

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of William Elkins: S42703

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State of Ohio SS

Jefferson County William Elkins of the town of Mount Pleasant in the county and state aforesaid upon oath make the following declaration:

That the said William Elkins in the month of July as he thinks, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty at Frederick town in the state of Maryland enlisted as a private soldier in the United States service, to serve during the war, in Capt. Bettys [sic: William Beatty's] company of foot, in the regiment commanded then by Col Gumby [sic: John Gunby], and afterwards by Col Smith, of the Maryland line; that he the declarant marched from Fredericktown to Annapolis; thence to the head of the Elk [now Elkton MD], thence to Christein[?], where they embarked with the troops for Philadelphia, where the company drew their arms; that the declarant then marched back to Annapolis, thence to Alexandria, thence south, to the Pedee [sic: Pee Dee River]; the regiment joined Gen. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] at Santee high hills [see note below]; that the declarant was in the Battles at Guilford C. H. [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], at Camden [Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781], at ninety six [Siege of Ninety-Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781] and at the Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781]; - That after this he marched to James Island near Charleston S.C. from whence the troops embarked and came to Annapolis; That the declarant faithfully served the term of three years and one month and received in the year 1784 at Annapolis a furlough, with leave of absence, to return if called for, shortly after which time peace was made between this country & G. Britain. That the declarant, in consequence of being absent from the Regiment at the time of the declaration of peace, neglected to obtain a certificate of his discharge.

That the declarant is eighty five years of age, and from his reduced circumstances in life is now in need of assistance from his country for support; and that he hereby relinquishes his claim to every pension heretofore allowed to him by the United States.

William hisXmark Elkins

State of Ohio Jefferson County SS Court of Common Pleas

In the matter of} Be it remembered that at the December Term of this Court in the  
William Elkins a} year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty William  
Revolutionary pensioner} Elkins a Revolutionary pensioner comes into Court and makes a  
declaration of his services in the war of the Revolution in the

words and figures following to wit -

On this twentieth day of December AD one thousand eight hundred and twenty, personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for said County William Elkins, aged eighty seven years, resident in Mount Pleasant, in said County who being first duly sworn, according to law doth on his oath Declare, that he served in the revolutionary war, as follows to wit In the Company commanded by Captain Bettis who was killed at Campdin [William Beatty at Hobkirk Hill]. Afterwards by Captains Anderson, Price, & Bell in the first Regiment in the Maryland line commanded by Colonel Gumbar [sic: Gunby], and afterwards by Colonel Smith, which Regiment was engaged in the Continental service, where declarant served more than three years. - The date of his original declaration was the twenty second day of May AD one thousand eight hundred and eighteen. The number of his pension certificate was ten thousand six hundred and thirty - And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States, on the eighteenth day of March one thousand eight hundred and eighteen And that I have not since that time by gift sale of 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 the eighteenth day of March AD one thousand eight hundred and eighteen 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 other income than

what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed  
William hisXmark Elkins — Schedule One Silver Watch ten Dollars One pot one Dollar, One  
Skillet one Dollar, One Axe two Dollars, Two flour Barrels twenty five cents, One chest fifty  
cents, One looking glass two Dollars, One Shot Gun three Dollars - William hisXmark Elkins  
I was a Farmer, but now am not able to support himself, the Township has supported me for  
for four years past. I live alone and cook the food which is given me - I am indebted to  
different persons in the sum of twenty dollars - Whereupon the said William Elkins being duly  
sworn to the facts above stated; and producing satisfactory evidence to the Court that the  
aforesaid schedule contains all the property by him owned, and that the value thereof is  
nineteen Dollars and seventy five cents and no more. therefore it is ordered by the Court that  
the aforesaid declaration and schedule be entered of Record and certified by the Clerk of this  
court to the war department.

NOTE: It is unlikely that Elkins joined the army of Nathanael Greene at the High Hills of Santee  
since it was not in that area of present Sumter County SC until after the Battle of Guilford  
Courthouse.