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Pension Application of Ambrose Atkins S6543

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State of Virginia }

Culpeper County } S.

On this 5th day of September 1832 personally appeared before me William Waldon one of the justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, Ambrose Atkins, a resident in the County of Culpeper and state of Virginia 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 under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. That he volunteered in the year 1775 under Capt. Joseph Spencer from the County of Orange state of Virginia in the minute service and rendesvoused at Orange Court-house and was marched from thence to Norfolk and joined the regiment commanded by Col. Wm Woodford [William Woodford], arrived at the great Bridge the same night of the day that the battle was fought at that place [9 Dec 1775], thence was marched to Norfolk at which place was stationed for several months. from thence was marched to Suffolk at which place he was discharged and returned home. That he believes that he rendered upwards of seven months service during this campaign; which service he has it in his power to prove by Col. David Jamison [sic: David Jameson, pension application S5607] from the County of Culpeper Virginia. That in the summer of 1776 he again volunteered in the company commanded by Captain John Scott from the county of orange state of Virginia and marched to Yorktown Virginia, and was stationed at and near that place from forty to fifty days watching the movements of the enemy then in york river, and to protect the place and country from the marauding parties of the british; during this service the command of Captain Scott joined no other troops as he remembers with the exception of Captain [Charles] Bruce's command which marched at the same time from the County of orange and remained together during that service; that after their service the respective Companies of Captain Scott and Bruce were marched to Orange Court house and discharged, that he removed from the County of Orange in the year 1777 to the County of Culpeper Virginia, That in the spring of the year 1781 he was required by his militia Captain, Captain John Slaughter, (afterwards during the revolutionary war Col John Slaughter) to aid in apprehending William Bryant a private, who refused to bear arms or discharge military duty and take him to Richmond Virginia, which he did, and for which service Captain Slaughter promised him an allowance for a tour of three months, that he was engaged at least fifteen days in the apprehension and delivery of Bryant, That he was drafted in the militia service in the month of June or July of the year 1781 whilst he was in the employment of Col. John Thornton as an overseer, that Col Thornton was detailed for the command of the regiment from the County of Culpeper at the same time, and requested him to procure a substitute as it was inconvenient and improper for both to leave home at the same time, and that Col. Thornton aided him in paying a substitute, that he paid the substitute in addition to what Col. Thornton gave, five hundred dollars Continental money, one thousand pounds of tobacco and two linen shirts, That he served in all at least nine months That he was born and raised in the County of Orange, Virginia and there lived untill he was twenty five years of age and that he moved to the County of Culpeper in the year 1777 and has continued to reside there to the present time, That he has no documentary evidence to prove his service; and as before stated, he can prove by Col. David Jameson of Culpeper County now living his service as set forth in his declaration in the minute service, and that he knows of no person living by whom he can prove the remainder. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Ambrose hisXmark Atkins

I David Jamison of the County of Culpeper State of Virginia, do Certify that in the year 1775 I marched from the County of Culpeper as an Ensign in what was called the Culpeper Minute Battalion, commanded by Col. Lawrence Taliffero [sic: Lawrence Taliaferro] with Lieut. Col. Edward Stevens and major Thomas Marshall to Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg], where we fell under the command of Col Patrick Henry who commanded the first Regiment of Virginia Regular troops, that after encamping there about two months, one half of the battalion was discharged and the other half marched in two Companies joined with a detachment of the second virginia regiment under the command of Col. Wm. Woodford to the Great bridge near norfolk where we fought with a party of the british and defeated them, thence to Norfolk where we remained some months that Ambrose Atkins was a soldier in that Batalion and served at least six months Given under my hand this 17th day of Sept'r 1832 [signed] D Jameson