

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Jeremiah Adams W8093¹

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of North Carolina, Mecklenburg County: May Session 1827

On the second day of June 1827 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record open and held for the County of Mecklenburg and State of North Carolina (to wit the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County) on the 4th Monday of May 1832 Jeremiah Adams resident in said State and County of Mecklenburg aged about sixty one or two years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820 that he the said Jeremiah Adams enlisted or the term of eighteen months on or about the last of July or first of August in the year 1782 in the State of North Carolina in the County of Surry in the Company of [sic] commanded by Captain Sharpe and Regiment commanded by Colonel Williams in the line of the State of North Carolina in the Southern Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the cessation of hostilities in '83 when he was discharged from the Service (which certificate of discharge he the said Jeremiah Adams have lost or mislaid so that have it not) at the Ten mile Spring in the State of South Carolina on or about the last of July or first of August in the said year of 1783. That he the said Jeremiah Adams hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present. That his name is not on the roll of any State except that of North Carolina (to which he refers the ministerial Officer of the War Department as the only evidence of his being entitled as a pensioner for Revolutionary services save his own oath) and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension – that he did [not] know until about a year past that his revolutionary services entitled him to a pension

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and that before that time he was in such circumstances that he had not any necessity of claiming the benefit of the provisions of his Country until a year or two past he the said Jeremiah Adams by becoming surety for persons and sustaining other losses he is reduced to such a state of necessity that he is compelled to claim protection and assistance from those people whom in his youth he aided in protecting from British violence and oppression and that he does not own any property except what is contained in the following Schedule taken before a Justice of said County and delivered in to said Court and further attested by his own Corporate oath and the evidence of others in open Court.

August 25, 1826 This is a full and fair Schedule of the property of Jeremiah Adams of the County of Mecklenburg and State of North Carolina taken in upon oath and delivered for the inspection and judgment of the said Court of Record or the County of Mecklenburg and State aforesaid and attested by Philemon Morris who is an acting Justice of the peace for said County and Robert McCouch

1 st One feather bed & furniture (excepts of the provisions of said Acts of Congress)	\$15
One Straw bed and furniture	\$5.00
Two ploughs – one pair of Chains and Harness – 4 Weeding Hoes	4.00
Eleven Head of Small Hogs	11.00
Two pots and one skillet & spinning Wheel & Reel	7.75
One Cupboard and Wear—two tables –4 Chairs	11.00
Two Washing tubs—3 Water pails—one churn	2.50
One Chest—one Sprouting Hoe—one loom—3 old barrels—one sythe and cradle	6.00
Two axes—one draw knife—one Bake oven—one small pot	3.75
One Iron wedge—one frou [?]-one side saddle	<u>5.00</u>
Amounting in all to	\$71.00

S/ John [sic] Adams, X his mark

And the said Jeremiah Adams further declares that he is and has been by occupation a farmer or laborer – that he has a wife aged about fifty five and three children resident with him (having had by a former marriage eleven children who have left him to provide for themselves and are not as he believes living in this State) the oldest of his children by his last marriage being about sixteen years old – that they are not able to support him and that he himself is incapable from old age and bodily infirmity (his right arm being very weak in consequence of his right shoulder being broke or fractured by an accident befalling him some six or seven months past – and that he has been incapable of following his occupation with such profit to himself as materially to contribute to his or their support – And in pursuance of the Act of the 1st of May 1820 I Jeremiah Adams do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th of March 1818 & that I have not since that time by gift, sale, or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of the Act of Congress Entitled “And Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval services of the United States in the Revolutionary war[“] passed on the 18th day of March 1818: and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me – nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereunto annexed and by me subscribed – that

since the 18th of March 1818 the following material changes have been made in diminution of my property – to wit that I was compelled as heretofore declared to pay as security for one Griffin to one Stewart about the sum of one hundred dollars.

S/ Jeremiah Adams, X his mark

State of North Carolina, Iredell County

This day came before me one of the acting Justices of peace for said County Martha Burnett aged 71 years of age and made oath to the best of her knowledge that her brother Jeremiah Adams was a Soldier in the revolution war and she believes was enlisted for during the war and the Captain he was under was by the name of Sharpe but says she cannot recollect his given name.

