

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Adkins R56

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State of Kentucky }
Scott County } on the 1 day of Aprile 1837 personally appeared Befour me Peter Thompson a justice of the peace for the County afor'd Elizabeth Adkins a resident of Scott County and State afor'd aged and respectabel Lady upwards of 80 years old who being first duley sworn acording to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benifit of the provision made by the act of Congress past July the 4 1836 that she is the widow of late James Adkins who was a privit soldier in the Militia in the revolutionary war that her husband the late James Adkins drafted in Culpeper county state of Virginia in the spring of 1775 she thinks but the greate length of time and the failure of her memory she cannot say positve but she well knows that the first call they was for men in Culpeper County State of Virginia that her husband the late James Adkins was drafted and was gone all summer for she had to plough and hoe her corn to raise Bread for her childen, and she further states that her Husband the late James Adkins was drafted three times and served reglar towers in time of the revolutionary war, and there he was what was cald a minet man [Minute Man] wold be cauld out sometimes for a month and return and return home agane sum times wold be cauld out 2 or 3 [illegible word] and return home agane – and she further states that Her husband the late James Adkins was in the service of the united states until peace was made not less than three years from the Commencement of the revolutionary until peace was made, and she well knows that her husband the late James Adkins was at the taking of Cornwallis at york [19 Oct 1781], as to give the names of officers she cannot, for when Her Husband the late James Adkins wold be drafted he woud be sent off to join Compeneys and Regments under officers hoom she never saw, and she further declares that her husband the late James Adkins was not on the pension Role of any agency of any state And she further declares that she was maried to the said James Adkins December the 19th 1770 and that Her Husband the afs'd James Adkins died on the 9 day of September 1828 and that she has remained a widow eversince his deth, which will more fully appeare by reference to the proof herunto anext, and she further states from reason of boddy infirmity she is not abel to attend in purson in cort Sworn to and subscribed on the 31 day of March 1837

Elizabeth hirXmark Adkins

[Jeremiah Minor (pension application S2843) deposed that he had served at some time with James Adkins.]

NOTE: The file contains a copy of a resolution in the House of Representatives dated 10 Feb 1840 calling for the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions to consider Elizabeth Adkins's claim for a pension.