

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Elisha Oglesby [National Pension Claim number S1866]:
transcribed by Victor Oglesby. [Verbatim transcription]

"Declaration for a Pension

State of Tennessee
Smith County

On the ninth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judge of the Circuit Court now sitting Elisha Oglesby a resident of Smith County State of Tennessee aged seventy three years December the 29th AD 1831 who being first duly Sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed 7th June [?] 1832.

About the 1st of June 1776 he volunteered as a private in Washington County State of Virginia under Capt Isaac Bledsoe in a company which was raised for the protection of the frontier against the Indians, that he was stationed at Hustons [?] Fort in said county on mocason Creek one of the tributary Streams of Holston River until about the first of August AD 1776 we then marched to the long Islands of Holston and formed the army which was commanded by Col. Cristn [sic, William Christian] he was not recruited [?] the field officers under Col. Cristn he was commanded by Capt Bledsoe Lieut Young Ensign Cooper & Sergant Walker were the subordinate officers—the army marched from thence against the Cherokee nation of Indians passed through the Tellico Town and went to Iland Town and there encamped sometime and then destroyed it after which the army was marched back to the Long Iland of Holston where the companies commanded by Capt Bledsoe & Captan Joseph Martin were stationed under the comma -nd of Majr. Anthony Bledsoe where they continued in the Servis until the month of April 1777— Capt Martans brother Brice Martin was his Liutenant and John Martin Ensign—making a servis of Ten months after which he was Discharged and returned to his former residence in Washington County Virginia—he does not recollect at this time whether he was regularly Discharged or not if he was he has lost his Discharge— In the month of Aprile 1777—he again volunteerd in Captain George Addams company of Guards and continued in Servis in sa[me?] company until the 1st of August in the Same year--& received no regular Discharge—making three months

Servis—Lent—under Addams William Gill & John Frazer—Sometime in the Spring of 1778 Col Cambell issued an order to raise two companies to be sent to the assistance of Daniel Boon in Kentucky under the command of Majr Daniel Smith. George Addams and Reece Bowen was selected as the Capts of the two companies in May 1778 he volunteered under Capt George Addams Liut Henry Ramsey & Ensign Tillman Smith—we Rendesvouse at bigg Moccason gapp Washington County Virginia. Sometime in May from thence we marched to Boons Borough in Kentucky at which place we arrived a few days after the celebrated siege of that place by the Shawnee Indians and which was successfully Defended by Daniel Boon [Daniel Boone]. we marched from thence to Harrodsburgh Kentucky—at which place we were stationed until the last of November from thence we were marched to Washington County Virginia and were Dismissed in December 1778—having been in the Servis between seven & eight months—he did not recave [sic] a regular Discharge— In the year 1779 he again volunteered in Capt James Montgomerys Company and Rendezvoused at the mouth of Bigg creek on Holston River— about the 1st of Marche 1779—under Col Shelby from thence we took water and went down Holston into the Tennessee River & on down to the Chickamauga Town all of which above the Suck we destroyed we had a great many scrumages with the Indians but no General engagement—from thence we marched back by land to hustons fort Washington County Virginia—where we was dismissed about the midle of of [sic] June 1779—after having performed a tour of about three & a half months the officers under Capt Montgomery was Lieut Danl Frazier Col Tipton of North Carolina was in this expedition and commanded the Carolina troops—In the year 1781 in the fall of said year an army was raised by Col Arlen Cambell to go against the old Cherokee Towns on the Tennessee River—Col Cambell being apprehens-ive that his force was not sufficiently strong sent an express to Capt Alaxander Barnett to raise a company & follow the army he done so I volunteered as a private under Capt Barnett and we overtook the army in the Cherokee nation at a town called Chestuee [? possibly Choota, sic Chota] on the approach of the army all the Indians fled we destroyed all their Towns and ranged through the Country we had frequent Scrumages but no general enguagement—we killed some Indians and took some prisnores—we lost but one man Capt James Elliott who was killed at Tellico—and a few wounded. we then destroyed Hiwassee Town on Hiwassee River—taking about twenty prisnors. we then returned to the long lland of Holston where we ware Dismissed—he was on this Tour above Two months—he thinks that Col or Majr Blount of North Carolina was in this expedition—

This concludes applicants Servis making altogether a Servis of Two years one month and a half—he has no wrightten evidences of his Servis he does not know whether his name can be found on the Rolls of the War department or not—that he resided in Washington County State of Virginia when he entered the Servis—after the close of the Revolutionary War in the year 1784—he removed from Washington County Virginia to what is now Sumner County Tennessee & in 1796 he removed to Smith County Tennessee where he has resided ever since—that he was born in Craven County South Carolina on the 29th December 1758—he has a record of his age at home in his Bible.

I do hereby relinquish evry claim what ever to a pension except the present and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

his
Elisha (X) Oglesby
Mark

Sworn to and subscribed
in open Court 9 Octob 1832

Willm. Hart, Clk

I Richard Carr of Sumner County State of Tennessee do hereby certify that I was acquainted with Elisha Oglesby in Washington County State of Virginia during the Revolutionary War and do know of his Serving as a Soldier in the War Different tours as he has stated in the above declaration I do not know the particular term of time he served in each trip but believe it was as he has stated.

his
Richard (X) Carr
Mark

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court
9 Oct 1832
Hart, Clk.

We John McGee & John Page, Leroy Cage, clergyman residing in Smith County hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Elisha Oglesby who has Sworn and Subscribed the above declaration for a Pension that we believe him to be Seventy three years of age that he is a man of good reputation & he is entitled to full credit on his oath & we believe him to have been a Soldier of the Revolution and that he served as he has stated in the above Declaration.

Sworn to and subscribed John McGee
in open Court 9 Oct 1832 John Page
Hart, Clk. Leroy H. Cage

And the said court do hereby declare their opinion
after the investigation of the matter & after putting the
interrogations prescribed by the War Department that
the above named applicant was a soldier of the
Revolution and served as he states And the court
further certifies that It appears to them that John
McGee & John Page who has signed the preceding certificate are
Clergyman resident in Smith County and that
Leroy Cage who has signed the same is resident
in Smith County and is a creditable person and that
their statement is entitled to credit.

Newton [?] Williams judge &c

State of Tennessee

Smith County I do certify that my father Joseph Martin raised a
company of volunteers in Pittsylvania County State of Virginia in the
year 1776 and went under the command of Col Cristn against the
Cherokee nation of Indians & that Brice & John Martin was his Liuet
& Ensign and that he believes the [sic] he is the same Capt Martin referte
by Elisha Oglesby in his Declaration for a Pension.
Given under my hand the 9th October 1832, Wm. Martin.

Sworn to & subscribed
in open court 9th Oct 1832

Wm. Hart clk

William Hart Clerk of the Circuit Court for
Smith County do herby certify that the foregoing
contains the original proceedings in the matter of
the application of Elisha Oglesby for a Pension.

In testimony where of I have here unto set
my hand with seal of office the
[sic] day of October A D 1832

Tennessee

3d Judicial Circuit October Term 1832 of the Circuit Court fo
Smith County in the Circuit & State aforesaid.

I William Hart clerk of the Circuit court for
Smith County do hereby certify that the foregoing contained the original
proceedings in the matter of the application of Elisha Oglesby for a
Pension & that the declaration of said Elijah [sic] was subscribed and
sworn to in open court. Also the accompanying certificates made
by John McGee, John Page, Leroy H. Cage, & William Martin were
severally subscribed and sworn to in open court, and there-
upon the court pronounced the opinion set forth herein.

In testimony whereof I have here unto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office in Carthage this 9th October 1832.

Willm. Hart"