Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Jeremiah Adams R34

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War Dept. Pen. Office Oct 3, 1836

Sir, The declaration of Jeremiah Adams has been ex'd & filed with suspended cases. He alleges to have entered the service in 1778 when very young and under the control of his father, that he was pressed or drafted and went from Baltimore to Elkton. This service is supposed to have been on board of a vessel, and from the circumstances stated, cannot be recognized as being of that character provided for by the act of 7 June 1832. the other alleged tours are not stated with such precision as the enclosed regulations require. The applicant should give a satisfactory reason under oath for not making an earlier application for a pension, and unless he can exhibit some direct proof of his alleged service he cannot be allowed a pension.

Lewis C. Suggett Esq Georgetown Ken

War Dept. Pen Office Nov 9, 1836

Sir The amended statement of Jeremiah Adams has been ex'd & filed with his original declaration, being still unsatisfactory. Unless such a statement as the regulations require, which were enclosed to you on the 3^d ultimo be exhibited a favorable claim cannot be expected. The militia did not perform actual service for so long a term as six months without intermission as is alleged to have been performed by the applicant in his last tour.

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[A letter dated 15 Dec 1836 states that the War Department returned Adams's application. A 10 Feb 1840 document in the file indicates that Adams's case was to be considered by the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions of the US House of Representatives.]

Pen. Off. Apl. 11, 1840

Sir: I have the honor to inform you that the following claims have been examined agreeably to your request....

Jeremiah Adams asserted a claim under the Act of 7 June, 1832, in 1836, which was not allowed upon the ground that the terms of service were not specified and sustained as the regulations require and one of the terms (six mo.) conflicted with the known length of the tour which the laws of Va. prescribed for her militia. The papers were withdrawn in Dec. '36....

Hon. John Taliaferro, H.R.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That I Jeremiah Adams of Scott in the county of Scott and State of Kentucky entitled to be a revolutionary pensioner of the United States, do hereby constitute and appoint R M Johnson of White Sulphr [sic: White Sulphur] in the county of Scott and State of Kentucky my true and lawful attorney, for me, and in may name, to receive from the Agent of the United States, for paying pensions in the United States my pension from the 4 day of March 1831 to the 4 day of September 1842 Witness my hand and seal, this 7 day of September 1842 [signed] Jeremiah Adams