

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Akens W4625

Frances Akens

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State of Georgia, Coweta County

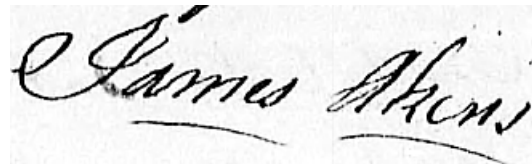
On this the 5 Day of September 1832, personally appeared before me Samuel D. Echols, one of the Judges of the Inferior Court, of Said State and County (the applicant not being able to attend conveniently in open Court) James Akens, a resident of the County of Coweta and State aforesaid, aged 69 years, who being first duly Sworn according to Law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to attain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th June 1832.

That I entered the Service of the United States, under the following named Officers, and Served as herein Stated. I entered the Service in the Company of Captain Brownfield [John Brownfield], in the fall of 1779 and was discharged on the last of March 1780, the Regiment to which my Company was attached, was commanded by Colonel Lock [sic, Francis Locke]. I do not at this time recollect the name of the Lieutenant Colonel, But the Major[']s name was Wilson. I was repeatedly called out after I returned home from the first Tour, in Small detachments for a short time, in the years of 1780 and 1781, but I do not at this time recollect the day, and month, that I entered & Left the Service, we were generally called out or a short time and discharged my whole Service during the revolution was about twelve Months. I lived in Macklinburg [sic, Mecklenburg] County North Carolina when I first entered the Service. I was a volunteer. I never was in any battle, when the Regiment was formed and Joined the Main Army, the whole was commanded by General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln], he marched us from Mecklenburg County N. C. through South Carolina, near down to Charleston when a detachment of the Army, among which was the Company that I belonged, was ordered to proceed to Purrysburg to be stationed there as a guard. I remained until I was dismissed. I knew no regular officers except General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln], neither do I know the Continental regiments – or company, with which we served, for while we were marching, we were encamped apart, and I had no opportunity to find them out, before we were ordered to Purrysburg. I have no Documentary evidence, that I can procure and I know of no person, whose testimony I can procure who Can testify to my Service. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and Subscribed, the day and year aforesaid.

Test: S/ Sam D. Echols, JICCC

S/ James Akens



Answers to the Interrogatories propounded

To the first Interrogatory, He states that he was born in the year 1763 as well as he can now recollect, to have heard his father Say, that they lived between Maryland & Pennsylvania, my father

having moved to Mecklenburg County N. C. when I was as small that I do not myself recollect what State, he lived in, and I do not recollect, that I ever heard him Say.

To the 2nd Interrogatory He states that he has no record of his age and that he does not believe his father kept any.

To the 3rd Interrogatory He answers that he was living in Mecklenburg County N. C. when he was called into Service and that he has lived since the revolution in Georgia and is now Living in Coweta County Georgia.

To the 4th interrogatory – He answers that he was in every instance, when he went out, a Volunteer.

To the 5th interrogatory –He states that he knew General Lincoln, and do not at this time recollect any other except the Officers of his Regiment already mentioned and Colonel Saunders, who commanded another Regiment N. C. militia, the circumstances of my service are such as I have attested.

To the 6th Interrogatory – he states that he never received a discharge.

To the 7th Interrogatory – He refers to John Houston Esq. & Henry Keller.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Sam D. Echols, JICCC

S/ James Akens

[John Houston and Henry Keller gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

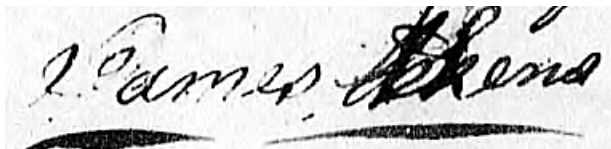
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State of Georgia, Coweta County

Personally appeared before us Judges of said County Wm Spratling, John D. Hinton, & Richard B. Wootten & Saml. D. Echols.

James Akens who being duly Sworn Deposeth and Saith that by reason of old age and the Consequent loss of Memory, he cannot Swear positively to the precise length of his Service but according to the best of his recollection, he Served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following Grades – I Served under Captain Brownfield the term of six months as a volunteer the Regiment under Colonel Locke. I served under Captain Hugh Parks, six weeks as a volunteer, and I served under Captain Charles Polk, six weeks as a volunteer. I served under Captain Brownfield three months as a volunteer in all making twelve months and for such Service I claim a pension. Sworn to and subscribed before us the second day of September 1833.

