Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Akins [1] W5600 Elizabeth Akins fn90SC[NC]
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State of Georgia, [Morgan] County

On this 5th day of November 1832 personally appeared in the Ordinary Court of the County aforesaid William Akins a resident of said State and County of Morgan aged Sixty Six years & upwards 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. First service/served under Col. Thomas Polk in the winter of 1777 as a volunteer under the immediate command of David Reid [David Reed] Lieutenant William Brownfield Ensign John Brownfield. This Service was in the State of North Carolina between Wilmington and Brunswick the term of service lasted about six months: Served in the second term of Service as a Substitute for Phinckas Alexander [?][2] to the Cherokee Nation commanded by General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford], Colonel Adam Alexander, John Phifer Lieutenant Colonel, John McRee, first Lieutenant, William Perry Hill John Carruth Ensign this tour of service comprised about six months as near as this deponent now recollects and was performed [in] the year 1778. Third Term of Service volunteered under command of John Sharp Captain, first Lieutenant James Taggert and marched and joined General Lincoln's [Benjamin Lincoln's] Army at Charleston, South Carolina in the Year 1779 and was discharged 1780 making a service of about six months. Fourth Term of Service volunteered in 1780 under the command of Samuel Hart the detachment Commanded by Colonel Davidson [William Lee Davidson] & Major Dickson was employed in scouting near Sharlotte [Charlotte] North Carolina embracing a term of Service as near as this deponent recollects of about twelve months. Fifth Term of service volunteered in the year 1782, I enlisted under Captain Francis Moore of the South Carolina State Troops, Colonel Stark Middleton's detachment of State Dragoons was at the taking of Friday's Fort [Fort Granby, May 2-15, 1781] and Motts Fort [Fort Motte, May 12, 1781] Congaree River South Carolina Orangeburg Ford on Edisto River after which we joined General Greene [Nathanael Greene] near Eutaw Springs and was in the Battle of the Eutaw [September 8, 1781]: after the Battle of the Eutaw Springs was detached under the Command of General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] under the immediate Command of Major John Moore to the State of Georgia remaining in Georgia about six weeks was again detached back to South Carolina on the Arrival of General St. Clair with reinforcements, this service I was a first lieutenant this service embraced about ten months as near as this deponent now recollects. 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

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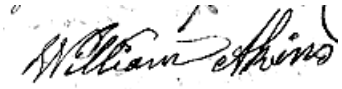
Test. S/ John W. Porter, C. C. O. S/ William Akins



Questions by the Court
1st: Where and in what year were you born? Answer. I was born in the State of Maryland Cecil County in the year 1756

2nd Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it? Answer. I have no record of my age the record of my age is in the possession of Rachel Stewart of Morgan County

3rd Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live? Answer. I lived in Mecklenburg County State of North Carolina when called into Service. I have lived upwards of thirty years and York District South Carolina for the last 13 years, have resided in Morgan County Georgia.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute? Answer. I have already answered the question by reference to the foregoing declaration will show.

5th State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service. Answer: General Greene, Otho Williams Adjutant General, Colonel Washington, Captain Kirkwood – Colonel Lee, Captain Armstrong Regular officers General Wayne: Colonel White Captains Hugh Gill and Mixon.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it? Answer. If I ever had any discharge for any of the tours of service before stated, they have long since been lost.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution. Answer. Joseph Morrow and John C. Reese & Alexander Stewart.

[Hugh Bruster[3] and Sheriff Bruster[4] gave an affidavit stating that Akins served under Col. Wade Hampton with them.]

[p 62]
Georgia Walton County: Personally appeared before me Egbert B. Beale one of the Justices of the Inferior Court in & for said County Hugh Bruster of the County of Gwinnett and Sheriff Bruster of the County of Walton and being duly sworn deposeth and saith that they are acquainted with William Aken of the County of Morgan and knows that the said Aken did enlist and serve as stated in his above declaration for this deponents enlisted & served in Colonel Wade Hampton's Regiment and the said William Aken enlisted & served as an officer at the same time and Colonel Middleton's Regiment under General Sumter of South Carolina.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19th of November 1832.

