

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Atkinson R296

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State of Tennessee } Be it remembered that on this 19th day of February 1821.
Grainger County }

Personally appear'd in open Court, the Court of pleas & quarter sessions for the County of Grainger aforesaid, being a Court of record, having power of fine and imprisonment and constituted such by the Laws of the State of Tennessee. William Atkinson, of said County, aged about sixty six years, who, being first duly sworn, according to Law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the first of May 1820, that he the said William Atkinson, enlisted during the war, that is from the time of his enlistment to the end, in the state of Virginia, Cumberland County, in the Company commanded by Capt [Abraham] Kirkpatrick, and was a sergeant of said Company in what was called the 8th Regiment of the Virginia line & was under the Continental Establishment – the precise time when he enlisted he cannot remember; but he thinks it was about eighteen months before the capture of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781]; that he continued to serve in the said Corps until about the end of the war, when he was discharged from the said service in Cumberland County in the State of Virginia Shortly after the war, he sold his discharge for about the value of \$10— That he was a minute man with [Gen. Richard] Montgomery at Quebec when he fell [1 Jan 1776], was at the taking of Burgoin [sic: Gen. Burgoyne at Saratoga, 17 Oct 1777], at the Capture of Cornwallis at York, and at the Ogechee [sic: Ogeechee] Bridge in Georgia, from which he came home to Cumberland County aforesaid when he was discharged. That he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services than herewith transmitted

And in pursuance of the act of the 1st of May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or 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 person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18th day of March 1818 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 income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

Schedule

A piece of Land worth about	\$60.00
1 Mare & Colt	“ 20.00
3 Cows & 3 yearlings	“ 45.00
Household furniture &c	“ <u>10.50</u>
	\$135.50

And \$4 or 5 owing to him

William hisXmark Atkinson

Declarant states, that he is a stone mason by trade; that he is very frail & palsied, & scarcely able to do any business. His family consists of himself & wife. She is some older than declarant himself, and is unable to do any work & hardly able to get about. Declarant is actually in some measure dependant on the kindness of his neighbors for support; he works a little when able, but is very little, he being also afflicted with rheumatism

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year first above written

William hisXmark Atkinson