S/ James Akens

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Akens". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

S/ Wm Spratling, JICCC

S/ Jno D. Hinton, JICCC

Rich. B. Wootten, JICCC

Sam D. Echols, JICCC

J. Richard W. East Clerks

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State of Georgia, Coweta County

On the fifth day of November 1833 personally appeared before me John D. Hinton one of the Judges of the Inferior Court of said State and County (the applicant not being able to attend in open Court on account of bodily infirmity) James Akens a resident of the County of Coweta and State aforesaid aged 70 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 the 7th of June 1832.

That I entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein Stated. I entered the Service in the Company of Captain Brownfield in October 1778 and was discharged on the last of March 1779 the Regiment to which my company was attached was commanded by Colonel Locke, the name of the Lieutenant Colonel was James Rutherford, the Major's name was Wilson. I was repeatedly called on after I returned home from the first tour in small detachments under Captain Parks, & Captain Polk for a short time in the year 1781 and 1782 and served three months under Captain Brownfield in 1782 but I do not at this time recollect the day of the month that I entered and left the Service-- we were generally called out for a short time and discharged my whole service during the Revolution was twelve months.

I lived in Mecklenburg County North Carolina when I first entered the service. I was a volunteer. I never was in any battle when the Regiment was formed and we Joined the Main Army, the whole was Commanded by General Lincoln, we were arched from Charlotte Mecklenburg County N. C. through Camden to South Carolina; to within 10 miles of Charleston in South Carolina, where a detachment of the Army among which was the Company that I belonged was ordered to proceed to Purysburg on the Savannah River, to be attached to general Lincoln's Army. After which we were ordered out to guard the following Ferries, , viz.: Youlay's [sic], Parachuckly [sic]¹ and Two Sisters, where we were marched from the Two Sisters to Joined General Nash [sic, John Ashe] then Stationed at Brier Creek Georgia, but before we arrived he was defeated [March 3, 1779] in consequence of which we returned to the Two Sisters, where we remained a few weeks, when we were marched to the Black Swamp where I was discharged by my Captain on the last of March. I knew no regular officers except General Lincoln neither do I know the Continental regiments or Company with which we Served, or while we were marching we were encamped or part and I had no opportunity to find them out I have no Documentary evidence that I can procure war and I know of no person whose testimony I can procure who can testify to my Service. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

S/ James Akens

S/ Jno D. Hinton, Justice of the Inferior Court of Coweta County, Ga.

Answers to Interrogatories propounded

To the first Interrogatory he states that he was born in the year 1762 as well as he can now recollect to have heard his Father say on the line between Maryland and Pennsylvania my Father had removed to Mecklenburg County, North Carolina when I was so small that I do not myself recollect what state he lived in and I do not recollect I ever heard him say.

To the 2nd Interrogatory He states that he has no record of his age and that he does not believe his Father kept any.

To the 3rd Interrogatory He answers that he was living in Mecklenburg County North Carolina when he was called into service and that he has lived since the Revolution in Georgia more than 40 years of the time in Georgia and is now living in Coweta County Georgia.

To the 4th Interrogatory He answers that he was in every instance when he went out a volunteer.

To the 5th Interrogatory He states that he knew General Lincoln and does not at this time recollect any other except the officers of his Regiment already mentioned and Colonel Saunders who commanded another Regiment N.C. Militia, the circumstances of his Service are such as I have related.

To the 6th Interrogatory He states that he never received a discharge.

To the 7th Interrogatory he refers to John Houston Esq. and William A. Spears.

1. Youlay's, Parachuckly

S/ James Akens

[John Houston and William A Spears gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 12: On August 6th, 1844 in Coweta County Georgia, Frances Akens, 80, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act as the widow of James Akens, a revolutionary war pensioner; that her husband died April 12, 1843 in Coweta County Georgia; that she married him March 16th, 1791 in Green [Greene] County Georgia; that they were married by Oliver Porter Esquire; that she has no original record of her marriage the original family record having been destroyed and she knows of no living person who can testify to her marriage. She signed her application with her mark.]

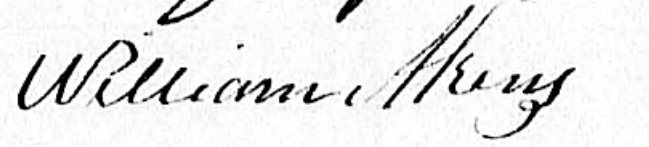
[p 13: On August 6th, 1844 in Coweta County Georgia, James Akens, 50, gave testimony that his father James Akens died April 12, 1843 leaving his mother Frances his widow and that she is still a widow.



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[p 16: on dated note reading: "William Akens the first son of James Akens and Frances his wife was born the 16th of April 1793."]

[p 17: On August 19, 1845 in Heard County Georgia, William Akens gave testimony that he is a son of James and Frances Akens; that according to a record entry in the family Bible in the hand writing of his father the affiant was born the 16th day of April 1793.



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for six months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]