## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Frederick Iams W434 Mary Iams MD Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[Capitalization partly corrected.]

State of Tennessee }

Grainger County } on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of May 1833 personally appeared before me David McEnally one of the acting Justices in and for the County aforesaid John F Iams, aged about sixty eight years resident of said county and state who being first duly sworn according to Law on his oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832 that he Enlisted in the army of the united states in the year 1780 in the first Maryland State Regiment he thinks in the month of may or June in the state of maryland which Regiment was Commanded by Col'n Peter Adams, his Captains name was James Woolford Gray That he enlisted at annaplis [sic: Annapolis] and was marched from annaplis to philedelpha [sic: Philadelphia] and served[?] at philedelpha from seven to nine weaks from philedelpha he was marched back to annoplis from annoplis he was marched to York town in Virginia and arrived at Yorke some two or three weeks before the surender of Cornwalles [sic: Cornwallis at Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781] in the cours of the winter after the taking of Cornwallis he was marched through Virginia and through North Carrolinea and to a place in South Carrolina on ashly River called the Round O where he joined General Green [sic: Gen. Nathanael Greene at Round O SC, about 30 mi W of Ashley River] from the Round O he was marched to an other place on ashly River cal'd the pond ponds [sic: Ponpon about 50 mi W of Ashley River] at which place he stayed a considerable time and in the latter part of the year 1783, as he thinks he was marched backe to annaplis under a Major whose name he cannot now recolect by Coln. Adams and Capt. Gray both with a great part of the regiment went from South Carrolina to Maryland by water from annoples he was marched to Fredricktown [Frederick] from fredricktown he was march back to annaplis both of which marching was done under a Serjent whos name was John Neary when he was returned to annaplis from fredricktown he was discharged by Captain James W. Gray the Capt. He first enlisted under after being in the united states service upward of three years, he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name in to on the pension rol of any agency in any state Ques. Where were you born I was born in Princ George [sic: Prince Georges] County in the state of Maryland but in what year I do not know but I believe I am sixty seven or sixty eight years old Qus. have you any record of your age and if so where is it

I have no record of my age I onst [once] got my house burnt in which I lost the record of my age Qus. where ware you living when you enlisted and where have you lived since the Revelutionary war and where do you now live

Answ. I liveed in Prince George County in the state of Maryland when I enlisted after the war I lived in pitselvania [sic: Pittsylvania] County in the state of Virginia from pitselvania I moved to Welks [sic: Wilkes] County in the state of Georgia I then moved to Hawkins County in the state of Tennessee and for the last twenty years I have lived in Grainger County in the state of Tennessee where I now live Name some of the field officers with whom you was acquainted I knew Magor Agelston [Major Egleston?] General Gass [sic: Mordecai Gist] and Gen'l Green and Coln. Stuart [sic: John Stewart] who was kil'd by the fall from a horse at Charlestown

State the names of some persons to whom you are known in your present neibourhood and who can testify and who can testify as to your charrector for veracity and there beleaf of your serves as a soldier in the Revelution Gen. John Cocke Coln Thomas Whiteside David McAnally sen'r Esq'r. John Ogan and Ryal Jennings

Sworn to and subscribed before me David Mcanally Jun'r. one of the acting Justices in and for the County aforesaid this day and date aforesaid John F his Imark Iams

Dear sir [Hon. Samuel Bunch] I made out a declaration for a pension for John Iams and it is return'd for want of more evedenc His evedenc is not in this countery he wishes me to write to you on the subject and wishes you to take some steps in the course of this winter to get the evedence of his enlistment and services and attend to his papers if you can get him a pension he will amply reward you for your trouble I shall send his papers with this letter. His evedence he says is in annrundel [sic: Anne Arundel] County (Maryland) 18 or 20 miles from W. [Washington] City whoes names are = Reason Gater & sons, Seth Gater & sons, Philip Hammon. Thomas Mallet & sons. John Hall. William Woodward, Joshua Gater & sons. These men did live near the road leading from Bledensburgh to anaplis [sic: Bladensburg to Annapolis] – in Prince George Cty there are Christopher Hiett & sons. Humphrey Beckett. Joseph Isaac, Samuel Evens. Loyd Iams. William Iams. Richard Iams = his Brother William Iams. Elisha Green. Fredrick Clerk. Richard Whitehead. Edward Whitehead. Thomas Iams and John Iams. His name he says is John Fredrick Iams but on the rols it may be John or Fredrick as he was some time cal'd by John and some times by Fredrick and as he is not a schooler he knows not by which name he was enroled. If you could find aney means to percure the testimony you would render an old Reve'y solder a great service.

I have also sent my fathers [David McAnaly, pension application W966] and Andrew Elders [R3278] Declaration on to the Sety. at War If you will lend your ade in doing for them what you think is right it will be thankfully rec'd. You know both the men and you know wheather you think they war Revelutionary soldiers or not I think my fathers papers are clear but Mr Elders I think is doubtfull but no doubt remains with aney that knows him but his statement is true – it is the best I can do for him Attend too them if you please

Your success in this business you will communicate to me in a letter to beens [sic: Beans] station P.O. Yours Respect'y [signed] C. Mcanally

NOTE: On 7 Oct 1844 Mary Iams, 80, of Grainger County TN, applied for a pension stating that she married John Frederick Iams in 1789, and he died on 24 Jan 1839. Elizabeth Harvey, 73, stated that John Frederick Iams married Mary Johnson in Oglethorpe County GA.