

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Elkin W8803

Martha Elkin

f45VA

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State of Kentucky, Clark County

On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of November 1832 personally appeared in open court before the County Court of Clark aforesaid now sitting James Elkin resident of said County and State aforesaid aged Seventy seven 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 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the U.S. under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

He states that he was born on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 1755. In the State of Virginia in Henry County & moved from thence to the waters of New River in the County of Botetourt. He states that from this County he mounted a campaign against the Indians on the frontiers of Western Virginia as a picked man for a tour of one month under Captain Cloyd<sup>1</sup> [could be Clay—name is written over] in the year 1776 [could be 1775 – number written over]. Sometime in the Summer we marched down New River some distance thence across to Cole River and so on to Paint Lick. And from thence back to whence we started having acted as a spy and ranger under the above Captain and a Colonel by the name of Preston. The next tour was from same County as a volunteer for one month to guard Blackamors [Blackmore's] Fort on Clynch [Clinch] River under Captain Boan [Boone? or Bowen?]. He thinks in the same year. The next was a tour of one month as a volunteer to guard Carter's Station at Rye Cove under Captain William Boan in the year 1777. Sometime in the latter part of the Summer. The next was another tour of one month as a volunteer under a Lieutenant by the name of Micarmack [McCormick?] at a fort called James Roger's Fort. The next was at old Mr. Whittin's Fort for a tour of three months in the fall of 1777. From Russell County Virginia under Captain James Maxwell as a volunteer on this tour we ranged some through the Country but the principal part of our time we were guarding the above forts at the end of the time he states he received a discharge for three months by his Captain. The next was a tour of seven months from same County as a volunteer under Captain Joseph Lock. On a campaign called Mactintosh's [Lachlan McIntosh's] campaign early in the fall of 1778. He states they rendezvoused on Holston [River], where they got their horses for on this campaign he states he was put in the pack service. From thence we went through the County seat of Botetourt, and so on across James River and on to Stanton in Augusta [County, Virginia] where we loaded with Lead and flour and from thence to the South branch of Potomack [Potomac River] and from thence to the North branch of Potomac from thence across the Allegheny to Monongahela thence to Fort McIntosh – and delivered our Load and was ordered back a place called Shirtee on the waters of the Monongahela to feed and take care of our horses until further orders. We were then order[ed] to return to Fort McIntosh. Here we Loaded with flour and whisky from thence to Fort Larance [Fort Laurens] at which place we delivered our Load in the now State of Ohio. We were then ordered back to the above place

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<sup>1</sup> The War Department read this name as "Clay."

to feed and take care of our forces as above – And at this place we were discharged Sometime in the month of March in the year 1779 having served a tour of seven months and was discharged for that time by Captain Lock. The next was a tour of three months in the spring of 1779 under Captain Thomas Martin & Colonel Shelby [Isaac Shelby] from same County. We went on to Holston [River] here we rendezvoused. And marched or rather descended the River to Tennessee and so on down the Tennessee to something like 8 miles above the boiling pot [sic, Boiling Pot] here we landed and the Indians fled and we destroyed their Towns and burned their corn killed some Indians & after accomplishing the object of the expedition the most of our men went on down the River to Illinois and he states he with some others returned back from whence they started. He states he well recollects that his Captain was very sick on his return so much so that we had to let him rest frequently we however got home sometime in the summer and was discharged for that time having served a tour of three months.

The next was a tour of three months as a volunteer under Captain Reece Boan [Reece Bowen] and Colonel Edmonson [Edmondson] on an expedition to Kings Mountain in the year 1780 (he thinks) the time of year not recollected but he well remembers that it was some very short time before the Battle at King's Mountain [October 7, 1780]. He states they rendezvoused on Holston marched across the yellow Mountain and so through North Carolina thence through South Carolina. And some short time before we got to the Mountain battle was over we obtained information of the success of the American Army. Somewhere near the Cherokee Ford of Broad River we had prisoners after the Battle put under our care several prisoners which we guarded some time and was ordered to return to the wounded which we did and on our return received a discharge for three months.

Here he states his Revolutionary Services in the month ended having served a term of twenty months and received discharges for all the above tours but states that never having expected any law by which he would be entitled to draw anything from the government he has lost or mislaid them and cannot now find them or any of them he states he has a record of his age at home in his Bible.

He says the times and places when he went into the service is the same as stated in His declaration.

