

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James V. Logsdon (Logsdon)[Logston] S30547

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State of Kentucky County of Hart Sect.

On this 12th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Hart County Court now sitting, James V Logsdon a resident of Hart County State of Kentucky aged sixty-six 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 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

First that he entered the service of the United States in April or May 1782 an Nolin [??]¹ in Jefferson County Kentucky under General Clark [George Rogers Clark] upon an expedition against the Indians at the Picaway [Piqua] towns that John Kentress was the Captain and he believes the Major's name was Wales but of this he cannot be certain & the Colonel who commanded he does not remember the name of, that upon that expedition he was out in the service he believes about three months and that he was in the battle at the Pickaway towns which they took, and burnt and that immediately upon my return home I again entered the service as a volunteer under Captain Bladen Ashley² and proceeded to march to the mouth of Sael [?]³ river on the Ohio where there was a Blockhouse and continued to range up & down the Ohio by companies for six months that being the term or tour of duty required when he was again discharged and returned home, and that in July 1783 he again entered the service of the United States at the same place under the same General, that Patrick Brown was his Captain and they marched upon an expedition against the Kicapoo [Kickapoo] Indians passing through what was then called Vincennes in Indiana and was out about two months and returned again to Vincennes and there enlisted during the war under Captain Platt and remained at Vincennes until November following when he was discharged upon furlough and never again called upon to enter the service under his enlistment. That about the first of June 1784 he enlisted the service again under William Hardin upon an expedition against the Indians & was in the battle at Saline Salt

1 *Nolin*

2 *Bladen Ashley*

3 *Sael*

works near the Ohio and again returned in six months or about that time. This applicant further states that he was engaged in campaigning against the Indians every year more or less until after the battle was fought under General Wayne which terminated the war. That he was hired by Roland Madison who he understood was an agent of the Government to act as a spy for one year, and commenced the discharge of that duty about the first of May 1787 or 1790 and acted as a spy during that term. This applicant further states that he has no documentary evidence to establish his services. That he never was drafted, always volunteered and never received any discharge or ask any as he designed to fight on as long as an Indian remained in the Country. He further states that he does not know of any person by whom his services can be proven owing to removals and deaths except Solomon Kissinger Junior and John Row⁴ who knows of a small part only and whose statements upon oath are appended hereto.

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 the agency of any state.

Sworn to & subscribed to the day & year aforesaid.

S/ James V Logsdon

[John Brooks & William Amos gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

And the said court propounded the following interrogatories to the said James V Logsdon which he answered on oath to wit where and in what year were you born

Answer I was born in the year 1766 in Baltimore County State of Maryland

Have you any record of your age and if so where is it

Answer I have none now the Bible that contained my age has not long since been tore up Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since & where do you now live

Answer I lived in the same neighborhood I now live in it was then Jefferson County it is now Hart and I have lived in the same neighborhood ever since

How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom.

Answer I always volunteered

State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the General circumstances of your service

Answer I cannot more than I have done in my declaration

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State of Kentucky Hart County Sct.

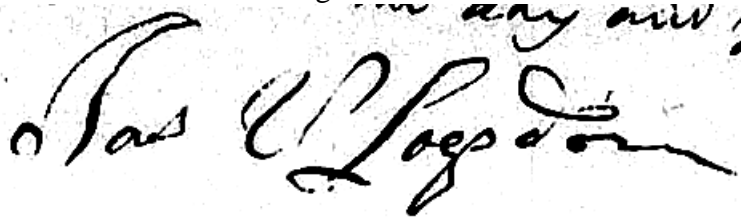
On this 15th day of May 1833 James V Logsdon of Hart County came personally before me P. H. Brown a justice of the peace for said County and he being by me duly sworn according to law stated that from old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades; for three months I served as a private soldier against the Indians, under General Clark, as a volunteer in the militia, at the Pickaway towns this service rendered in the year 1782 commencing in the month of May or April he

⁴ No such affidavits are included in this file

cannot swear positively which period for six months under Captain Bladen Ashby⁵, I served as a private soldier against the Indians, on the Ohio and its waters, in the same year of 1782, starting on said 2nd term in a week or 2 after returning home from the first tour. For 2 months under Captain Patrick Brown I served as a volunteer private soldier against the Indians – in an expedition against the Kickapoo Indians this expedition was also commanded by General Clark and was rendered commencing in the month of July 1783. For 2 months I served as a volunteer enlisted in regular soldier under General Clark enlisting & serving at Vincennes in the year 1783, being discharged in November he thinks the 7th day of the year 1783 – the services rendered as a spy were rendered as he has stated in his original declaration and during the periods therein named. For which services as a soldier of the United States Army I claim a pension. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me

S/ PH Brown, JP

S/ Jas. V. Logsdon

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jas V Logsdon". Above the signature, there is some faint, partially legible text that appears to say "in any way".

[Amos Goodman, a clergyman, and Joseph Kissinger and Henry Bush gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 11 months in the Virginia militia.]

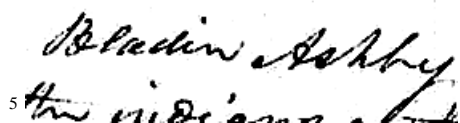
[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)] –11 page file indexed under the name James V. Logston

Report on the claim of James V Logston, in Illinois soldier for bounty land for his services to the Governor Served, I have not found the name of this soldier on any pay roll of a Company in the Illinois Regiment. He states, that he served in the Illinois Department, under the command of General Clark. One witness testifies to the same fact (see the affidavit of John Row). The witness was himself in a militia Company under the command of General Clark, at different times in the war of the Revolution; and probably knew James V. Logston in the same service. There were many companies of militia occasionally ordered out into service with the Illinois Regiment, to assist & support, in its operations. These companies were from Lincoln, Jefferson & Fayette counties. It is probable, the soldier, who is now claiming bounty land, belonged to one of these Company; and therefore is not entitled to bounty land.

Respectfully submitted

S/ John H Smith, Commissioner &c

August 7, 1835

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bladen Ashby". Below the signature, there is a small number "5" followed by some faint, illegible text.

State of Kentucky Hart County: I Robert W Dorsey a Justice of the Peace in the County aforesaid In the State of Kentucky do hereby Certify that John Row is a credible witness and that he personally appeared before me in my County aforesaid and made oath that he was well acquainted with James V. Logston of Hart County Kentucky that he was a private soldier in the Illinois Regiment under the command of Colonel George Rogers Clark that this deponent served as a private in the same Regiment, and that the said James V. Logston continued in the Illinois Regiment and did duty until the end of the war and this deponent further states that the same James V. Logston is now living in the said County of Hart and in the State of Kentucky. Given under my hand and seal this 29th day of May 1834

S/ Robert W Dorsey, JP

The Memorial of James Logsdon a enlisted soldier of the Illinois Regiment to the Governor of Virginia

Your memorialists respectfully represents to the Executive of Virginia that he resides in the County of Hart in the State of Kentucky, and that he was a listed soldier in the Virginia State line and was attached to the Illinois Regiment commanded by Colonel George R Clarke [George Rogers Clark] in the month of June and in the year 1783 at the place then called post Vincennes and on the [indecipherable word]⁶ River and now the State of Indiana and served in the revolutionary war to the end. Your memorialist request that the Executive of Virginia wood direct the register of the Land Office of Virginia to issue a warrant to me deliverable to my attorney in fact John P Duval on account of the service of the said James Logsdon a listed soldier to the end of the war agreeable to the act of Legislature of Virginia granting to the officers and soldiers of his state on Continental line or their heirs bounty in lands for the service to the end of the war.

S/ Jas. V. Logsdon

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