pickens. He supplied food for distressed widows and families for Casey's unit and was a wagon master for Col. James Williams from 29 March to 20 May 1780. A. A. 21, Patriot Index." This would make him a member of the Little River Regiment in 1782 while serving under Dillard and Casey. Why didn't he list those services in his pension application?]