

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Adkinson S41399

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State of North Carolina, Secretary's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify, that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that James Atkison [sic] a private Soldier in Captain Bacot's Company of the 10th Regiment, was mustered in the year 1782 for the term of 18 months – nothing further is said of him, it is therefore believed he served out the term for which he enlisted.

Given under my hand this 3rd day of August 1824.

S/ Wm Hill

It appears Mr. Atkison is mistaken as to the year in which he enlisted, this ought not to operate against his claim, neither should his name is found in a different Regiment from that mentioned in his declaration, as the regiments were consolidated towards the close of the War.

S/ Wm Hill

State of North Carolina, Stokes County: Superior Court of Law April Term 1824

21 April 1824

Personally appeared before the Superior Court of Law for the County of Stokes, being a Court of Record, in open Court, held this day in & for the County of Stokes State aforesaid James Adkinson a citizen of Stokes County aged Sixty One years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare as follows in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820. -- That the said James Adkinson enlisted early in January in the year 1781 in Tarboro Edgecombe County North Carolina under Lieutenant Thomas Pastors [perhaps Thomas Pasteur] in Captain Peter Becoat's [Peter Bacot's] Company Colonel Archibald Lytle's 2nd Regiment – North Carolina Continentals he was immediately marched off and joined Colonel Morgan [Daniel Morgan] and was at the battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781], he was also at the Battle of Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781] and at the Battle of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] – he received in the service a bayonet wound through the thigh, he was regularly discharged at Halifax in North Carolina in the fall of the year 1782 – he has no other evidence of his Services now in his power than his own oath, old age and poverty have reached him and he is now dependent upon the charity of the County and a pauper.

I James Adkinson do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th 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 persons 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 property

I have been a pauper and supported by Stokes County for thirteen years.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court

S/ Thos T. Armstrong, Clerk

S/ James Adkinson, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing March 4th, 1824, for service as a private for 18 months in the North Carolina Continental line.]