

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Elisha Hadden R4412

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State of Illinois, Coles County

On this sixth day of May 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Honorable William Wilson, presiding Judge of the Circuit Court of Coles County and State of Illinois in Circuit Court now sitting, Elijah Hadden, a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged 73 years since the 28<sup>th</sup> day of July last past, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to attain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as a private soldier as hereinafter stated (viz): he first entered the service (as well as he now remembers) in the 17<sup>th</sup> year of his age as a three-months volunteer militia private in the company commanded by Captain James Hall and in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Andrew Lewis, does not recollect any of the other field officers, and marched from Rockbridge County in Virginia where he then lived to the lines of Greenbrier and thence across Gairley [?] Mountain in pursuit of the Shawnee Indians but did not overtake them. Then marched back to Rockbridge County in Virginia and was then verbally discharged. In this expedition this declarant saith that he was in the service of the United States at least 20 days.

He next in the 22<sup>nd</sup> year of his age and while living on Nolichucky River in Green County and then state of North Carolina entered the service of the United States as a volunteer private in the company of Rangers commanded by Captain William Pruett and served as such Ranger for the time of three months guarding the inhabitants of Green County against the hostile Cherokee Indians and was then discharged but whether by a written or verbal discharged he now does not recollect and if by written discharge, he has no mind what has become of it.

He further maketh oath and saith that he next, and while yet a citizen of Green County aforesaid, entered the service of the United States as a drafted private militia man (but at what time he does not remember) in the company commanded by Captain James Wilson and and in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Sevier and was marched to King's Mountain where he was in the engagement against the British and Tories. He was then marched towards Hillsboro and was discharged verbally four or five days march from King's Mountain. The time he was in service on this expedition he is unable to remember precisely but he truly believes that it was not less than two months. He further states on his oath that he went and while a citizen of Washington County North Carolina entered the service of the United States on the fourth day of August 1787 or 8 as a drafted private in Captain John Fane's company; marched to Houston's Fort within 9 miles on the Tennessee River and was there put under the command of Major Craig; then marched to Cittico town on the Tennessee River which had been burned down some time before by Colonel Sevier. While on the ground where the town stood and being only 32 men in number they were surrounded by the Cherokee Indians to the number he supposes of 450 who drove the whites into the River and killed one half of them, wounded five and took six prisoners. This declarant was one of the wounded having received a rifle ball in his left leg which broke it [and] one in the left shoulder and one other in the flesh of the left arm. His horse was shot down by the Indians at the same time. His brother then put him on his horse and they made their escape to the Fort. Captain Fane was among the slain. This declarant lay at the Fort about seven weeks and was then carried on to Washington County in North Carolina in a litter. He states that he was eight weeks in the service of the United States in this expedition from the time he entered it until he was taken home. He further states that he was unacquainted with any regular officers that he now knows of in either of the expeditions aforesaid. Further states that he was born in York County Pennsylvania on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of July 1759. He has no record of his age. The second year after he was wounded at Cittico town as before stated, he moved to the state of Kentucky which he believes

was then called the district of Kentucky and lived there until five years last autumn when he moved to the state of Indiana near Booneville and lived there until three years ago this spring when he moved to Clark County now Coles County Illinois where he lives at this day. He further states that he is well acquainted with William Ashmore and William H. Martin of the neighborhood where he now lives who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his service as a soldier in the revolution.

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

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/Elijah Hadden