

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Atkinson S5253
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State of Virginia, County of Cumberland towit.

On this 27th day of Nov'r. 1826, personally appeared in open Court (being a court of record) for the county aforesaid, Thomas Atkinson, resident in said county, aged seventy eight years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820, that he, the said Thomas Atkinson, enlisted for the term of eighteen months, on the [blank] day of Sep't. 1778 in the company commanded by Captain James Quarles, in the regiment commanded by Colo Mobile, in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in said corps, until about the month of February 1780, when he was discharged from the service in Richmond, in the state of Virginia

"And in pursuance of the act of the 1st of May 1820, 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. towit

one old negro woman, two casks, & two pigs. My family consists of my son John, who is twenty eight years old, my daughter Nancy, twenty three years old, and the old negro woman Cherry, who is about sixty five years old. My son John and the negro woman are not able to render me much assistance towards a support, my son being nearsighted, and the woman nearly blind. My daughter is also weakly, and in delicate health. My occupation is that of a farmer, and my reason for not sooner applying for a pension, was, that I had property sufficient to support me, until it was sold on the 15th day of September last, under a deed of Trust, to satisfy my just debts. Thos. hisXmark Atkinson

The Affidavit of William Atkinson Sr. of Lawful age, who being first duly sworn upon the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, Deposeth and saith, That, during the Revilutionary War, he knows of his own personal knowledge that Thomas Atkinson entered the Regular Service in the Company of Capt. Quarles in Essex county, and Remained in that service, untill the time of his enlistment expired, and Received a Regular discharge; that he (this affiant) was present at the time when the said Thomas Received his discharge, saw it written, by Gen'l. Muhlenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg], and saw it afterwards in his possession: That he does not Recollect the length of time for which he enlisted, and served, but knows that it was not less than twelve months. [signed] Wm. Atkinson

Powhatan County to wit

The foregoing affidavit was taken and sworn to before me William Old a justice of the peace for the county aforesaid this 24th day of July 1827. Given under my hand William Old
The affiant is since dead.

State of Virginia } To wit
Cumberland County }

On this 28th day of January 1833 personally appeared before me Hez Ford a justice of the peace for the County of Cumberland aforesaid Thomas Atkinson a resident of the said County of Cumberland & State

of Virginia aforesaid, aged seventy eight 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in the war of the Revolution in the year 1776, as well as he now recollects (though his memory of dates is extremely bad) as a drafted militia man in the Company of Capt John Henshaw of the County of Essex and State of Virginia, where the declarant then lived – that he was in the service at this time only about two weeks and was constantly stationed at Hobbs Hole on the Rappahannock River [near Tappahannock] (to guard that place against an armed Vessel which was committing depredations on that River) at which place he was discharged. That about two years after the expiration of this tour of service as well as he recollects, he entered the service again in the Company of Capt James Quarles of the County of Essex in the State line of Virginia, as a substitute for Benjamin Vawter (who had enlisted for three years), that Capt Quarles was then attached as well as he recollects to the 2nd Regiment of the Virginia State Line, that he entered Capt Quarles Company at Williamsburg Virginia, where he was stationed some time, that he received a furlough to go home from Williamsburg with orders to rendezvous in Fredericksburg, in the month of April, that he remained in Fredericksburg some few weeks, and was marched back in consequence of an alarm at Norfolk but got no farther than Williamsburg the enemy having retired from Norfolk. that he remained some time in Williamsburg & there marched to James Town, & from there to Petersburg, from there to Richmond, where he was discharged, that he served in Capt Quarles Company and under this enlistment according to the best of his recollection seventeen or eighteen months, That he received a regular discharge but did not preserve it, his name however will be found on the roll of Capt Quarles Company, that some time after his discharge from Capt Quarles Company, he removed from Essex to the County of Powhatan then Cumberland and was enrolled in the Company of Capt. George Williamson of the militia, that in a short time after he was called out along with a large portion of the County in consequence of the enemy coming up James River, That he marched as far down as Jerico [sic: Jericho] a little place about two miles below the Town of Suffolk, where he was discharged, that he served in this tour seven or eight weeks, that in this tour he was in a skirmish with the enemy near Hoods on James River [in Prince George County], that shortly after his discharge from Capt Williamson's Company this tour, he was drafted for a three months tour, which he served under Capt Edward Mumford [sic: Edward Munford] of the Virginia Militia of the County of Powhatan then Cumberland, that in this tour he marched to Warebottom Church near [8 mi N of] Petersburg, the Enemy under Philips [sic: Gen. William Phillips] & [Gen. Benedict] Arnold were at that time [April 1781] in Petersburg, that he remained near Petersburg for some time, & marched from place to place as circumstances required does not recollect the place where he was discharged at the end of this tour, that soon after his discharge from Capt Mumfords Company he again entered the service under Capt George Williamson as a substitute for James Hill from the County of Powhatan then Cumberland in the Virginia Militia, that he joined the main army under the Maquis la Fayette [sic: Marquis de Lafayette] below Richmond, and marched to York Town, was at the seige of that place, and at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] was discharged at York Town, that in this tour he served two months That he knows of no person now living by whom he can prove his services aforesaid, That after the revolutionary war he removed from Powhatan County to Amelia County from Amelia to Cumberland County from Cumberland to Buckingham County from Buckingham back to Cumberland County whe he now resides and has for a good many years, That he has no register of his age. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to any pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Thomas hisXmark Adkinson

NOTE: A document in the file lists the property sold as follows: "one negro man Davy for life, two horses, one yoke of oxen, stock of cattle, hogs and sheep, household and kitchen furniture, crop of wheat, oats and growing crop of tobacco and corn."