

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

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[p2] Indiana certificate 19377
Edward Flathers of Hendricks County
Private under Capt. Brett, Col Edmunds
6 months
Issued 28Aug1833 @\$20/annum

[p6] State of Indiana, Hendricks County, sct
On this 14th day of November A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open court before Samuel Jessup, the sole judge of the probate court in and for the county of Hendricks aforesaid, now sitting, Edward Flathers, a resident of the county of Hendricks and state aforesaid aged seventy two 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 7th A.D. 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers during the Revolutionary war and served as hereinafter stated. In the month of August 1781 in Prince William County in the state of Virginia he substituted in the place of one James Grimes and was put into the ranks of a militia company commanded by Capt. John Britt. Immediately after I substituted we ordered to respond to a Creek called Ochvegon [sic Occoquan] in Prince William County to cut and clear a road for the purpose of Gen. George Washington's troops to pass from Pennsylvania through Virginia. We were then discharged after having been in the service at least two months. He states that he returned home again to Prince William County in Virginia. And he states that shortly after his return home again he substituted in the place of Shadrick Dent and was put into the ranks of a militia company commanded by Capt. Walt Patton and immediately after I substituted I was again marched to Ochvigan Creek in Prince William County Virginia on the same business as aforesaid, to wit cutting out a road for Gen. Washington's troops to march from Pennsylvania through Virginia. We were then again discharged again after having been at least two months in the service aforesaid.

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And the deponent also states after his return home as aforesaid in the same year of 1781 he again substituted in the place of one James Sinclair in Fauquier County Virginia and was put into the ranks of a militia company commanded by Col Elias Edwards [Elias Edmunds]. He states that after he substituted he was marched to York Town Virginia and there we joined the United States Army commanded by Genl. George Washington. We there fought a battle with the British or royal army which battle was called the siege of York Town. He well recollects the orders were that we should not fire again but to charge with our bayonets. And after a very hard engagement with the enemy there was a great many killed both of the British and American but he does not recollect the precise numbers that was killed. He recollects some of the officers names that commanded the British, Cornwallis and Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton]. He states that after the siege of York Town he was ordered to march to Winchester to guard the prisoners under hand officer Col. Elias Edwards, Maj. Walsh, Capt. Thos. Sharpe. He states that he was retained at Princetown in the state of Virginia four days and he states that he was then discharged and

returned home to Prince William County in the state of Virginia after having been at least two months in the service aforesaid.

This applicant states that understanding all the tours of service he served at least six months as a substitute as af^d

Answers to interrogatories propounded by the court:

He was born in the year 1760 in Great Britain. He has no record of his age. Since the Revolution he has resided in Greenbriar County Virginia years fifteen years then moved to the State of Kentucky shortly. He was in Madison County in the state of Indiana for almost five and is now living in Indiana Hendricks County.

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He has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. And he also states that he received a discharge from Capt. Sharpe but has lost the same. He for names of his officers & entering the service he refers to the preceding part of this declaration. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state or territory.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year first above written:

Edward Flathers x his mark

[routine county support and certification

Simon T. Hadley clerk

Richard Barnes, clergy

John Flathers, neighbor

Samuel Jessup, judge]