He also states that the capacity in which he served is also set forth above. He states he moved from Russell County Virginia to the now State of Kentucky Clark County and now resides in said County. Having lost all his discharges he has no documentary evidence neither does he know of any living witness by whom he can prove it. He states that [many words obliterated] Geo G. Boan residing in Fayette & Thomas Lowery Gentleman residing in the County of Clarke and in my neighborhood can testify as to my character for veracity and my reputation as a soldier of the revolution.

He hereby relinquishes all and every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ James Elkin, X his mark

[Geo. G. Boon and Thomas Lowry gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 13: On the July 18, 1839 in Estill County Kentucky, Martha Elkin, 74, applied for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of James Elkin a pensioner of the United States for his services in the revolution; that she married him somewhere on the frontier of Virginia but she does not recall the name of the County; that the marriage took place September 23, 1782; that her husband died June 6 1836 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark]

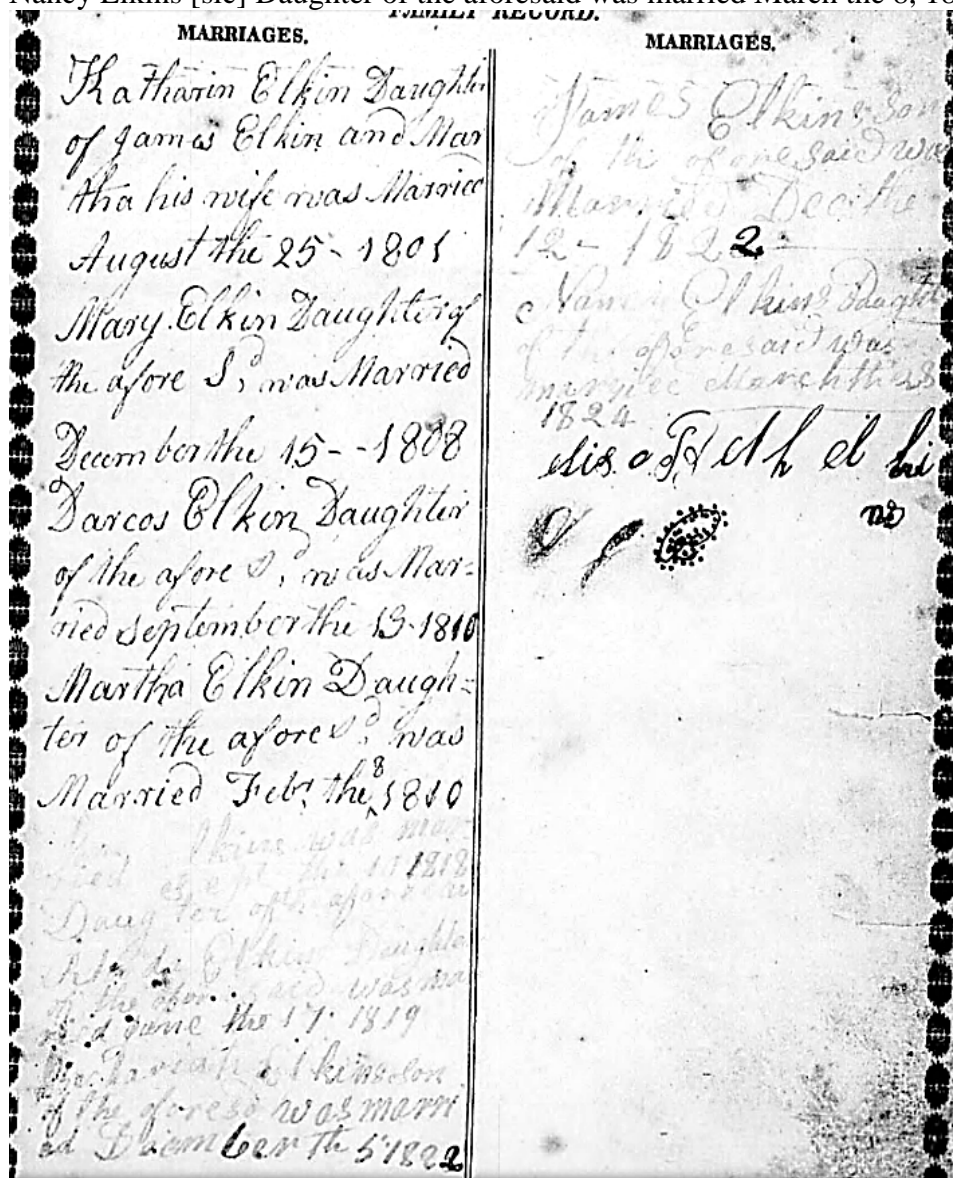
[p 13: Also on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 1839, James Crow, 38, gave testimony that he is the son-in-law of James Elkin, a revolutionary war pensioner; that he knows said Elkin died June 6, 1836 and that Martha Elkin is now his widow and remains such; that he became acquainted with the veteran and his family about 18 years ago and had his 1<sup>st</sup> acquaintance with the fact that Elkin had a large family Bible

