

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Robert Elder 12865

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State of Kentucky, Lincoln County

On this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of Lincoln County State of Kentucky now sitting Robert Elder a resident of said County of Lincoln and State of Kentucky aged 73 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> June 1832.

At the that he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

In the month of June 1776 an express was received from the Commander of Fort Donley in the Greenbrier County on the year Frontiers of Virginia requiring the assistance of the Militia of the neighboring Counties; that this Declarant volunteered under Captain William Paxton and was marched to Greenbrier County to relieve Fort Donley which was besieged by the Shawnee Indians; they marched to the Fort which was relieved; the Indians retreating there was no Major or Colonel, they found Col. Lewis in the Fort. There were no regular troops; he served a tour of three months and was verbally discharged by Captain William Paxton. He again volunteered in the month of October 1780 under the command of Captain James Dysart, Lieutenant Kincannon, William Edmiston was the Major & William Campbell was the Colonel. They were marched to the state of North Carolina from Washington County Virginia for the purpose of attacking Colonel Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] and his Army. They marched through North Carolina to King's Mountain where they attacked the British Army under Colonel Ferguson whom they killed & also captured his Army. He was in the Battle commanded by his officers as above named. Col. Isaac Shelby from Sullivan County was present and also Col. Williams [James Williams] and Sevier [John Sevier]. He does not think there were any regular regiments or officers present. He served a tour of three months & was verbally discharged by Captain Dysart.

He states that he was born in the County of York, State of Pennsylvania in the year 1760; that he has no record of his age; that his father moved to Rockbridge County State of Virginia in 1773; that in 1780, he moved to Washington County in the same State, in which County he lived until 1796, when he moved to Lincoln County State of Kentucky where he has resided until the present time for the space of 36 years; he states that he has no documentary evidence of his services nor does he know of any person by whom he can prove them, that he is known in his neighborhood to Evan Shelby and Samuel Duncan who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his service as a revolutionary Soldier.

He hereby relinquishes all 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 & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Robert Elder