

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Charles Eads S30392

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[Punctuation partly corrected]

State of Kentucky } SS.

Logan County }

On this 22 day of July 1833 personally appeared before the subscriber an Acting Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, Charles Eads a resident in the said County of Logan in the State of Kentucky aged seventy nine years and made the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 That he was born on the 10th day of March 1755 in Amherst County in the state of Virginia where he remained during the time of the Revolutionary except when he was actively engaged in the service of his Country he has his age recorded in his family Bible

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States to the best of his recollection in the year 1776 at Amherst Courthouse for the term of One year under Capt William Fontain, John Marks was Lieutenant in said Company which was a rifle company and one Wilson was ensign. the Company to which he was attached was ordered to join the regiment commanded by Colon Scott [probably Col. Charles Scott] which we did do some where about the head of tide water in the State of Virginia Lord Dunmore was then in the neighbourhood of Norfolk and was driven by us to his shipping and his fortifications on the Cost destroyed [sic: fortifications on the coast at Gwynn Island, 8 - 10 Jul 1776]. his term of enlistment was spent in this part of Virginia and he received a written discharge for his time of service of one year, from Capt. Fontain at or near little York, which said discharge is lost or misplaced so that he cannot now obtain it. He then returned home and in a short time thereafter he again inlisted at said Amherst Courthouse in the State of Virginia under Captain Jordan Cabell [Samuel Jordan Cabell]. He was march from hence to head quarters at Bond Brook [sic: Bound Brook] in the Jersies. He was then attached to Colon Morgans [Daniel Morgan's] Regiment of Rifle Men. during this Campaign we were daily harassed or harassing the British in these parts untill Colon Morgan received orders to march to the assistance of Gen'l. [Horatio] Gates & [Benedict] Arnold against Gen'l. Burgoin [sic: John Burgoyne] who was then at Still Water [Stillwater near Saratoga NY] the march there was a forced one. we however reached the head quarters of Gen'l Gates in time to assist in the Capture of Burgoin and had the pleasure after the Battle was over of seeing 5700 proud Captives stand their arms on Saratoga Plains [17 Oct 1777]. After the surrender Colon Morgan returned back to Gen'l. Washingtons head quarters at White Marsh [sic: Whitemarsh PA]. a few days after we arrived there the British sallied out from Philadelphia and took a stand on Chestnut Hill Ridge [6 Dec 1777] and Colon Morgan with 500 riflemen of whom this declarant was one attacked them and greatly annoyed them driving them frequently from their Cannon, but they opportunely received a reinforcement and we were compiled to give back; a short time after this having faithfully served out his second year and second enlistment he was again discharged by his said Captain Cabell at or near head quarters. Said Cabell was promoted to the rank of Major [20 Dec 1777] at this time he gave said discharge, which is also lost or mislaid at this time so that he cannot now procure it.

On my return home I went to visit my brother Abraham Eads who lived in Henry county in the State of Virginia wich was then frontier County [sic: country] the tories being very troublesome in that part at that time. by legal authority I attached myself to a troop of horse under the Command of Captain Livus Shelton [sic: Eliphaz Shelton] where we acted for the safety & protection of that part of the Country for a about two years, detecting the tories and dealing with them as the law directed. Colon [Abram] Penn was then the Chief Justice in Said County of Henry. he was a volunteer in this service found his own horse &c and left said troop after having served with them as above stated for two years, at the hollows of Dan River [sic: The Hollow on the headwaters of Ararat River in present Patrick County VA and Surry County NC] and returned to Amherst, having heard that his services were needed on the lower part of the State of Virginia. he received no written discharge for this service. On his return to his residence in

Amherst County he was invited by Colon Gains [probably Daniel Gaines] to take command as a Captain of a Company of Militia raised in said County of Amherst which he did do and served as such a three months tour of duty with said Colon Gains on the tide waters of Virginia. he was in no important action during this Campaign and at the end thereof returned again to his home in Amherst. He again tendered his services as a volunteer shortly after his arrival at home and was with the Army untill the closing service at little york and had the satisfaction of seeing Lord Corn Wallace [sic: Cornwallis] with all his proud hosts stack their arms on Pigion Hill [Pigeon Hill, 19 Oct 1781]. At little york he generally acted as a supernumerary officer, being placed as the Commandant of Companies whose officers from various circumstances had returned home. he can say confidently that he was in the service of the United States and in the heated[?] field except the short retreats above mentioned from his first enlistment in 1776 till the Capture of Corn Wallace in the 1781 a period of at least four years & half of actual service
He knows of no living Witness by whom he can prove this service or any part thereof except George Blakey [pension application W8367] whose affidavit he will endeavour to procure He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any State
Subscribed & Sworn to the day and year aforesaid
Witness Thos Blakey

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NOTES: The name is spelled in other records as Charles Edds and Charles Edes.