

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Hezekiah Adkins R290

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Cabell County    } to wit

On this twenty sixth day of January 1835 personally appeared in open court, before the county court of Cabell County now sitting Hezekiah Adkins Sen'r. a resident of the County of Cabell and State of Virginia, aged Seventy five years the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September last, 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 June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the united states under the following named officers, and served as herin stated.

That he entered the service of the united states in a company commanded by Capt. Thomas Burk during the revolutionary war, that we were stationed during the time of our service in a fort garrisoned by our company in what was then called Greenbrier County on a small stream called ridge creek, but whether the place where the fort then stood is in Greenbrier County or in the county of Monroe, Giles, Logan, Fayette or Nicholas which have since been formed by the addition of parts that formerly was in Greenbrier, this applicant cannot say [possibly Woods Fort on Rich Creek about 4 mi E of present Peterstown in Monroe County WV], this applicant says he volunteered as a private soldier in this service, that he entered into the service at the time of putting our of the leaves on the trees in the spring & continued in service until the leaves fell in the Autom following. the length of time this applicant does not remember, that he was in service nor does he recollect the year, but thinks it was one of the years between 1775 and 1780, he is perfectly satisfied he served this touer three months

That he again entered the service of the united states during the revolutionary in a company commanded by Capt. George Paris [sic: George Pearis] & Lieutenant William Davis as a private soldier who volunteered in one of the years between 1775 & 1780, that the company in which he served Garrisoned a fort in Montgomery county on New river in Virginia [probably Fort Pearis at present Pearisburg], that their duty was principally Garrison duty except at times scouting parties would be sent out to see if the Indians were in the nighbourhood of the fort. this tour of service was performed from the putting out of the leaves in the spring to the Autom or fall but the year in which it was performed this applicant cannot remember. he is satisfied that he served at that time three months.

This applicant further states that in two other of the summers from 1775 to 1780 he entered the service of the united states as a private soldier (he being a vollunteer) under Captain Thomas Burk, that one of the summers from the putting out leaves until the fall he was one of the Garrison upon Sinking Creek under said Burk, then in Montgomery now in Giles county, near the place where Parker Lucas now lives in Giles; under said Capt Burk in the service under Capt Lucas [sic] this applicant is certain he served three months, & in another summer between the said years, this applicant served as a private soldier (he having volunteerd under Thomas Burk Capt. (he thinks) at Thomas Farleys fort at Culverson's bottom on new river in montgomery county, in this tour of service this applicant is certain that he served at least three months. This applicant cannot remember which of his terms of service was first nor the order in which they took place he thinks they were in four successive summers he well recollects that all the warm weather in those years he served was spent in the service. Their service was against the indians and as their incursions were not made in cold weather there was not such need of troops during that season of the year.

This applicant further states that he got his regular discharges whenever dismissed from service, but has no recollection what he done with them; he recollects that he got his discharges regularly

whenever he left the service.

This applicant further states that he again entered the service of the united states as a private soldier under Lieutenant Bowen that in this service he was one of fifty men who guarded two waggon loads of lead from Chissels mine [sic: lead mines at Fort Chiswell in present Wythe County], in Virginia to the Moravian Town [Salem, Bethabara, or other] North Carolina, this lead was for the use of the American Army, but what length of time he was engaged in this service this applicant cannot remember.

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

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

The following interrogatories were propounded by the court to the declarant.

1<sup>st</sup>. Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in Goochland county virginia in September 1759.

2<sup>d</sup>. Have you any record of your age & if so where is it?

Answer. I have no record of my age I judge from what my father told me & from my own recollection since I can first remember.

3<sup>d</sup>. Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the revolutionary war & where do you now live?

Answer. When I was called into service I lived in Montgomery Virginia, & have lived since that war in Montgomery & Cabell Counties virginia ever since I now live in Cabell County Virginia.

4<sup>th</sup>. How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute if so for whom?

Answer. I think I went as a volunteer every time

5<sup>th</sup>. State some of the regular officers names who were with the troops where you served, such continental & malitia regiments as you now recollect & the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. There was no regular officers at the places where I served neither was there continenal or malitia regiments, it was always a captains command when I served in the forts & the forts was commanded by Capt Thomas Burk and Capt. George Paris with their sub officers, the indians were troublesome & we were generally forted sometimes we were scouting.

6<sup>th</sup>. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service & if so what has become of it?

Answer I was always discharged by my officers but what became of them this applicant does not now recollect.

7<sup>th</sup>. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood & who can testify as to your character for veracity & their belief of your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer. Genl. Elisha McComas Solomon Thornburg Esq'r. John [illegible] jr. John Samuels John Laidly Esq'r. & I refer you to every man of my acquaintance in the county which is quite extensive

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William Lucas this day appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace in & for said county and made oath that he is well acquainted with Hezekiah Adkins Sen'r. of Cabell County Virginia that he has a personal knowledge that the said Hezekiah Adkins Sen'r. did serve as a common soldier during the revolutionary war, a three months tour under Capt John Lucas at Lucas' fort also a three months tour under Capt Thomas Burk at Farley's fort also another three months tower of duty under the said Thomas Burk at Wood's fort, that the service engaged in by said Adkins was against the indians. This affiant further states that he knows from information that the said Hezekiah Adkins Sen'r. served a three months tour of duty in Parris fort against the indians in the same war & that he was one of the soldiers that aided in guarding two waggen loads of lead to Washington's Army. This affiant further states that he

thinks those terms of service were from 1776 to 1780 though he cannot say precisely. Given under my hand this 14 day of February 1835

Logan County Virginia to wit

This day personally appeared William Lucas of said County before me the undersigned Justice of the peace for said County and made oath That Hezekiah Adkins Sen'r of Cabell County was a soldier in the war of the Revolution. that he knows that he served a tour of duty in the County of Montgomery at Lucas's Fort this affiant thinks that it was a three months tour of duty He further states that that he served the aforesaid tour of duty under Capt John Lucas He further states that he knows that the said Adkins served a tour of duty in the County of Greenbrier of three months under Capt Thomas Burk at Woods Fort He further states that he knows that the said Adkins served an other three months tour of duty at Farleys Fort in culverstons bottom in the County of Greenbrier under Capt Thomas Burk. He further states that he understood and believes that the said Adkins served two other tours of duty one at Col Parris' Fort in Montgomery County the other a Guarding two Wagon Loads of Lead to the army of Washington in the Meravian towns in Nort Carolina and further this affiant saith not given under my hand this [?] day of October 1837

Elias Adkins