containing the record of the ages of the children of James and Martha Elkin; that said record begins with the birth of Katharine Elkin on June 2, 1784 and continues with all the children down to Elizabeth Elkin born April 17, 1811; the deponent does not know the handwriting of the family record but understood that it was written by a school master; he signed his affidavit with his mark

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family record

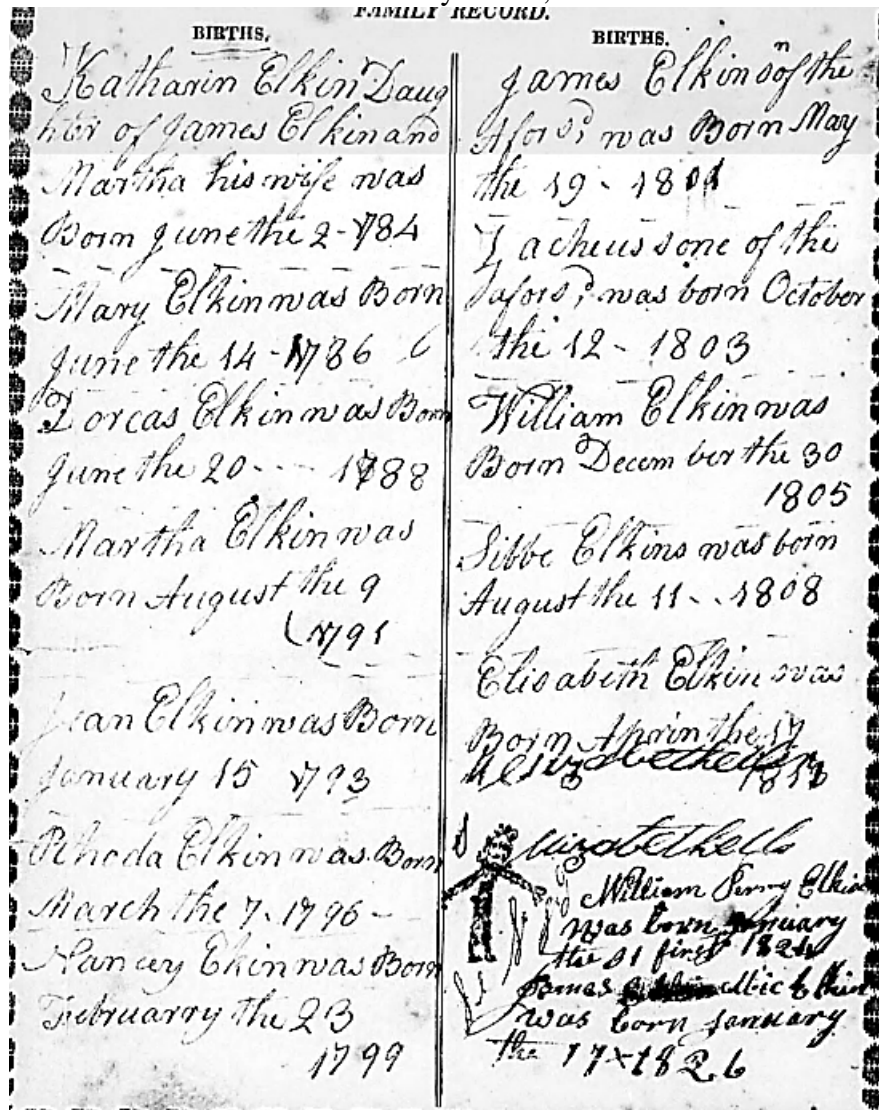
Marriages

Katharin Elkin Daughter of James Elkin and Martha his wife was married August the 25, 1801  
Mary Elkin Daughter of the aforesaid was married December the 15th 1808  
Darcos [sic, Dorcas] Elkin Daughter of the aforesaid was married September 13, 1810  
Martha Elkin Daughter of the aforesaid was married February the 8 1810  
[Jean or Jane] Elkin was married September the 10 1818  
Rhoda Elkin Daughter of the aforesaid was married June the 17 1819  
[Zacheus or Zachariah] Elkin Son of the aforesaid was married December the 5 1822  
James Elkins [sic] Son of the aforesaid was married December 12, 1822  
Nancy Elkins [sic] Daughter of the aforesaid was married March the 8, 1824



