Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Addington, W5598
Transcribed by Will Graves

Delila Addington f62SC rev'd 4/29/10 & 1/25/18

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State of North Carolina, Macon County

On this ____ day of December [no year stated] appeared at the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions in the town of Franklin for said County, William Addington, a resident of said county and state, 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 provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June the 7th, 1832. That he entered the service in 1781 as volunteer at the Old Blockhouse at Fair forest, now Union District, S. Carolina, under Capt. Wm. Young [William] Young], Col. Brannon [sic, Thomas Brandon], Lt. Col. Phair [sic, William Farr –sometimes spelled Fair], Benj. Jolley [sic, Benjamin Jolly] Major, marched to a place called '96 to lay siege [May 21-June 19, 1781] to a Fort possessed by the British and Tories where we were placed under the command of Maj. Gen. Green [sic, Nathanael Greene]--after the siege was raised, we marched across the country in a North West direction till we crossed the Broad River, thence down the River to a creek called Sandy Run below Granby where we were till an order came to march to the Eutaws [sic, Eutaw Springs] at which time deponent was discharged in consequence of a wound received by the fall of a tree a few weeks before, having been in service for two months. Re-entered, again as a volunteer under Capt. James Bruton, at Prince's Fort, South Carolina, in August (year not recollected), marched to Keewee, old fort, under Col. Brandon in pursuit of the Indians, term of service four weeks—Re-entered a third time under Capt. Young and received commission as Lieutenant, and marched the company as such and pursued the Indians through Georgia into N. Carolina on the Tennessee River. Gen. Pickens [Andrew Pickens] was chief in command, Benj. Jolly Major, Thos. Brandon Col. Killed three Indians in the Tennessee River and one white man and took two Indians prisoners and returned to S. Carolina and discharged term of service six weeks--Re-entered again, by order of Maj. Jolly, having the command of the company, the captain not being out, and was sent to guard some ammunition to Orangeburg from Santee -- marched thence to Bacons Bridge on Ashley River near Charlestown [Charleston] and remained there six weeks, being out about three months.

He further states he has no document nor can any witness be found who has personal knowledge of his service.

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 in any state.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ William Addington, X his mark

The whole term of service was about 8 months as near as deponent can recollect he being unlettered and of frail memory.

S/ John Latham, Clerk

[James Kinsey, a clergyman, and James Russell gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of N. Carolina, Macon County: This day personally appeared William Addington before me J. M. Bryson one of the acting Justices of the Peace of said County & after being duly sworn according to law Deposeth & saith upon oath that he did serve to the best of his recollection three months as a Private in the Revolution War & that he served at different times & at different places as an officer; that is as a Lieutenant under Capt. Young, at least ten months, the years not recollected. I further certify that the affidavit hereunto annexed of William Dood [sic, Dodd] I obtained since I made my Declaration & has heard of some more living witnesses that I can prove my services by living in the State of Georgia.

Sworn to before me this 30th day of May 1835.

S/ William Addington, X his mark

S/J. M. Bryson, J. P.

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State of South Carolina Pickens District: Before me came William Dodd¹ of said District who being sworn according to law deposeth & saith, That, during the Revolutionary War this deponent lived in Union County SC that William Addington lived about 5 miles from this deponent, who knew the said Addington well -- And was with him at the siege of Ninety Six -- when this deponent was discharged he left the Addington there in the service -- This deponent was afterwards with him and under the command as Lieutenant in Captain Young's Company, Major Jolly and Colonel Brannon [sic, Thomas Brandon]. This deponent knew of his being out frequently in the service when deponent was not with him. This deponent knew the said Addington well from their Infancy and knows that he was a good Officer a good Citizen & honest man worthy of credit. This deponent has understood & believes the same William Addington now lives in Macon County in North Carolina. Deponent believes he served under said Addington not less than 3 months.

Sworn to 31st of October 1834 before

S/ Nathan Bone, JQ

S/ William Dodd, D his mark

[p 36: On April 13, 1840 in Union County Georgia, William Addington filed for a transfer of his pension payments to the state of Georgia his having moved there because most of his children now reside in that state.]

[p 19: On December 2, 1848 in Union County Georgia, Delila Addington, 83, filed for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of William Addington, a pensioner for his services in the revolution; that her husband died September 8, 1845 in Union County Georgia; that she was married to her husband on December 22, 1782 by Isaac Edwards a Baptist minister in South Carolina on Duncan's Creek 3 miles from the Enoree River; that she had 13 children born in lawful wedlock 10 of which were alive within the last 18 months namely John Addington who was born 1786 or 1787 and Henry Addington, William Addington, Moses

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¹ William Dodd W22956

Addington, James Addington, & March Addington, Martha Hicks, Delila Huckerby, Mary Logan & Elizabeth F. Curtis; that she has no record of her age.]

[p 25: On July 19, 1849 in Union County Georgia, Delila, 83, gave an additional affidavit in which she states again that she was the mother of 13 children at this time she names them as follows: "To wit, Jane Addington deceased who was born in January 1784, John Addington born the 10th of November 1788, Henry Addington born 1791, Sarah Addington now Sarah Harrison born 1793, William Addington born 1795, Moses Addington born 1797, James Addington born 1799, March Addington born 1802, Delilah Addington now Delilah Huckaby born 1804, Martha Addington now Martha Hicks born 1806, Polly Addington now Polly Logan born 1808, Elizabeth Addington now Elizabeth Curtier born 1810 & one died in infancy having no name."

[p 22: On June 2, 1849 in Gilmer County Georgia, John Addington, 60, gave testimony that he was 60 years old on the 10th day of November 1848 and that he was the 2nd child of his father William Addington and his mother Delila; that he himself was married May 1, 1808 in Buncombe County North Carolina a few months after his 19th birthday.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 10 months service in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts² relating to James Addington Audited Account Microfilm file No. 40

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2721 [Book] X

10 May 86

James Addington for militia duty Since the fall of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] in Brandon's Regiment per Anderson's [Col. Robert Anderson's] Return

£35

[South Carolina] Currency

Stg. [Sterling] £5

Rec'd 14th Feb. 88 full Satisfaction for the Acct. in Indent [No.] 2721 [Book] X

S/Thomas Roberds

[p 4: Below is a heavily edited version of the document the image of which appears below] Gentlemen Please pay all my Indents as may appear due to me with the interest due thereon to Thomas Roberd and this my order shall be the receipt for the Same December 7th 1787

To Peett [?] or Bacat [Peter Bocquet] treasurers³

² The South Carolina Audited Accounts are available on microfilm at the South Carolina Department of Archives & History in Columbia, SC. They will eventually be available online at http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/. The "SC" file number has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number.

³ I think Edward Blake and Peter Bocquet were the Commissioners of the SC treasury at this time.

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[Note: The Thomas Brandon, JP who signed the above is Thomas Brandon, Col. in the SC militia. I base this on comparison of the signature above with known examples of Col. Thomas Brandon's signature.]