

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Jehu Atkins S21613

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State of South Carolina } Ss
Abbeville District }

On this twenty third day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared before the Hon'ble Richard Gautt presiding Judge of the Courts of Common Pleas & General Sessions now sitting Jehu Atkins a resident of Anderson District in the state of South Carolina aged Seventy two 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.

1st Service – The applicant Jehu Atkins declares that to the best of his recollection he entered the service of the United States about one year previous to the Capture of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown [19 Oct 1781] some time in the year seventeen hundred & eighty, that he entered the service as a drafted militia man from Lunenburg county State of Virginia under the Command of Capt. William Hays, Lieut Rich'd. Hays [Richard Hays] & Ensign Wm. Gill [William Gill], company officers & under Col Rolly Doleman [sic: Rawleigh Downman BTWt1917-300] & Maj'r Ned Garland [Edward Garland] field officers to serve and perform military duty for the period of three months. That he was marched by Capt. Hays from Lunenburg County to a place called Chuckytuck [sic: Chuckatuck] from thence to Suffolk, from there on the seaboard towards the Dismal Swamp, near which place the British advanced, this American force then retreated thro the Dismal Swamp & joined Gen'l. Mullenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg BLWt1495-850] at a place then called Tar Yard [near Suffolk] where the applicant remained until the expiration of his term of service, having fully served the three months he was at Tar Yard discharged by Capt. William Hays who give the applicant a written one, but which has long since been lost.

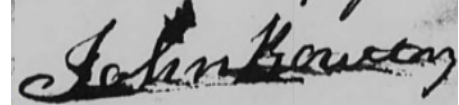
2^d Service – The applicant Jehu Atkins further declares that he was a second time in the service of the United States, That he entered the service some time in the year seventeen hundred & eighty one, as a drafted militia man from Lunenburg County State of Virginia under the command of Cap'n. William Fisher, Liet Jesse Johnson and Ensign M. Kerlis, company Officers and under Col Lewis Burrell [sic: Lewis Burwell] and /Major — name forgotten/ field Officers to serve and perform military duty for the period of three months that he was marched by Cap'n. Fisher from Lunenburg County, to a place, called or distinguished by the name of Hog Island [about 10 mi SW of Yorktown] within hearing of the British cannon, when & where he the said Cap'n. Fisher resign'd his commission and left his company, the Esign M Kerlis here took sick and went home, but Lieut Jesse Johnson stuck to his company and acted still as Lieut of it, at this place a Cap'n. Ellison Ellis took command of the company, Lieut Jesse Johnson continued as Lieut /Ensign not recollected/ from Hog Island Cap'n. Ellis marched the company to the seige of Yorktown, where he remained with the company and the combined forces under Gen'l. Geo Washington until the surrender of Lord Cornwallis, that he was an eye witness to the surrender & helped to guard the prisoners after the surrender, he was marched toward Richmond and guarded fifty one men & one woman tory prisoners taken at Yorktown, and that he was discharged from service at New Camp Courthouse by Cap'n. Ellis having fully served in this tour three months, & that his discharge is long since lost. This last duty ended the service of the applicant in the defence of his country.

The applicant Jehu Atkins hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state
Jehu hisXmark Atkins

South Carolina } personally came before me John Bowen [pension application S32124] aged 69
Abbeville District } years of Guinett [sic: Gwinnett] County Georgia and made oath and saith that he was well acquainted with (Jehue Adkins who is about to aply for a pention under

the act of congress of the 7th June 1832) during the Revolutionary war, that to his knowledge the said Jehue Adkins did serve as a soldier in the Virginia Militia to his knowledge two tours of three months each one before Lord Cornwallis was taken and that they served together under the command of Colonel Liewes Burrel at the Seidge of Litle York when Lord Cornwallis was taken and that he the said Jehue Adkins was a good faithfull soldier in behalf of the United States, and Justly entitled in his oppinion to the benefits of the act of congress of the 7th June 1832

Sworn to and subscribed this 2nd day of August 1832 before me
James A. Black J.P.



State of South Carolina }
Abbeville District. } Amended Declaration of Jehu Atkins in Conformity with the Brief
Objections of the War Department to his application for a pension under the act of Congress of 7th
June 1832.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned Justice of the Peace for the District of Abbeville in the State of South Carolina Jehu Atkins who is an applicant for a pension under the act of Congress of the seventh June Eighteen hundred & thirty two and who being duly sworn deposed and saith, that he did apply to Gen'l. Newton Whitner a gentleman of the bar residing in Anderson District to draw up his application and have it presented during the sitting of the Court for Anderson District which court was then in Session on the last week in September one thousand eight hundred & thirty two, that Gen'l. Whitner told the applicant he had better apply in Abbeville on the fourth Monday of Oct'r following & that he Whitner would meet the applicant at Abbeville Court, and give as his reason that as the applicant had but recently removed to Anderson District from Abbeville District he the applicant could obtain his evidence with less trouble to all parties, in the District of Abbeville where he was best known, and where his evidence had lived & that his application in Abbeville would be as well received as if done in Anderson – that he the applicant did attend Abbeville Court, but did not meet with Gen'l Whitner who had gone to Columbia in State to attend an extra Session of the Legislature, that he the applicant then employed Mr. Tho P. Spierin to present his application at Abbeville Court. That the Courts for Anderson were over & would not again be in Session untill the Spring of 1833 that Anderson District has but lately been established & known as a Judicial District that its territory is filled with an emigrant population from the surrounding Districts, and but few removals to it of old Revolutionary Characters, who can testify for each others services that such evidence is mostly to be found in the old established Districts and that my evidence, mostly reside in Abbeville, where I am best known & where I resided the longest.

Jehu hisXmark Atkins

Sworn to & subscribed this 21st May 1833

[The following are from [South Carolina Audited Accounts.](#)]

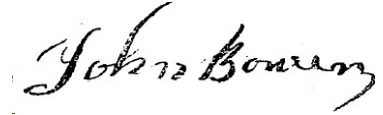
To The Honorable the Members of the Senate & House of Representatives of South Carolina

The Petition of the undersigned Jehu Adkins late of Abbeville now of Anderson District sheweth that he is now in old age and indigent circumstance, having attained seventy one years of age, and his family of Children having left him, the probable value of his property which does not exceed one Hundred Dollars as here unto appended. In consideration of his services during the War of the revolution he having rendered active service from time to time throughout the struggle in the cause of American Independance, prinipally under the command of Gen'l. Mulenburg and Gen'l Washington, he fought under Gen'l. Washington at york at the time that Lord Corn Wallis & Tarlton surrendered and in consideration of his necessitous condition, he respectfully solicits the assistance of his country Nov 15th 1831

Jehu hisXmark Adkins

South Carolina } Personally came before me the Subscribing Justice, John Bowen aged sixty eight
Abbeville District } years and on oath saith that he is and was well acquainted with the within
petitioner Jehu Adkins during the Revolutioner war, and that he was with him at the Batle of Litle york
and that he does beleave that every think stated in the petition is true that he knows he was a good faithfull
soldier in the cause of the united States

Sworn to and subscribed this 16 day of November 1831
before me/ James A. Black J.D.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Bowen". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed text.