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Pension Application of Daniel Atkinson S10065

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State of Virginia } Sct.

County of Caroline }

On this 12 day of August 1833 personally appeared before the Court of Caroline, Daniel Atkinson a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged eighty one 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 provision made by the act of Congress, passed June 7th, 1832. That he enlisted in the service of the United States, or was drafted as a soldier in the Virginia Militia, first, about the year 1775, the exact period not recollected. he was drafted thereafter every year untill the end of the War, and served at least three months each year – sometimes he would serve five or six weeks or longer at a time, be allowed to go home, and return again in a few weeks to the Army. That he served in different Regiments of the Militia, under the following Officers to wit; Genl. George Weedon, Col. Matthews [probably Sampson Mathews], Col. Walker Taliaferro, Col. Philip Johnson, Captain Anthony Thornton, Lieutenant George Thornton and many others, whose names he does not now recollect. That he lived in the County & State aforesaid at the commencement of the war and always called that his home. That he marched in several directions through the Eastern part of Virginia, was in Fredericksburg, at Port Royal, Leedstown, Williamsburg, about Richmond, James Town and other places. That with the above mentioned intermissions, the precise length of which at each time he is not able now to say, he was in service off and on during the whole period of the war – that he has no documents to prove his service – that he knows of no person now living, who was acquainted with him at the time service – all his old acquaintances are either dead or moved off, he does not know where. And that further, by reason of decay of memory he cannot state. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to any 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.

Daniel hisXmark Atkinson

Questions to be asked by the Ct.

1. Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. In Essex County in the year 1751.

2. Have you any record of your age, and if so, where is it?

Ans. None, except a memmorandum of my birth-day which I recollect frequently to have seen in my Father's Bible.

3. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary war, and where do you now live?

Ans. Caroline County, Virginia.

4. How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute? and if a substitute for whom?

Ans. I was drafted each time.

5. State the names of some of the Regular Officers, who were with the troops where you served; such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your services.

Ans. Gen'l. George Weedon & others not now recollected. Col. Mathews Col Taliaferro and Col. Johnson &c. commanded some of the Regiments to which I was attached. I never served out of the State of Virginia

6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans. I never received any.

7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Ans. Wm. J. Dickinson, Lawrence Battaile, George Alsop, Daniel Duval, Lawrence Battaile jr. and Mary Standley & others.

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace, for the County of Caroline, Daniel Atkinson who, being duly sworn, deposed and saith, that, by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service; but, according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below as a private, I served, not less than Eighteen months in the whole – and for such service I claim a pension.

The declaration of Daniel Atkinson of Caroline County Virginia under the Act of Congress June 7, 1832 Numbered 23,695 and which was returned from the pension office for informality and other causes

I the said Daniel Atkinson do hereby depose in amendment of my s'd declaration that soon after the revolutionary war commenced I was drafted from Caroline County under Walker Taliaferro as a militia man and marched under Col Anthony Thornton down to Williamsburg through the James River country and the counties of Hanover New Kent and James City. In this tour I did service as a soldier for more than seven months. Until the early part of the year 1780 I was constantly doing some military duty in this county and in Hanover and during that time was one in Fredericksburg. In that year [sic] I was again drafted under Col Philip Johnston from said county and marched up to Fredericksburg where we were closely engaged in removing the stores up the Rappahannoc [sic: Rappahannock River]. We then went up to Pagues mill by the Raccoon ford where we met Lafayette [at Raccoon Ford on Rapidan River about 6 Jun 1781]. from Raccoon ford I went down to the Point of fork on James River [at the junction with Fluvanna River] On this tour I was more than ten months. My last tour was in 1781 for early in the Spring of that year we marched down under Col Matthews thro' the James River country to Old Jamestown and from thence in and about York. A few days before the siege & surrender at York [19 Oct 1781] I was discharged and permitted to return home. On this tour I was seven or eight months. I cannot now particularly specify my services. I am now 82 years of age and my memory is greatly impaired As a soldier of the Revolution I always did my duty. The only testimony which I can now produce is that of Mary Stanley. My general impressions make me believe that I served two or three years. I cannot positively swear to these precise periods yet I am fully confident and well know that I served fully Eighteen months and for this service I claim a pension.

Given under my hand this 12th May 1834.

Daniel hisXmark Atkinson

The declaration of Daniel Atkinson as aforesaid again amended – In the statement, which I have made as aforesaid of my services in tours of 7 months – ten months and 7 or 8 months, I did not mean to say, that I was serving, these whole time without relief. I was often discharged after a service of 3 or 4 months and again directly drafted & called into service. I sometimes came home, but staid but a few days, and was directly called out & made to do some military duty – I stated these times because I considered considered myself all these times (and a good deal more) as a soldier engaged in military duty. I am now 82 years of age & my memory is very bad. I have tried very hard to recollect further particulars of my service, but I cannot do it. All my comrades who fought with me have either died or moved away. I am willing to take whatever my shall give me and will be thankful for it.

Given under my hand this 14th of of July 1834

NOTE: A Treasury-Department document states that the final pension payment of Daniel Atkinson was made to his widow covering the period up to his death on 7 Oct 1841.