



David Pressley

1764 – 1834

South Carolina

David Pressley was born in 1764 and died in 1834 at the ripe old age of 70, unusual in his life time. During those years he did many interesting things, including fighting for American Independence during the Revolutionary War.

He is known to have fought with Indians who were in the employ of the British and fought the British directly in at least one battle, the Battle of the Black Mingo River in South Carolina.

Below you will find transcribed records from the National Archives and Records Administration of the United States government which relate to his service during the Revolutionary War and his pension application and a historical account of the Battle of the Black Mingo River.

Thank you for your service to our country great-great-great-great-grand dad. We have not forgotten and are eternally proud. James Robert Saunders, Jr. and Clifford Henry Saunders, II members of the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, William Hightower Chapter #35.

David Pressley, a resident of Abbeville County, South Carolina did make application under Pension Act of Congress on June 7, 1832. He was enrolled in the Fall of 1776 for militia service under Colonel Andrew Williams of District 96 and fought in a battle against the Cherokee Nation. The militia army was disbanded after six weeks of duty. Pressley volunteered again in September 1780 and served under Captain John McCauley and in the militia army of General Francis Marion. He was present at the Battle of Black Mingo River when Marion's force defeated Tory forces under Colonel Samuel Tynes.

David Pressley was born in the City of Glasgow, Scotland 12 January 1764 and immigrated to America with his family as an infant. He resided in District 96 or the old Abbeville District, South

Carolina, where he first volunteered for militia duty. He swore under oath that he always volunteered and was never drafted nor did he ever substitute for any other man. He swore also that he never recalled being discharged from the militia.

On 18 March 1845 in Anderson District, South Carolina, Ann Pressley age 82, filed for a widow's pension under the Pension Act of 1838. She stated that she was the widow of David Pressley, a pensioner from the Revolutionary War. She swore that her husband died 11 May 1834 in Anderson District, South Carolina and that they were married on 16 November 1784 in Abbeville District, South Carolina. The marriage of David Pressley and Ann Edmiston was recorded in their family Bible.