

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of David Adkinson S35762

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State of Kentucky

Lawrence County & Circuit Sct

BE it remembered that at a court begun and held for the Circuit & county of Lawrence on Wednesday the 24th day of July 1823 at the house of Andrew Johnson agreeable to an act of the General assembly in that case made and provided - Present the honourable Silas W. Robbins Circuit Judge -

David Adkinson This day produced his declaration and Scedule of property which was sworn to in open court and ordered to be recorded to and certified to the Secretary of the war department - which declaration and scedule is in the words and figures following; To wit

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On this day July the 24th 1823 personally appeared in open court this being made a court of record by the Laws of this State being solely adjudged to be so by the other tribunals of this State with power to fine and imprison always keeping a record of its proceedings, David Adkinson aged about Sixty nine years a resident citizen of the County aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows. Viz he enlisted in or about the year 1777 [sic: see note below] into the service of the United States against the common enemy for the Term of Eighteen months in Captain George Waller's company in the 6th Virginia Regiment commanded by Col. [William] Washington that he served out his full term of enlistment and obtained an honorable discharge at Camlen Town [sic: Camden] in South Carolina that he then immediately enlisted again into the service of the United States for the Term of Eighteen months in Capt David Lairds company in the 3rd Virginia Regiment commanded by Col Washington in Virginia line on continental establishment. that he served out his full term of enlistment and was honourably discharged at Gilford Court house in North Carolina which he has lost or mislaid, that he was in the following Battles (viz at Gates defeat [defeat of Gen. Horatio Gates at the Battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780] the Battle at Gilford court house [Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781] The Battle at Log town [Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781] & that I David Adkinson do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with an intent thereby to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an Act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Scedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. Viz One cow and calf worth \$10

Signed David Adkinson

That my family consists of my wife named Sylvenious aged about thirty five years and six children aged and named as follows Enoch aged about fifteen years Fanna aged about Elven years GoolsBerry aged about nine years Martin aged about six years Nichallberry aged about three years Elliot aged about one year all of which are unable to contribute anything to my support, and that I myself from age and infirmity am unable to work and persue my occupation which is that of a farmer, That I am at this time with my family living with one other mans with my family depending on him for a support for the work we do for him and that it is from my idigent circumstances that I claim the assistance of my cuntry for support

David Adkinson

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The deposition of Edward Burgess an old Revolutionary soldier aged about Eighty years taken and sworn to in open court on the 24th day of July 1828 who is a credible witness and whos [illegible word] may be relyed on, who states that he was well acquainted with David Adkinson the present applicant an old Revolutionary in the Revolutionary war: that he knew him

in the service of the United States as an enlisted soldier in Capt. David Laird's Company in Col. Washington's Regiment under General Gates and that he knows and is confident that the said David Adkinson did serve in the Revolutionary War against the common enemy at least Eighteen months under one enlistment, and that this deponent always understood that the said David Adkinson was honourably discharged and further this deponent sayeth not

Edward Burgess [pension application S35806]

July the 24th 1823

The deposition of John Stephens an old Revolutionary Soldier about seventy years of age, who states that he is well acquainted with David Adkinson an Old Revolutionary Soldier that this deponent knew of the said David Adkinson enlisting in the service of the United States against the common enemy on Continental establishment in the Revolutionary war, that this deponent does know that the said David Adkinson did serve in the service of the United States for Eighteen months under one enlistment, that this deponent was with the said David Adkinson during the said time and did serve with him in the same company to wit Capt Laird's company in the 3rd Virginia Regiment as well as this deponent recollects, commanded by Col Washington that this deponent was with the said David Adkinson in the battle of Gilford court house and also in a Battle or Scrimage at Camplin Town in South Carolina that this deponent does know that the said David Adkinson was honourably discharged at Camplin Town in South Carolina and further this deponent sayeth not.

