Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Adams W4111 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

On this ninteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open Court, before William H. Crawford Judge of the Superior Courts of the Northern Precinct of said State now sitting for Elbert County Thomas Adams a resident in the County of Elbert and State of George aged seventy four 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the month of May or June in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine, with Captain William Courtley [sic: William Kirtley] and served in the [blank space: see endnote] regiment of the [blank] under the following named Officers; to Wit, Colonel Francis Taylor, Major John Roberts and Captain William Courtley, and left the service in the spring of the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty one, That he resided in Albemarle County State of Virginia when he enlisted in the Service of the United States, and was appointed Sergeant, joined his Regiment at a place called Albemarle Barracks, in the State of Virginia where he was mostly stationed during his term of service. March from thence to Winchester State of Virginia as a Guard to prisoners, and remained at that place until he was discharged from Service.

He hereby relinquishes every Claim whatever to a pension or anuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State. [signed] Thomas Adams

NOTES:

Col. Francis Taylor commanded the Convention Army Guard Regiment. The Convention Army is a name applied to the troops under Gen. John Burgoyne who were surrendered at the Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777 and marched to Albemarle Barracks in Jan 1779.

On 24 Feb 1839 Sally Adams, 73, applied for a pension stating that her husband had served as a guard over British prisoners taken at the surrender of Gen. John Burgoyne, that she married him on 4 Oct 1786, and he died 4 Feb 1836. With her application she submitted a family register certified by Nicholas M. Adams to be in the handwriting of Thomas Adams. It is transcribed as follows:

Register of the ages of Thomas Adams & Salley his Wifes Children

Thomas Adams & his wife Salley Was Married the 4th day of October 1786

Thomas Adams Daughter Elizabeth E Was born the 15th day of July 1787

Thomas Adams Son Thomas F Adams Was born the 5th day of June 1791

Thomas Adams Daughter Mourning M°L[?] was Born the 8th of February 1793

Thomas Adams Son James B. Was born the 25th of march 1795

Thomas Adams Son Calvrain was born the 9th of march 1797

Thomas Adams son Richard C was born the 24th June 1798

Abner Adams son of Thomas Adams & Salley his wife, was Born the 16th of march 1800

Thomas Adams Son John Was born the 30th of may 1801

Thomas Adams Son Nicholas W. Was born the 29th of July 1804

Anthony Perryman was married to my Daughter Elizabeth the 19th of January 1809, and they twain had a Daughter Named Eliza E Perryman Born the 15th Feby 1810 and one other Child born a Son named Albert galiton the 24th Feby. 1812

Be it known that all my Children has had the hooping Cough & the measles. Thos. Adams

Departed this life on the 15th of march 1789 James Adams father to Thomas Adams
Departed this life on the 10th of Feby 1815 Cicely Adams mother to Thos. Adams
James B. Adams and Polly Adams they twain had a daughter Born the 2nd of June 1821 named Ann
Hailey

James B Adams and Polly Adams twain, had a daughter Born the 9th June 1818 named Elizabeth James B. Adams & Polly Adams they twain had a Son Born the 10th January 1820 named Fayette Henry Departed this life the 6th day of December 1821 the daughter of They twain James B Adams and Polley Adams, named Elizabeth