

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Walter Adams S30242

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State of Kentucky, Graves County

On this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May 1833 personally appeared in open court before William Armstrong, James Cochran and Daniel T. Cargill Justices of the Graves County court now sitting Walter Adams a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged seventy eight 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 act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein Stated. He will first state that he was born in Fauquier County Virginia January 12<sup>th</sup>, 1755 as appears from his father's record of his age now in possession of George Adams brother and neighborhood [sic] to this applicant. He states that he was raised in Fauquier & Loudoun counties Virginia & moved to and settled in Rowan County in the year 1776 in which County he continued to reside until after the close of the Revolutionary war. In the month of April in the year 1779 he was drafted in the North Carolina Militia for a five months tour and Rendezvoused at Salisbury Courthouse where he entered the service under Captain Nicholas who Joined a Regiment commanded by Colonel Locke [Francis Locke] and General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford], all of were ordered to Savannah in Georgia at which place the British had previously arrived. He states that before the Army arrived at Savannah General Rutherford was called off to suppress the Tories and General Matthew Locke took his command and Captain Nicholas promoted to the rank of Colonel after which this applicant served under Captain Grayham [sic, Graham?] till the end of his Tour. He states that he proceeded under said officers to Savannah at which place some interchange of shot & bombs took place across the River; The British being on the Opposite side of the River and in possession of the Town. He states that he remained in this part of the Country with the Army mostly in the vicinity of Savannah till his tour of five months expired after which he received a discharge signed by either Col. Nicholas or Captain Graham he does not recollect which. This discharge has [been] long since lost.

He afterwards volunteered for the term of three months and entered the service in September in the year 1780 under Captain David Caldwell & Colonel Locke of Rowan County. This company was raised principally with the view of suppressing the Tories and supplying the American Magazines in Salisbury with provisions in which service this applicant continued till the expiration of his said term of three months when he received a discharge signed by his Captain David Caldwell which discharge he has long since lost.

He states that about the month of January A.D. 1781 he again entered the service a volunteer under Captain Reed of Rowan County North Carolina for the term of five months. He states that under Captain Reed he joined the Army under Colonel Francis Locke and General Davidson [William Lee Davidson] at Beatties Ford [sic, Cowan's Ford] on the Catawba River at which place this applicant was in a Battle with the British in which the Americans were defeated and General Davidson killed. He states that General Rutherford shortly afterwards took the command but nothing further of any importance took place till this applicant had served out his tour of five months after which he received a discharge signed by he believes General Rutherford which discharge has likewise been lost many years ago. He states that he continued to reside in Rowan County to some 10 years after the close of the Revolutionary war when he moved to Kentucky where he has resided ever sense.

He has no documentary evidence of his services nor any evidence to him known better than here advanced which includes the certificates of Elias Lovelace his old fellow Soldier in Arms but his neighbors to wit Samuel Mahan, Peter Mahan, Benj. Kimmel, Israel Lynn, Isaac Buckles, Andrew Lovelace, George Lovelace, Samuel Huntsucker and others are well acquainted with him will bear ample testimony as to his character for veracity and his reputation of having been a Revolutionary

Soldier.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or a know any except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State whatever.

Subscribed and Sworn to in open court the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Walter Adams

Attest: S/ Jno Anderson

State of Kentucky, McCracken County

Personally appeared before me Isaac Lovelace a Justice of the peace in and for said County Elias Lovelace a resident of said County of McCracken aged seventy eight years who being first duly sworn deposeth and saith that during the Revolutionary War he resided in Rowan County, North Carolina. That he served in the same Company with Walter Adams who has subscribed and sworn to the foregoing declaration under Captain Nicholas and Captain Grayham for five months against the British at Savannah. That he afterwards served in the same company with said Walter under Captain Reed for five months during which tour he and said Adams were both in the Battle at Beatties Ford on the Catawba River where General Davidson was killed. That he knows of his own knowledge that said Adams served faithfully the whole of the above named tours having served with him from which circumstance he has a full personal knowledge of his service. He further deposeth and saith that he knew Captain David Caldwell of Rowan County and that said Walter Adams served in his company for three months as he has above stated and that he has no doubt of the truth of all the statements of said Adams in his foregoing declaration. And I the said Isaac Lovelace Justice as aforesaid certify that the said Elias Lovelace is reputed & believed in his neighborhood to have been a Soldier of the Revolution. That I believe him to be seventy eight years of age. That from his age & extreme bodily infirmity he is wholly unable to attend Court for the purpose of deposing to the above particulars. That he is a credible person and his statements entitled to credit.

Sworn to and subscribed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 1833 before me.

S/ Isaac Lovelace, JP

S/ Elias Lovelace