

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Atkinson S37688

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Virginia to Wit,

This day personally appeared before the Subscriber, one of the judges of the General Court of the State aforesaid, John Atkinson of the City of Richmond in the said State, aged 62 years, who being first by me duly sworn, according to law, made the following Declaration on Oath, in order to obtain the pension authorized by the late Act of Congress concerning the Officers & Soldiers of the Revolutionary War:

That he enlisted as a private soldier in the Town of Alexandria, (formerly in State of Virg'a.) with Capt. David Earle, of the 3^d. Regiment on Continental Establishment; the said Reg't. was then commanded by Colo. Thomas Marshall, Lieut. Colo. Wm. Heth [William Heth], & Major [Charles] West – in [William] Woodford's Brigade – that he continued in the service of the U.S. 'till the End of the War, as a soldier, & was discharged at the Point of Fork on James River [at the junction with Fluvanna River], by Capt. John Peyton – which discharge has been lost – That he fought in the Battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], German Town [Germantown, 4 Oct 1777], & Monmouth Ct. House [28 Jun 1778] – was with Marquis LaFayette in his retreat from Schuylkill – that he was with Gen'l. [Anthony] Wayne in the attack on Stoney point [sic: Stony Point NY, 16 Jul 1779]. And that he is in very 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 the performance of the said services, except his own oath, & the annexed Certificate of Colo. William Bentley [pension application S37745] formerly an Officer in the Revolutionary Army.

Given under my Hand, as Judge aforesaid this 17 June 1818 Wm. Brockenbough

Mr. John Atkinson served under my command & notice as a faithfull soldier in the revolutionary War of the State of Virginia, to the Close of it. – Given under my Hand the first day of May 1818

W. Bentley a Capt. [in?] the Revolutionary War

The supplemental affidavit of John Atkinson made before me this 18 Feb. 1819 –

Being duly sworn, he saith that he first enlisted as a Soldier in the year 1777 in Alex'a. as set forth by him in his first Affidavit, and actually served under that Enlistment for three years, and was then discharged by Colo. Wm. Davies [William Davies] at Chesterfield Courthouse Virga. He then enlisted again in the Service of the U. S. for the Term of 18 months, and served out his full Term, & was attached to the clothier Department, & was again honorably discharged at the Point of Fork by Capt. John Peyton. He refers to the Certificate of Major Wm. Price [William Price], & of George Rayburn [pension application S38324] hereto annexed to prove that he served more than nine months in the revolutionary war against the Common Enemy.

Given under my Hand (having no seal of Office) the day & year above mentioned

Wm Brockenbough

P.S. I am satisfied that the above affidavit as well as the first contains the Truth WB

I do hereby Certify that John Atkinson was a Waggoner in the U States service was attached to the Cloather department as such, Capt John Peyton was Clothier Gen'l. & I was his deputy, and in the year 1783 he was discharged from the Service of the U States at the Point of Fork, and am confident he served upwards of nine months in the s'd. Department

Given under my hand in the City of Richmond this 16 Feby 1819 –

William Price Late Lieut. of the US. Army 1st Virg'a Regment

The Affidavit of George Rayburn made this 18 Feby 1819

The affiant being first duly sworn declares that he knows that John Atkinson (the present applicant) served in the American Revolutionary Army in the year 1778 & 1779, and that the affiant was personally acquainted with him as a Soldier for more than one year. The affiant belonged to the 5th Virg'a. Reg't. & the said Atkinson to the 3^d. Virg'a. Regiment.

Sworn to before me the day & year aforesaid

Wm. Brockenbough

District of Virginia SS.

On this [blank] day of August 1820, personally appeared in open court, being a court of record for the County of Henrico John Atkinson aged Sixty six years, a resident in the County of Henrico 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:

In the 3^d Virginia Regiment in Captain David Erles Company on the Contanal line in the revolutionary war and the date of his original declaration was dated the 17th day of June 1818 and that his pension Certificate is numbered 8577

and I do solemnly [blank] 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.

that he has no real nor Personal estate and that he is a Labour but not able to preforme hard service and that his family Consists of a Wife about fifty five years of age and that he stands in nead of the assistance of his Country for support

John hisXmark Atkinson

Sworn to, and declared, on the 9th day of August 1820

William Price