Births

Katharin Elkin Daughter of James Elkin and Martha his wife was born June the 2, 1784  
 Mary Elkin was born June the 14, 1786  
 Dorcas Elkin was born June the 20., 1788  
 Martha Elkin was born August 9, 1791  
 Jean [or Jane] Elkin was born January 15, 1793  
 Rhoda Elkin was born March the 7, 1796  
 Nancey Elkin was born February the 23, 1799  
 James Elkin son of the aforesaid was born May the 19, 1801  
 Zacheus [or Zachariah] son of the aforesaid was born October the 12 1803  
 William Elkin was born December the 30th 1805  
 Sibbe Elkins was born August the 11, 1808  
 Elisabeth Elkin was born Aprin [sic] the 17, 1812  
 William Perry Elkin was born January the 31 first 1824  
 James Mic Elkin was born January the 17, 1826

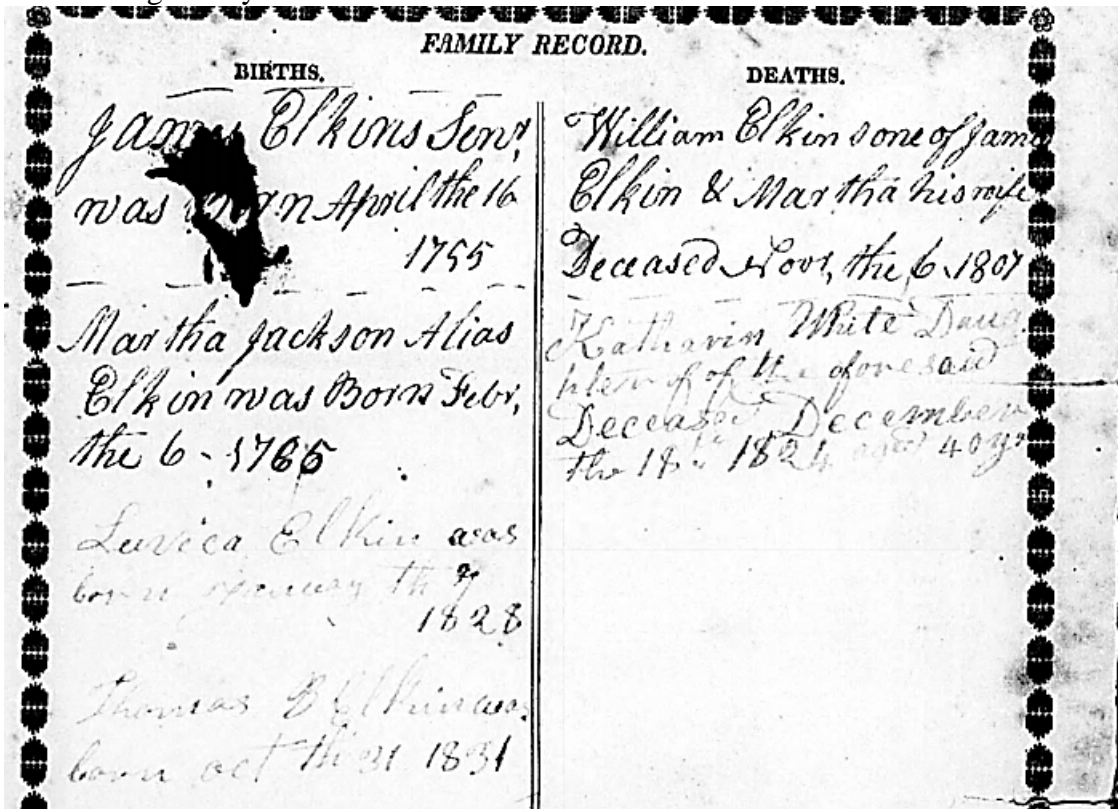


James Elkins Senr. was Born April the 16 1755  
 Martha Jackson Alias Elkin was Born Febr. the 6, 1765  
 Luvica Elkin was born January the 7 1828  
 Thomas B. Elkin was born oct. the 31 1831

Deaths

William Elkin son of James Elkin and Martha his wife deceased November the 6 1807

Katharin White daughter the aforesaid deceased December of the aforesaid Deceased December the 18<sup>th</sup> 1824 aged 40 yrs



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$63.33 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831 for service as a private for 19 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]