

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Lewis Atkins

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West Tennessee

Lewis Atkins

of Henry Co. in the State of W. T.

who was a Pr. in the Co. commanded

by Captain Smith of the Reg't. commanded

by Col. Ward in the N. C.

line for 17 mos.

Inscribed on the Roll of W. T.

at the rate of 56 Dollars 66 Cents per annum,

to commence on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 11 day of Sept.

1833 and Hon. W.

Fitzgerald, Dresden

Arrears to the 4 <sup>th</sup> of Sept.	141.65
Semi-anl. allowance ending 4 Mar	28.33
	169.98

Revolutionary Claim,

Act June 7, 1832.

Recorded by Danl. Boyd, Clerk

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Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.

State of Tennessee     } September Term 1832 of the Court of Pleas and Quarter  
Henry County            } Sessions

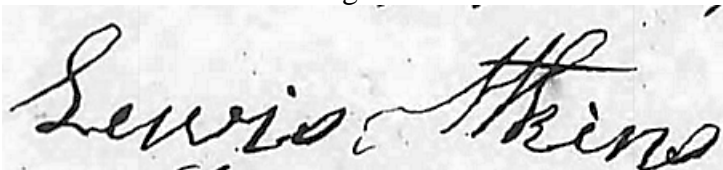
On this day the fourth day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the County Court of Henry County now sitting Lewis Atkins a resident of the County of Henry and State aforesaid aged seventy six years, who being duly sworn according to law, on his oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, prepared June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service as a volunteer under Capt. John Dejarnett and in the Regt commanded by Col. Thomas Wade, as a private shortly before Gates' defeat at Campden [Camden] the precise time he can not recollect [sic], he then lived in and entered the service in the County of Anson, and State of North Carolina. He never served with any of the continental line and can give no account of his officers. He was engaged the greater part of his service in skirmishes with the Tories and several engagements with them, one on Black Creek and also at Betty Bridge on Drowing [Drowning] Creek. These were in N. Carolina but he can't say what County. After these skirmishes his Col. Thomas Wade was elected to the Assembly and this Regiment was transferred to one Smith, who moved the regt near Wilmington, N. Carolina, then in the possession of the Brittish [sic] army. The Regt. he belonged to were mounted gunmen were stationed on the opposite side of the river from Wilmington, Gen. Rutherford who as he understood was the commander of the Americans was with the infantry on the side of the town. The Brittish [sic] had some troops quartered in a brick house about a mile and a half on this side of the Cape Fear, and his regiment had skirmish with them & killed & wounded about thirty & while they were there, they also broke up a Tory station at a mill in the nighbourhood [sic] & killed & took twenty five prisoners, that his regt. was in that nighbourhood [sic] when he heard of Cornwallis defeat. They remained there some four weeks, & were then marched back to the County of Anson & discharged, which was signed by Capt. Dejarnett, the last of November in that year. That in all he served about seventeen months, his discharge has been mislain as he never supposed it would be of any service. Edmund Hogan was with him the last campaign to Wilmington & can prove that tour, he has no documentary evidence to prove that service or his other tours, states that he was born in the year 1756 on the 10<sup>th</sup> of April as appears from the record his father kept & which he now has, was born in Prince Edward County State of Virginia. Since the revolutionary war he has resided a greater part of his time in the county of Stewart State of Tennessee, but now & for the last seven years has lived in the county of Henry & same State. I am well acquainted & have for a long time acquainted with ~~Elias Bowden~~ Rev. Lem Myrick and Hamblin Manly of the Cty of Henry & State of Tenn. He hereby relinquishes any claim 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 aforesaid in open court.

B.C. Brown, DClk

signed Lewis Atkins seal

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lewis Atkins". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

We Hamblin Manly & ~~Elias Bowden~~ Lemuel Myrick, residing in the County of Henry, that we hereby certify we are well acquainted with Lewis Atkins who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to be seventy six years of age, that he is reputed & believed in the nighbourhood [sic] when he has said to have been a soldier of the revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court the day & date above written.

B.C. Brown, DClk

signed Hamblin F. Manly seal

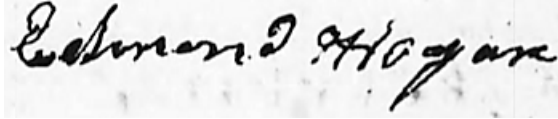
signed Lemuel Myrick seal

I, Edmund Hogan of the County of Henry, do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with the above applicant Lewis Atkins and knew him well in the revolution, that the said Lewis Atkins &

himself both belonged to the company of Capt. John Dejarnett & Col. Wade's Regt. afterwards Col. Smith, further state that he has read the declaration of the said Lewis Atkins & knows that part of it relative to the campaign against Wilmington to be strickly true, that the said Lewis did serve and all that same in the way he has stated.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court.  
B. C. Brown, D Clk.

Edmond Hogan (seal)



And the said Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions do hereby declare their opinion after the investigation of the matter, and after the putting of the interrogation prescribed by the War Department, that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier and served as he states. And the Court further certifies that it appears to them that the above named Edmund Hogan is a credible person and his statement is entitled to credit and that also Rev. Lemuel Myrick is a minister of the Gospel and that Hamblin Manly is entitled to full credit on his oath in a court of justice.

