

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Elisha Hawkins S31103

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State of Kentucky Franklin County Sct.

On the 20th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Franklin County Court now sitting Elisha Hawkins a resident of Franklin County and State aforesaid aged 77 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.

I enlisted in Orange County Virginia under Captain Francis Taylor, Lieutenant William Taylor, 2nd Lieutenant Benjamin Porter, Ensign Thomas Coward. I enlisted on the 2nd day of March 1776 according to the best of my recollection and served two years under the same officers and was then discharged at Valley Forge. I belonged to the second Virginia Continental Regiment. I had at one time a regular discharge but now have nothing to shew, the same having been lost, nor have I any documentary evidence to shew the fact of my service. And I know of but one person now living by whom I can prove my service a Mr. John Hawkins I was once on a furlough to my relations being sick & permitted to return home & he went back to the Army with me on private business. I never was in any regular engagement but in severe skirmishes. I have been living in Kentucky about thirty-six years, and the last thirty in the County of Franklin. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

S/Elisha Hawkins



[William Hickman, Jr. & John Brown, ministers of the gospel, gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Kentucky Franklin County: to wit

Personally appeared before me Henry Wingate a Justice of the peace for said County, Jehudiah Hawkins, aged from a parents 75 or 6 years, who being by me solemnly charged and sworn in due form of law to testify the truth touching the Revolutionary Services of Elisha Hawkins Senior deposeth and says that he was 76 years of age on the 25 day of August last past – That he is well acquainted with the said Elijah Hawkins Senior now a resident of Franklin County Kentucky, and that he knew him in Orange County in the State of Virginia in the year 1776 when he enlisted as a regular soldier under Captain Francis Taylor and marched under him to Williamsburg Virginia where a number of troops lay all that summer, and on the next winter they were removed to the North – and the said Elisha Hawkins Senior returned home in April

1778 having remained in the service under said enlistment two years –

This deponent further states that he always understood and so believes the fact to be that the said Elijah Hawkins, Senior, Served several tours of militia duty in the war of the Revolution, but knows nothing of said services of his own knowledge.

S/ Jehudiah Hawkins, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]