Sworn and Subscribed before me February 6th day 1829

S/ Martha Burnitt [sic], X her mark

Test:

S/ P. Campbell, JP

State of North Carolina, Mecklenburg County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
August term 1832

On this 30th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the justices of the Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions opened and hailed on the 4th Monday of August 1832 now Sitting Jeremiah Adams a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged about seventy six 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. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year A.D. 1782 about the last of July or the first of August of the same year – that he belonged to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Williams of the Continental line under General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] – that he was enlisted by Captain Sharpe of the County of Surry State of North Carolina and entered for eighteen months – that he was marched to Salisbury from Surry and their entered the Army during the war. That he marched under Captain Sharpe from Salisbury to Bacon's Bridge in the State of South Carolina near Charleston where he joined the Army under General Greene – from Bacons Bridge, the Army of General Greene went over to what was called James Island about three miles from Charleston and remained there until the British left he said City. That after that, he acted frequently as one of the life guard of General Greene when he was in the City – the Main Army still being at what was called James Island – that he remained with Greene until the cessation of Hostilities and was regularly discharged in August 1783 at the Ten Mile Spring that distance from the city – which discharge has been destroyed or burnt – he further states that he is the same Jeremiah Adams who heretofore applied for a pension to the Government of the United States under the provisions of Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and 1st of May 1820 some time in the year 1827 – and for whose benefit Mr. Pendleton from the committee on Revolutionary Pensions reported a Bill – but which as he has been informed was lost – after having passed its second reading – he understands and has been so informed by Henry W. Conner that his name is [to] be found upon the rolls deposited in the War department – he further refers to the certificates of Thomas Dedman, Ezekiel Griffin and Patsey Burnet filed in the War department at the time he petitioned under last mentioned acts of Congress. That he was born in the State of Virginia Bedford County and was born in the year 1759 – and removed to the County

of Rowan – when he was about two years of age where he always lived until the year 1812 when he removed to the County of Mecklenburg – that when he enlisted in the County of Surry as aforesaid he was there on a visit and that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State – and that he has no evidence except what he has already mentioned to prove that he served as he declares except his own oath.

S/ Jeremiah Adams, X his mark

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid

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North Carolina, Rowan County

This day his Ezekiel Griffin personally appeared before me Josiah Inglis one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for said County and made oath in due form of Law; that Jeremiah Addams served in the Revolutionary war, and he saw the said Addams come home with his Regimentals on at the end of the war.

Sworn to and subscribed the sixth day of January 1830.

Attest: S/ J. Inglis, JP

S/ Ezekiel Griffin, X his mark

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State of North Carolina, Rowan County

This day, Thomas Dedman of said County personally came before me, Philo White, an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County, and made oath, in due form, that he was personally knowing [sic] to Jeremiah Adams having served as a private in the regular Army of the United States during the Revolutionary We; and that he saw said Adams several times returned home on a furlough, and back again to Salisbury, where the troops were stationed, during his term of service; and that he saw said Adams, at the close of the war, after he had been discharged from the Army, going home with his uniform on.

Sworn to and subscribed the seven th January 1830, for me.

S/ Thomas Dedman

S/ P. White, J. P.

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State of North Carolina: Secretary's Office 15th September 1827

James L. Edwards, Esqr.

Sir

To your letter of the 11th instant with the declaration of Jeremiah Adams was received this morning. I do not find the name of Jeremiah Adams on the rolls of this Office, but find the name Jas Adams a private in Captain Sharpe's Company of the 10th Regiment enlisted in 1782 for 18 months, which agrees so near with the statement of Jer Adams in his declaration, that I think it probable an error has been committed in transcribing the rolls, and that the name of Jer Adams is written Jas Adams of this probability however you will be well able to judge.

Very respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

S/ Wm Hill

[fn p. 16: On October 25, 1854, in Mecklenburg County North Carolina, Elizabeth Adams, 78, a resident of Charlotte in Mecklenburg County North Carolina filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Jeremiah Adams, a pensioner at the rate of \$27.88 since per annum for his service in the revolution; that she married him in 1810; that he died May 14, 1835 at age 73.]

[fn p. 18: On November 14, 1854 in Mecklenburg County North Carolina, Mary Sentile [could be Lentile], aged about 50, made oath that she is the daughter of Elizabeth Adams by her first Husband William Hart [could be William Hurt]; that her father died when she was an infant leaving 4 children and his widow, Elizabeth; that her mother married Jeremiah Adams when affiant was about 7 or 8 years old; that she distinctly remembers her mother marrying Jeremiah Adams in 1810; that Jeremiah Adams had on a "calico morning gown when he was married"; that her mother had her first child by Jeremiah Adams whose name was Lewis about one year after their marriage]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$27.88 per annum commencing February 3rd, 1853 for the service of her husband in the North Carolina Continental line.]