

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Edward Atkins S35174

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District of Kentucky sct:

On this 7th of Sept 1818 before me the subscriber, one of the Circuit Judges for the District aforesd personally appeared Edward Atkins aged 62 years resident in Franklin County and District aforesd, who being by me first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress intituled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war – that he the said Edward Atkins enlisted about the beginning of the Revolutionary war in the State of Virginia for two years in the company commanded by Capt Frank Taylor [Francis Taylor] in the 5th or 7th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colo Edward Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens] in the Continental establishment; that he served out the said time of two years and again enlisted under Capt Robert Jouette [sic: Robert Jouett] for one year same Regiment and served the said time, when he was discharged at Valley Forge – That he was in the battles of Long bridge [probably Battle of Great Bridge VA, 9 Dec 1775], Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], and German Town [Germantown, 4 Oct 1777] – That he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services – Sworn to and declared before me this Day and year aforesd
Benj. Johnson Circuit Judge
[Several neighbors of Atkins deposed that he was old and industrious but had no means of maintaining his family except his own labor.]

District of Kentucky Sct:

On this 8th Day of June 1819 before me the subscriber one of the Circuit Judges for the District aforesaid, personally appeared Edward Atkins aged 62 years, resident in Franklin County and District aforesaid, who being by me first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled “An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war That he the said Edward Atkins inlisted after the Battle of the Long Bridge, in the state of virginia, in the company commanded by Capt. Frank Taylor in the Second Virginia Regement commanded by Colo. [William] Woodford in the continental establishment, for the term of two years – That he served out the said time of two years and was honorably discharged which discharge is destroyed – That he again enlisted for the term of one year in 1778 in the state aforesaid in the company commanded by Joseph Spencer in the 7th Virginia Regement commanded by Colo. Holt Richards on [Holt Richeson], in the Continental establishment – That he served out the said time of one year, when he was honorably discharged at Middlebrook in the state of Jersey. That he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned, Richard Gaines and made oath that he was well acquainted with the within named Edward Atkins in the Revolutionary war, that they served in the same company to wit Capt Joseph Spencers in the year 1778 and that he knows that the said Atkins served as a regular soldier for the term of one year in said Company and 7th Virginia Regiment. That this deponent and the applicant entered the army by enlistment at the same period at the Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania – This was about February in the year 1778. That they continued to serve together & were messmates, and were attached to Gen’l. Woodford’s Brigade & the said applicant was honorably

discharged in February 1779 at Middlebrook in the State of New Jersey —
 Sworn to before me this date first before written and designed as a correction of the former statement
 herewith transmitted – taken by my predecessor in office the Hon. Benjamin Johnson the 7 September
 1818 – together with the additional testimony of Major Richard Gains of whose credit & respectability
 there is no doubt.
 B. Mills

District of Kentucky Sct Mercer County

On this fourth day of December 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record
 for the said County Edward Atkins aged sixty three years resident in Mercer County in said District who
 being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War
 as follows: that he joined the U States army at Valey Forge & was at the Battles of Long Bridge, German
 Town and Brandy Wine and many other skirmishes and was Honourably discharged after five years
 service at Middle Brook State of New Jersey from Capt Joseph Spencers Company
 And 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. I have no family to contribute to my
 support a Sadler by trade but not able now to support my self by it.

One Cow and Calf. . . . \$12	1 Table..... .75	
One hoe..... 1	½ Doz. knives & forks.75	
five Chairs. 1.75	2 Potts 1 oven & skellet.... 4.50	
1 Dozen plates..... 1.50		6.0
16.25		<u>16.25</u>
	Total	\$22.25
	Edward Atkins	

[The following letter seems to refer to a different soldier, but there was no other pensioner named Edward
 Atkins (or Adkins):]

Long Lick Scott Co Ky June 27, 1843

Dear Sir [J. L. Edwards, Pension Commissioner]

Mr Edward Atkins who is a Pensioner under the law of Congress 1818 States that he was put on
 the pension rool in Anderson County Ky and that he was a Sergent in the war of the revolution and that
 he is desirous to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of June 7, 1832
 Will you have the kindness to give such instruction and information as may be nessary to enable him to
 obtain the benefit of the said act unless there is evidence in your office of his having acted as a Sergent it
 will be difficult at this lat day to make out his Case

I am yours with great respect
 Lewis C Suggett