

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joshua Elkin S10624

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State of Kentucky, Muhlenberg County

On this 28th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before Aloney [?] McLean [?] Judge of the Muhlenberg Circuit court Now sitting, Joshua Elkin resident of Muhlenberg County & State of Kentucky, aged seventy years who being 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 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He entered the service under Captain Richard Goulden [? Richard Goulding], Lieutenant Abram Blick; he was a horseman. Captain Goulden joined General Marion [Francis Marion], and served under them and Maj. Bluford, Maj. Hicks, Colonel Youngblood and also Captain Youngblood; his brother. He served in that campaign three months, and then returned home. In that campaign we fought Colonel Williams, a Tory at Pelder's Old Field on the road leading from Orangeburg to Charles town and we marched through South Carolina, only we went from Orangeburg where we rendezvoused to the Uta Springs [Eutaw Springs] where we joined Marion's army. We went from there to Moncks Corner and stationed [there] a while; thence to the Four Holes at Riddle Sparger's plantation and stationed there a while; from thence to Orangeburg and there we [were] stationed a while; from thence to the Eutaw Springs, and then we went home very soon after. He was drafted and entered the service under Captain Lewis Box, Lieutenant Abram Blick, under whom he had served before. We joined Maj. Hicks who belonged to General Greene [Nathanael Greene] and commanded a party of three or four hundred men who were engaged in procuring cattle for Greene's army. He served on that tour three months and served under the above officers and were frequently in Greene's camps at Charles town. He resided in Winton County, State of South Carolina when he entered the service; never served with any Continental regiments, except so far as related of his service under Greene. General Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] was sometimes with Marion and commanded us. He has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose evidence he can procure who can testify to his service. After the tours of service before mentioned, he served under Captain Box upon several expeditions after the Tories and we frequently killed and took them prisoners.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Josua [sic] Elkin, X his mark

[Silas Drake, a clergyman, and Josiah Bell gave these standards supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the South Carolina militia.] And