

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Ellis Adkisson S12904

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State of Kentucky } S.S.

Madison County }

On this 27 day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Will. Goodloe Rich'd. Broaddus & Ch'r. Harris [Christopher Harris] justices of the County Court in & for the County of Madison aforesaid now sitting, Ellis Adkisson a resident of the County of Madison aforesaid aged about 69 or 70 years & who being first 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 7 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated — That in the year 1781 he went from Bedford County, Virginia, as a substitute for Caleb Compton & served a tour of duty in the Militia for six months — that said Compton had been previously drafted on a three months Tour & had failed to go & in consequence thereof had been returned for a six months Tour & was apprehended & under guard at the time he, the applicant, agreed to go in his place — he further states that he was marched from Bedford to Prince Edward Court House & was there under a Lieutenant Nathaniel Rice — remained at Prince Edward Court House one month or more — after the Militia had been collected at that place we were marched to old Richmond — that he was there put in a company commanded by Capt Ewell — when we reached Richmond news had just been received of the surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781], & we marched no further, but were employed in guarding some Refugees as they were called, who had been taken with Cornwallis Army — he understood that Gen'l. Washington had given orders that none of them were to be hung — he well recollects that they were trying them off & on during the winter — he well recollects one of them by name of Logan, a tall black haired man, who desired the guard to shoot him — he said he had rather die than be so harrassed & treated — He recollects some of them had the appearance of being persons of wealth — one of them had his wife with him & obtained the privilege of renting a room in Town & was guarded at his room — applicant recollects several times standing guard at his door & sometimes guarded him when he walked out. That he continued to do duty till March 1782, when his Tour was out & he was discharged at Richmond by Capt. Newell — His discharge has been lost or mislaid. He states that he served out his Tour of six months, was stationed at Richmond except what time he was at Prince Edward Court House. He has no documentary evidence in his possession to prove his services & knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure to establish them —

He was born in Amelia County, Va. moved from there to Bedford — has resided in Madison County, Ky. 24 years — he has no record of his age, but thinks he was 17 or 18 years old when he was a soldier — He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state —

Ellis hisXmark Adkisson

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On this 4th day of February 1832 [sic: 1833] personally appeared in open Court before E. Bush John Hawkins & H. B. Hawkins justices of the Madison County Court now sitting, Ellis Adkisson who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration, supplementary to his Declaration made in said Court on the 27th day of August 1832 in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. — He states that he has a recollection of having received a written discharge as a Soldier of the Revolution but he knows nothing of it now he thinks Capt. Newell gave him a discharge — That Thomas Notunten[?], a clergyman, Doct Alexander Miller & William Adkisson are his neighbors, knows him well & can & have testified concerning his character & their belief of his services as

a soldier of the Revolution —

Ellis hisXmark Adkisson

NOTE: The certification of Adkisson's application states that he was "a man of good standing in the Baptist Church."