Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Rejected Claim for Service of William Adams VAS1 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

From records in the Library of Virginia.

Virginia [Illegible]

I Certify that William Adams [several illegible lines]... Franklin county Va. and do Solicit the Governor and council of Virginia to grant his Brother [several illegible words] that [illegible] Brother [several illegible words] For our Brother William Adams Services. Given from under our hands this 19th day of Apl. 1824 [signed] Elisha Adams [possibly pension application S12903]

Franklin county to wit/ This day Elisha Adams of said county personally appeared before me and made oath [several illegible words interlined above] To the foregoing Statements to be true

Bedford County Virginia January 25 1824

This day personally appeared Before me a justice of the peace for said county Jesse Witt [pension application W6524] and Affirmed according to law that he Enlisted in the united states service in March 1777 For three years in a company commanded by capt George Lambert and was attached to the 14th Virginia Regiment Continental establishment that William Adams Belonged to said company untill he Died At Middlebrook in the State of New Jersey also for 3 years affirmed according to Law before me this 25th day of January 1824 Henry Brown JP

NOTE: The file also includes a statement by Joel Devenport (or Davenport; pension application S39413) that is not legible in the online copy. The claim was possibly rejected because bounty land had already been issued for services by a soldier named William Adams, possibly to the widow Sarah Adams formerly of Bedford County VA. See William Adams BLReg254310-1855.