John Studdart, JP (seal)  
Chairman of Henry County

Court

State of Tennessee ) I, Thomas K. Porter, Clerk of said county court do certify  
that the  
Henry County ) foregoing contains the original proceedings in the matter of the  
application

of Lewis Atkins for a pension.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court at office in the town of Paris, October 5, A. D. 1832, and 57<sup>th</sup> year of the American Independence.

Thomas K. Porter, Clk.  
by B. C. Brown, D. Clk.

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**BRIEF in the case of Lewis Atkins**

County of Henry in the State of Tennessee (Act 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832)

1. Was the declaration made before a Court or a Judge? Court
2. If before a Judge, does it appear that the applicant is disabled by bodily infirmity?  
(nothing entered)
3. How old is he? 70 years (Note: Affidavit shows age as 76 years)

Period Officers	Duration of Service	Rank	Names of General and Field under whom he served
vol in 17__	Years, Months, Days 1      5	As a private	Gen. Rutherford Capt Jno. Dejarnett, Col Thos. Wade, Col Smith

5. In what battles was he engaged? Black Creek, Betty Bridge, Drowning Creek.
6. Where did he reside when he entered the service? Anson County, North Carolina
7. Is his statement supported by living witnesses, by documentary proof, by traditional evidence, by incidental evidence, or by the rolls? Living witnesses & traditional
8. Are the papers defective as to form or authentication? and if so, in what respect? Correct

I certify that the foregoing statement and the answers agree with the evidence in the case above mentioned.

Signed Richard ? Watts, Examining Clerk

No. 15481      West  
Lewis Atkins of Henry  
County, Tennessee

from 1780 Private  
17 months.  
5 @ \$56 66/100

Hon. W. Fitzgerald,  
Paris P. O.  
~~B. Gillespie, Paris, Henry~~  
County, Tennessee

State of Ten. }  
Henry County }

May Term 1833  
of the Circuit Court

The amended declaration of Lewis Atkins for the purpose of obtaining a pension under the Act of Congress, passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That from his old age and loss of memory he cannot state precisely his exact term of service but according to the best of recollection he served not less than the periods and at the times and

manner as hereinafter stated. That shortly before Gates defeat, the time he cannot recollect, he entered the service under Capt John Dejarnett in Col. Thos Wades Regt. in the State of N. Carolina, Anson County, he was a private soldier and continued in actual service for seventeen months to the best of his recollection, during his said service, he was principally engaged against the forces in the lower part of N. Carolina, and had several skirmishes with them one at Black Creek and another at Betty's Bridge on Drowing [Drowning] Creek, this was in N. Carolina, but what county he can't state. He was under Col Wade for two months. He was then transferred under Col Smith who marched the regiment near Wilmington, N. Carolina, then in possession of the British (sp) Army. The Regt he belonged to were mounted gunmen were stationed in the neighbourhood (sp) of Wilmington to watch the movements of the British Army. Gen Rutherford had the chief command. He continued with the Regt. in that part of the country until a few weeks after the defeat of Cornwallis when they were marched to Anson County and discharged. In this tour he was in actual service fifteen months at least making in all seventeen months of actual service for which he claims a pension.

Sworn to & Subscribed signed Lewis Atkins  
 In open Court, this  
 29<sup>th</sup> May 1833  
 B.C. Brown DClk

And this day the 29<sup>th</sup> May 1833 appeared in open court B. Gillespie & T. K. Porter resident citizens of said County who after being duly sworn according to law, say that Lewis Atkins who has sworn to & subscribed to the above amended declaration is the same person who appeared in open court at the Sept Sessions 1832 of Henry County Court. Sworn to & Subscribed the original declaration as above referred to.

Sworn to & subscribed signed Thomas K. Porter  
 in open Court signed B. Gillespie  
 James Jones, Clk

And the said Court the Hon. Joshua Haskell presiding do hereby certify that it appears to him that the above named persons, B. Gillespie & Thomas K. Porter who have subscribed & sworn to the above affidavit, and that it appears to him that they are both respectable & credible persons, and that their statement is entitled to full faith & credit.

Joshua Haskell (seal)  
 Judge of the 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit in

Tennessee

State of Tennessee )  
 Jones, )  
 Henry County ) Clerk of said court, do hereby certify that the foregoing contains  
 the )

original papers in the matter of the application of Lewis Atkins for a pension, given under my hand & seal at office this 29<sup>th</sup> May 1833 & affixed my private seal, there being no seal of office.

James Jones, Clk. (seal)

State of Tennessee

I. W. Fitzgerald, late representative in Congress, from the Western District of Tennessee, do certify that I am well acquainted with the officers & their signatures whose names appear to the declaration of Lewis Atkins, and that I know them to be genuine & entitled to credit.

W. Fitzgerald

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Rev. War      INVALID

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Lewis Atkins

Pvt., N. C. line

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[Arrangement of 1870.]

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