John Stephens

State of Kentucky Lawrence County Sct. At a Court continued and held on thursday the 21st day of July 1825 for the Circuit and County of Lawrence aforesaid before his honour Silas W Robbins circuit Judge for said Circuit Court for said County

David Adkinson an old Revolutionary Soldier produced in open Court his additional Declaration and Schedule for a pension under the Laws of the United States which is in the following words and Figures to wit

Lawrence County Kentucky Sct

On this 21st day of July 1825 personally appeared in open Court it being a court of Record for the Circuit and County of Lawrence aforesaid David Adkinson a Resident in said County aged about seventy one years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and 1st of May 1820 that he the said David Adkinson enlisted for the term of Eighteen months in the Spring of the year 1777 in the State of Virginia in Henry County in Captain George Wallers Company in the 3rd Virginia Regiment Commanded at that time by Col. Washington in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental Establishment of Infantry that he continued to serve out his full term of Enlistment and obtained an honourable discharge at Camlin Town in the fall of the year 1778 in South Carolina from General Green that he then in three days afterwards Enlisted again into the service of the United States for the term of Eighteen months more in captain David Laird's Company of Infantry in the same Regiment Commanded by Col. Washington that he served out his full term of Enlistment and was honourably discharged at Gilford Courthouse in the State of North Carolina that he was in the Battle at Gates Defeat the Battle at Gilford and the Battle at Logtown that he has since lost his discharges that he hereby Relinquishes ever Claim whatsoever to a pension except the present that his name is not on the Roll of any State Except Kentucky and that the following are the Reasons for not making earlier application for a pension (Viz) he [illegible word] he has always lived at a considerable distance from any County seat (to wit) from forty to fifty miles that he never was at any Court house since the 18th of March 1818 untill the time that he made his application for a pension that he was poor and had not money to spend to travel to Court in order to Employ any person to make an application for him that he is entirely Illiterate himself and has never been able to understand in what way to proceed to procure a pension And in pursuance of the Act of Congress of May the 1st 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a Resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 that I have not since that time by gift, sale, or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an Act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States

in the Revolutionary war passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any Income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed (to wit)

One Cow and Calf worth \$10
one oven worth 1
one old Broken pot worth \$0, 50 cts

David hisXmark Adkinson

that the following changes has been made in my propperty since the 18th day of March 1818 in the year 1818 I had two Cows one I killed for a Beef, the other is the one above stated there has been two Calves only and those I made use of for the support of my family in provissions. I have [illegible word] ever since lived with a man by the name of Edward Burgess under a contract with him to find me in Bread and meat for my labour which is all I ever got was what myself and famaly eat which are all the changes that has happened in my propperty

The names and ages of my famaly together with that of my occupation are all set forth on my Schedule and Declaration on the files in the war office which is here Referred to, together with a copy of the Evidence of my services which was taken on the 24th day of July 1823

NOTES:

On 20 Oct 1827 Adkinson deposed as follows in support of the pension application of John Randall R21892: "The deposition of David Adkinson aged about seventy three years who is a respectable and disinterested witness and to be relyed on taken before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace for the county of Lawrence & State of Kentucky who being duly sworn deposeth and sayeth that he was a private soldier in service of the united states in the Revolutionary war under Gen'l Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens, Militia General]. That he was well acquainted with one John Randles who was in the service of the United States in the Revolutionary war at Hilsborough north carolina and was a drummer, and he served with him for some time. he has lately been acquainted with John Randall of Lawrence County Ohio and has every reason to believe and know him to be the same man.

Errors in Adkinson's application are apparent from the following chronology:

Jan 1777 Capt. William Washington in 3rd Continental Dragoons
spring 1777 Adkinson claims he enlisted in 6th VA Reg. of Col. William Washington
fall 1778 Adkinson claims he was discharged by Gen. Nathanael Greene in Camden SC;
re-enlisted under Col. Washington's for 18 months
20 Nov 1778 Capt. William Washington promoted to Lt. Col. of 3rd Continental Dragoons
Nov 1779 Col. Washington ordered to South
spring 1780 Adkinson claims he was discharged at Guilford Courthouse NC
16 Aug 1780 Battle of Camden SC; defeat of Gen. Horatio Gates; Washington not present
2 Dec 1780 Greene replaces Gates as commander of the Southern Division of the army
Jun 1780 George Waller appointed Major in the Henry County VA Militia
15 Mar 1781 Battle of Guilford Courthouse NC
25 Apr 1781 Battle of Hobkirk Hill ("Log Town") SC