

Case Study #4

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Joshua Adams b 18 Feb 1776 Buncombe County, NC d 1870 Mendocino County, CA.

Married #1 ??? about 1824

Married #2 Sarah 1850 Missouri

His obituary states that he fought in the War of 1812 and the war with the Creek Nation of Indians.

The question is what can be learned of his military service

1. Fold3 search
 - a. Select "War of 1812" records
 - i. Select all records
 1. Select North Carolina and include 167 no place matches
 2. There are two results for North Carolina for a Joshua Adams.
 3. The Army Register of Enlistments, 1798-1914 can be browsed by years if only those records are checked. The Army Register of Enlistments 1798-1914 has rolls for 1798 then skips to 1813 and 1815 then it skips to 1853.
 4. It has one listing for a Joshua Adams in 1813. He was a Private in the US Artillery. He was enlisted on March 15th by Cadet Wm for the duration of the war. He is on the roll dated 1813, Remarks "Mustered at Greenbush, unfit for service – Present at Albany, NY" The fields for where he was born are blank. There is not a community of Greenbush in North Carolina but there is in NY. This is not likely the correct Joshua Adams.
 5. The 1815 register is not annotated so it can't be searched by name. It is 14 pages long and would be easily searched a page at a time.
 - ii. Select War of 1812 Pension Records
 1. The first name of Joshua appears many times as does the surname of Adams but not Joshua Adams
 - iii. Numerical Pension Index
 1. There are a few Joshua Adams in the index but not enough information is given to identify the subject. More research will need to be done.
 - iv. Select Bounty Land Warrents
 1. Select North Carolina
 - a. There is one Joshua Adams who was from Maine
 - b. Select All Categories of the Mexican American and Early Indian Wars
 - i. Select All Records
 - ii. The best matches that come up are the same Numerical Pension Indexes listed above.
2. Ancestry.com search

- a. The following search options were performed:
 - i. Select "Search" option across the top of the home page
 - ii. Select Military
 - iii. Enter Joshua Adams's name, birth date, birth location, death date and death location
 - iv. Search Collection Focus "United States"
 - v. The results are for all wars during his lifetime. Browsing through them it does not look like there are any good matches.

3. Future Research Suggestions
 - a. A search of the units from Andrew Jackson's Army in the War of 1812 might give some indication as to what regiments might be from the area where Joshua lived. Once that is determined a history of the regiment might lead to other possible records.
 - b. The Familysearch Wiki for North Carolina Military Records looks to be a good resource. It has links to direct the user to other military records.
https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/North_Carolina_Military_Records