

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Henry Adkins (Akins) R69

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State of Tennessee, Anderson County

On this first day of August 1835 personally appeared before me Joseph M. Ashurst a justice of the County Court for the County of Anderson aforesaid and in the County aforesaid Henry Akins a resident of and in the County of Anderson and State of Tennessee aged ninety years who being 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 June 7th 1832, applicant states that according to the tradition that his parents gave him he was born on the 18th day of September 1744 in Gooslin [sic, Goochland] County State of Virginia, applicant has no record of his age, nor never had any but has kept the same in memory as the same was given him by his parents, applicant resided in the State of North Carolina in Rutherford County on Green River in the last of July 1777 precise day can't now be recollected from old age and consequent loss of Memory but he entered the Service of the United States as a volunteer under the following named officers [and served as herein after Stated) to wit Captain John McKinney, Lieutenant Thomas Townsend, Ensign's name not now recollected from old age and consequent loss of Memory, said Company was ordered by their Colonel (to wit) Colonel Graham to March to Fort good hope [Good Hope], said Captain and his company Marched to Fort Good Hope and was there stationed to guard said Fort against the Indians until in the month of November in said year all of which time this applicant bore Arms; and followed no civil pursuit but served to defend said Fort against the Cherokee Indians applicant was not in any engagement during the present Tour of duty. Fort Good Hope was situated on Broad River and in the County of Rutherford aforesaid so that the whole of applicant's service was rendered in said Or County during the present Tour, applicant was on the first day of November 1777 honorably but verbally discharged by his said Captain McKinney, applicant again the first of April 1779 volunteered and entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers (to wit) Captain William Nevell [? could be Novell], Lieutenant Thomas French, Ensign Lewis Musick, Rendezvoused at Fort Capshaw on White Oak in the County of Rutherford Captain Nevell and his Company was ordered by Colonel Earls to be stationed at said Fort, to be a guard against the Cherokee Indians who was then committing depredations upon the whites, Captain Nevell and his Company was stationed at said Fort during the summer 1779. Except the time they spent Scouting and Spying after the Indians, applicant was in but one scrimmage during this Tour which took place near a place called Mills's in which applicant killed one of the Indians Forces, applicant served this Tour of duty from the first of April 1779 until the first of October 1779 for all of which time this applicant followed no civil pursuit but bore arms against the Common Enemy of his Country where he was at the date last aforesaid at Fort Capshaw honorably but verbally discharged by his said Captain Nevell having served six months, applicant at the time he entered the service last above stated resided in Rutherford County, applicant after being discharged by his Captain Nevell to wit on the first of November in 1779 at Fort Capshaw volunteered and entered the service of the United States under Captain James Hambleton, Lieutenant's and Ensign's names not now recollected from causes above stated, Major John Goin, Colonel's name not now recollected was marched under Captain John Hambleton to Hambleton's Block house which Block house was situated in the State of South Carolina, applicant was stationed at said Blockhouse as guard under his said Captain from the first of November 1779 until the first of March 1780 when he was honorably but verbally discharged by his said Captain Hambleton, applicant states that he served the United States as a private soldier during the Revolutionary War not less than thirteen months, applicant states that he resided near the Frontiers and that his Services was entirely against the Indians and never was Joined to the Army and therefore is not able to state the names of any regular officer of the Continental line, applicant states that he has no

documentary evidence of his Services and does not know of any persons now living by whom he can prove the same but applicant states that he is known to the following persons in his present neighborhood and Who can testify as to his character for veracity and a Soldier of the Revolution James Bunch, Solomon Doherty, William Patterson, John Williams, Daniel Doherty applicant states that he is ninety years of age, Blind and from bodily infirmity consequent from old age is unable to go to a court of record and states that there is no clergyman residing in his neighborhood he is therefore unable to obtain the certificate of one, applicant hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll roll of the agency of any State, applicant states that he has lived in the states of North Carolina Kentucky and Tennessee & be the revolutionary War and now resides and Anderson County Tennessee.

Sworn and subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me

S/ Joseph M. Ashurst

S/ Henry Adkins, X his mark