Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Adams R53
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

State of Illinois  | SS.
County of Lawrence |

Be it known that before me, the undersigned County Judge, duly authorize by law to administer oaths within and for the County aforesaid, personally appeared Claiborn H. Adams and made oath in due form of law that he is the son and Administrator of the identical William Adams who was entitled to draw a pension under Act of Congress of 7 June 1832 and at the rate of $[blank] per annum, on account of the Revolutionary services of said William Adams in the Virginia Continental line as a private & served under Capt. Porter as one of his Captains as he believes. That he makes this affidavit for the purpose of obtaining the amount of said pension under said Act of Congress as a private in the Virginia Continental Line, and who served under Capt. Porter and some other Captain & for one year & six months that he died on the eighth day of July 1835, & was ever regarded as a Rev. Soldier & ever affirmed[?] during his lifetime that he served under Capt Porter and some other Captain & in the Continental Line of Virginia.

Sworn to and subscribed on the seventh day of December 1853 [signed] C H Adams

On this 17th day of December, 1853, personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace, duly authorized by law to administer oaths in and for the County aforesaid, Wm Cunningham and Thos T Simons and made oath in due form of law that they were personally acquainted with William Adams, deceased, Revolutionary Soldier, formerly of Virginia and late of Lawrence County Illinois that he never drew a pension That he was at the time of his death a resident of the State of Illinois, that he died on the eighth day of July 1835 and that there now survives the following named children viz: Wm D. Adams  C. H. Adams, Jane Clark formerly Jane Adams. That he was ever regarded by all persons of Age as a Rev. Soldier & was believed by all to have been such especially on all public occasions, as many could testify & that he served in the Virginia Continental line under Capt Porter as one of his captains as we believed always for one years & six months & that they are not interested.