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3 **Hugh Brewster (Bruster) S31578**
4 **Sheriff Brewster (Bruster) S31570**

S/ Egbert B. Beale, JIC

S/ Hugh Bruster, X his mark
S/ Sheriff Bruster, X his mark

[p 64]
Georgia Morgan County: Personally appeared in Open Court: John Akins who being duly sworn saith on oath that he knew of his own knowledge that the Applicant William Akins in the foregoing declaration did enter and served in the Army of the United States as detailed by him in the tour to Wilmington. Also in his tour to the Cherokee nation I saw him when he started and met him return and have no doubt that he served as stated by him. Also I know that the applicant William Akins did join the Army as detailed by him in the third tour of service and have no doubt but what he served as stated by him. Also I know that the Applicant William Akins was in the service as detailed by him in the fourth and fifth tours of service the particulars, dates, and times he served I cannot now positively state

Sworn and subscribed in Open Court the [illegible] day of November 1832
S/ John Akins

[p 65: Archibald Stewart and Alexander Stewart Senior gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Georgia, Walton County

Personally came before me Leroy Pattillo an acting Magistrate in and for the County and State aforesaid Sheriff Bruster who being duly sworn deposes and saith that he is, and was, acquainted with William Akins now of the County of Morgan in said State, that he was a Lieutenant in the Revolutionary War, in the year 1781, that he served 10 months, in Colonel Charles P. Middleton's Regiment under General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] of South Carolina. That he entered said service about the 15th of March of said year. Sworn to & subscribed before me this fourth day of May in the year of all The war of 1833.

S/ Leroy Pattillo, JP

S/ Sheriff Bruster, X his mark

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Georgia, Morgan County Inferior Court Sitting for Ordinary purposes May 6th day 1833. Personally appeared in open Court this day William Akins who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the Consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as 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 for 24 months I served as a Private for 10 months, I served as a Lieutenant and for such service I claim a Pension.

Sworn and Subscribed in open Court day & date above written.

S/ John W. Porter, CCO

S/ William Akins

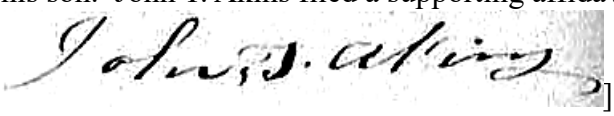
[John W. Butler, a clergyman, gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 19: On May 25, 1842 in Benton County Alabama, Elizabeth Akins filed an affidavit stating that she is the widow of William Akins, a revolutionary war pensioner who is now deceased (date of death not stated); that prior to his death he drew his pension while living in Benton County Alabama but previous to his death he resided in the state of Georgia. She signed this affidavit with her mark.]

[p 20: On May 25, 1842 in Benton County Alabama, the widow executed a power of attorney authorizing her attorney to demand and receive the pension due her husband William Akins from the 4th of September 1842 the 29th of March 1841 being the day on which he died. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 25: On May 11, 1844 in Cherokee County, Alabama, William Akins' widow, Elizabeth, filed for a pension under the 1838 act as the widow of William Akins who died March 29, 1841 in said county; that he was a pensioner at the rate of $179.99/ annum; that she married him on March 4, 1784 in Mecklenburg County, NC. She signed this document with her mark. In another petition filed in 1855 in Cherokee County, she states she is 90 years old. In another petition, her maiden name is stated as being Elizabeth McCorkle.]

[p 48: William McCorkle gave testimony in Cherokee County Alabama that he was well acquainted with William Akins and Elizabeth Akins, formerly Elizabeth McCorkle, of Mecklenburg County North Carolina prior to their marriage; that he was present at their marriage; that he lived in the same house with Elizabeth for a long period of time prior to her marriage; that their marriage was solemnized in the year 1782.]

[p 11: On March 10, 1840, in Benton County Alabama Veteran applied for a transfer of his pension benefit payments in the state of Alabama having moved there to procure a 'better home' and to be near his son. John T. Akins filed a supporting affidavit -- his relationship, if any, to the veteran is not stated.
]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of $179.99 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 24 months service in the revolution as a private & Lieutenant. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]