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Pension Application of Joshua Atkinson S30835

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State of Kentucky

Adair County Sct

On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 1833 personally appeared in open Court Before Benjamin Monroe Esquire sole Judge of the Adair Circuit Court Holden for the County of Adair and State of Kentucky Joshua Atkinson aged 78 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 act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, some time in the spring of 1781 he was drafted in Amelia County and state of Virginia, he entered the service immediately under Captain Edward Booker of Amelia County Virginia for three months and served the time, he joined the army at Richmond Shocko hill [sic: Shockoe Hill] virginia and was marched by Scottstown to Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] County in said state where he was discharged his term of service having expired, during which time he was under Colonel [John] Green, and Commanded by Gen'l. Lafayette and Baron Stuben [sic Baron von Steuben], the other officers names he cannot recollect at this distance of time by reason of the failure of memory consequent upon old aged, he again was ordered out during the same year for three months he does not recollect the precise time of the year for the reasons above mentioned, during this term of service he was under Captain [John] Knight of Prince Edward County, he cannot recollect the name of the Colonel, but [Robert] Lawson was his General he was still under Lafayette & Stuben he was marched during this second tour from Amelia County Virginia where he was rendezvoused to Petersburg and from thence to Wilton and to divers other places during this tour which he cannot now recollect, and was discharged at Wilton at the end of his second Tour which he served faithfully, he served another tour of Three months under Captain Winn of Nottaway [sic: Nottoway] County Virginia and was rendezvosed above Petersburg and was marched to various places about the Country which he does not now recollect, but recollects that after his term of service had expired he was discharged at Mimm's ferry on James' River in Virginia, [Edmund] Booker was his colonel during the last mentioned tour, but he cannot state who were the other officers, nor whether the last mentioned term of service may not have been the first which he served or performed, he is so old and his recollection so frail that he cannot recollect particulars, & for this reason he is unable to state what regiment he served in during any one of the three tours which he served or the names of all of his officers, there is no living witness by whom he can prove his service, and he has no documentary evidence by which he can prove his service, having lost his discharges if he ever procured written ones, he further states that he was a Sergeant and swerved as such during one of the terms of service above specified, he thinks as well as he now recollects that it was the last tour which he served, all the service which he performed was in the Virginia Militia, but he was never in any battle during his service but was often in sight of the enemy and was present when Captain Knight was taken prisoner with some others [mid-June 1781; see William Worsham S6436], & he should have shared the same fate if he had not taken to the bushes for shelter

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state whatever sworn to and subscribed the day and year first aforesaid

[signed] Joshua Atkinson