

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Shadrack Elkins (Shadrack Alkins) R3286

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State of Tennessee

District of East Tennessee

On the 4th of October 1820, personally appeared in open court, the same being a Court of Record, a Court of General Jurisdiction, proceeding according to the rules of the Common law, having the power to fine and imprison, Shadrack Elkins aged Sixty resident in Marion County in the district aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary War three years, the Term for which he Enlisted in Captain George Doherty's [George Dougherty's] Company, in the 6th Regiment in the State of North Carolina, Commanded by Colonel Archibald Little [Archibald Lytle], belonging to the Continental line That he never applied for a pension, nor received from the United States; And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or other wise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

This declarant further declares that he has no property of any description, he resides on an Indian Reserve, in the County of Marion aforesaid; that he is bound to suffer the possession of the house, or Cabin, in which he now lives the first day of December He is by occupation a Shoemaker, but from age and infirmity, his Eyes have become so impaired as to render him unable to pursue his occupation to any advantage his family consist of a wife aged about Sixty years and totally unable from age and infirmity to assist this declarant to provide for their mutual support Also, one daughter aged Sixteen, yet single who is able to do as much as a female her situation could do but who is entirely unable from her individual exertions to support her parents and herself, the above named persons are the only members of this declarant's family, and the only means he has to rely on for a subsistence.

Sworn and declared in open Court the 4th day of October 1820

S/ Shaderick Alkins [sic]

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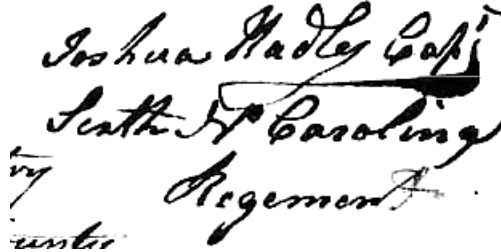
Shadrach Elkins a musician in Doherty's [Charles Dougherty's] Company of the 6th Regiment mustered 23rd of March 1777 for the War, was a private June 1778, and Deserted 1st January

1780, as appears by the muster rolls in the Secretary's Office of the State of North Carolina
Given under my hand this 19th of June 1821.
S/ Wm Hill, Secry

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This May Certify that in the year 1777 I enlisted Shadrick Elkins in the Continental Service in the sixth Regiment of the State of North Carolina and he then being about Sixteen years of Age to the best of my Remembrance I Returned him a Fifer in the Company of Captain Docherty he went with me to the State of Pennsylvania where he served a Campaign Under General Washington who ordered me in the year 1778 to the southern Army I then left Elkins at Winter Quarters at Valley Forge under General Washington who I believe served his time of service which I have not the smallest reason to doubt and said Elkins is now present who I personally know though he has been absent from Me near forty-six years and I believe him to be a man of truth with respect to his service

S/ Joshua Hadley, Capt.¹
Sixth North Carolina Regiment

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joshua Hadley Capt. Sixth North Carolina Regiment". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name of the signatory.

We William Montgomery & John McMurtry acting Justices of the Peace in Sumner County do certify that the above Certificate was sworn to and subscribed before us the 19th of March 1824 and that Captain Hadley the above signer is quite a Respectable Man and Reputable as any

S/ Wm Montgomery, JP
S/ John McMurtry, JP

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State of Tennessee Rutherford County

This day personally appeared Jacob Caulk² a Citizen of this State & County before me Joseph Mason an acting Justice of the peace in & for said County and after being duly sworn Deposeth & Saith that he was a soldier in the Continental Establishment during the Revolutionary war under the command of Colonel David Hall of the Delaware line & in the Company of Captain William McAnnen³ then have this day become acquainted with a Shadrach Elkins who states to me & before the present acting Justice that he was a regular Enlisted soldier in the Continental line of the State of North Carolina and served in said line in the northern states as follows first at the Battle at Germantown [September 11, 1777], and at the taking two house [?], secondly at the Battle at Monmouth [June 28, 1778] where there were passages which I recollect which happened on 28th June 1778 he further states that he was a prisoner of war with a man by the name of Collins a Captain of the Meriland [Maryland] Line I was well acquainted with a man of that name & he was a Captain of the Maryland line & fifth Regiment &

¹ [Joshua Hadley BLWt1096-300](#) [no papers].

² [Jacob Caulk S37824](#)

³ The person who wrote Caulk's own application spelled this name "William McKannan."

understood him to have been a prisoner of war this with many other passages gives me full & satisfactory reasons to believe that he was the man which he represents himself to be at present & have no doubt but he did actively perform the Several acts which he has set forth to me which he has done & do believe that the said Shadrack Elkins was in both of those actions where I was certainly engaged in battle & believe him to have been there at the Battle with me.

Sworn and Subscribed to this 25th day of September 1830 before me.

S/ Joseph Mason, JP

S/ Jacob Caulk, X his mark

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State of Tennessee Davidson County

On this 27th day of September 1830 personally appeared in open Court Shadrack Alkins [sic] a resident of this state and a citizen of Bedford County aged Seventy years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of 18th of March 1818 and the first of May 1820, and that he the said Shadrack Alkins enlisted on or about the 25th day of March 1777 for the term of three years in the State of North Carolina and Chatham County and was returned in the company commanded by Captain Doherty in the line of the State of North Carolina and in the sixth Regiment commanded by Colonel Lytle at that time and continued to serve in that company until after the Battle of Germantown when I was changed to the Company commanded by Captain Boman [Joshua Bowman] and continued to serve in Captain Boman's Company until I was made a prisoner of war on the Hackensack River at a place called the little Ferry near the New Bridge in the State of New Jersey some time in the month of January 1779, and was placed on board a prison ship by the name of *Stumbelow* and went to Long Island and there remained a prisoner until after the surrender of Charleston [May 12, 1780] and then was exchanged at King's Bridge near Fort Washington in the State of New York in company with Captain Collins of the Maryland line who was also a prisoner of war with me and exchanged with me at the same time & place, from there I came and joined Washington's Army at a place called to pon [?]⁴ on the North River and on the Jersey side of said River -- in a few days after my arrival there I was called on to pilot General Wayne's [Anthony Wayne's] Army down to the Enemies Block house on the North River which was taken by us at that time, at which place I got holt [hold] of a very good horse. I then voluntarily Joined General Lee's [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee's] troops of horse and came into the South with that Corps of horse, and was at the hacking match with them at the defeat of Proyles [sic, Col. John Pyle at Pyle's Defeat, February 25, 1781] on Cane Creek [sic Haw River] in Orange County North Carolina, and in all my time of actual service was four years although I never was discharged by any officer, nor have I ever petitioned for any pension but the present, for want of proof as I was ignorant of the modes of proceeding and of the provisions made by Congress, and in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or other wise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income

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other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed nor has there been any change of my property or real estate since 18 March 1818.

One Mare	\$40.00
Two Cows worth	16.00
One calf worth	1.00
7 Head of Hoggs worth	<u>7.00</u>
	\$64.00

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court September 27th, 1830

S/ N. A. McNairy, Clk

[Will Graves' Query: Are these two applications made by the same or different men?]