

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ezekiel Hobbs ¹W8940

Elizabeth Hobbs

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Virginia, Washington County

On the 6th day of October in the Year 1834 personally appeared in open Court before Benjamin Estill Judge of the Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery being a Court of Record Ezekiel Hobbs resident of the County of Washington in the State of Virginia aged Seventy & upwards Years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the Pension or provision made by the Act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832. That he was drafted in the year 1776 in the County of ___ but now the County of Washington having been divided and sent to Fort Shelby where he did duty two months under the command of Captain Fulkerson [perhaps James Fulkerson] at that time the Army under the command of Colonel Christian [William Christian] marched & into that Country with which he went as a volunteer against the Cherokees and was in that service two months fully. In 1777 he was drafted to do duty in Buchanan's Fort on the North fork of Holston River remained there one month and then marched over the mountain to Cowan's Fort on Clinch [River] to prevent that Fort from being taken by the Indians which was effected and the lives of a large number of Women & Children as well as men saved – there he served one month, he then was marched back to Buchanan's Fort and there employed two months as a guard in that year (1778) he believes in the month of August an expedition mounted to Kentucky against the Indians in which he was drafted – and put under the command of Captain George Adams who was commanded by Major Daniel Smith, they returned not long before Christmas making a tour of service of four months in which he encountered great hardships he was in that year 1778 nearly the whole year in actual hard service against the Savage enemy on the frontiers. In 1779 he was drafted for one months service at Binham's [?] ²fort being all of his service in that year. In 1780 he was drafted to march against the British and Tories in Carolina they rendezvoused at one Evan Baker's and marched with the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Campbell on the expedition to King's Mountain but being taken sick was left and did not share in the glory of that Battle [October 7, 1780] – he was on the two weeks in that service and was the last. He was living on the North fork of Holston River when he was first called into service on the same Farm where he now resides in the County of Washington, Virginia and where he has always resided. He never had any regular discharge that he can remember & if he had, it has long been lost he served 13 months and 2 weeks in all. That his name is not on the Pension list of any State and he hereby relinquishes all claim to any Pension but this.

S/ Ezekiel Hobbs, x his mark

[Joseph Barker, a clergyman, and Francis Ellington gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

¹ BLWt26632-160-55

² *Binham*

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State of Virginia Washington County: SS

On this 20th day of November 1832 personally came John McCulloch³ before me a justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid and being duly sworn according to law upon his oath doth declare & state that he served in the expedition to Kentucky in the year 1778 under Captain George Adams and Major Daniel Smith marching in August and returning late in the fall not long before Christmas and that he well recollects that Ezekiel Hobbs was a private in the same company, and served the same time. He further knows that the militia man in this quarter were called into service almost every season and might be said to be in service every year and he knows that said Hobbs lived on No. Fork of Holston in 1770.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year first above written and I do certify that he is a credible witness

S/ John Keller

S/ John McCulloch



On this 20th day of November 1832 personally came Michael Fleenor⁴ before me a justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid and being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare and state that he served in Captain George Adams' company in the year 1778 on the expedition to Kentucky four months tour – Majored Daniel Smith commanding and he recollects that Ezekiel Hobbs was a private in the same company and served the same time. He also knows that Hobbs was living on No. Fork and that the militia were called out every Season to perform Service.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year first above written and I do certify that he is a credible witness.

S/John Keller

S/ Michael Fleenor, X his mark

[p 10: On June 28, 1853 in Washington County Virginia, Elizabeth Hobbs, a resident of Washington County made application for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Ezekiel Hobbs, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in June 18__ and that her husband died June 13 [year not stated]. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 15: Copy of a marriage bond issued in Washington County Virginia July 27, 1803 to Ezekiel Hobbs and Hardy Lilley conditioned upon the marriage of Ezekiel Hobbs to Elizabeth Lilley.

[p 45: On March 7, 1854 in Washington County Virginia, Colonel Abram Mongle & John Gobble gave testimony that they served as executors of the estate of Ezekiel Hobbs; that they believe he died in the year 1835 in Washington County Virginia; that they have been acquainted with Ezekiel Hobbs and his wife Elizabeth and know that they lived together as man and wife.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 10 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

³ [John McCulloch \(McCulloch, McCullough\) S7204](#)

⁴ [Michael Fleenor W7288](#)