

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Charles Atkins (Adkins) S31511

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State of Georgia, County of Upson

On this 28th day of August in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Christopher B. Strong Judge of the Superior Court of the County of Upson and Flint district of Georgia, which said court, is now sitting Charles Adkins [sic, Atkins] a resident of the County of Upson and State of Georgia aged 72 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 the seventh 1832 Viz.: That he Entered the Service of the United States under the following named officer and kept served as herein Stated, that in the month of August in the year 1780 he entered the service as a volunteer private soldier in a company of Cavalry or mounted Infantry under the command of one Captain John Sneed of Major William Hunt's Battalion and Colonel John Dickerson's Regiment of Cavalry or mounted Infantry for the term of Six months and that he served a tour of duty in said Service under the said named officers for Six months with the exception of Colonel John Dickerson being taken sick Colonel Philip Taylor took the Command of the same for the term of two months about the latter end of the said tour of Service, that he resided at the time he entered said Service as aforesaid in the County of Granville State of North Carolina and that he Served said Tour of duty as a volunteer as before Stated, that his term of Service expired about the month of February in the year 1781, he was at a partial engagement at the town of Charlotte, North Carolina, and also in one at Ramsour's or Ramsay's Mills in the State of North Carolina, that he marched through a part of the State of North Carolina and a part of the State of South Carolina, that Colonel William Washington's Regiment of dragoons was frequently associated with the Regiment to which he belonged, that he was personally acquainted and knew Col. William Washington and does not now recollect he names of any other regular officers, that he has no documentary evidence to establish the foregoing facts and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his Service, 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.

S/ Wm P. Yonge, Clk, S. C.

S/ Charles Atkins

[Alexander F. Edwards, clergyman, and Lemuel G. Dawson, neighbor, give the standard certification of reputation for veracity, age and believed in the neighborhood of service as a revolutionary soldier.]

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On this 27th day of May in the year 1833 personally appeared in open Court before Thomas Biall, John Turner, Robert Collier & James W. Stinson, Justices of the Inferior Court of the County of Upson now Sitting Charles Adkins Senior a resident of said County of Upson and State of Georgia who being first duly Sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following additional declaration (to his declaration, made on the 28th day of August in the year of our Lord 1832 before Christopher B. Strong, Judge of the Superior Court of the County of Upson and of the Flint district in the State aforesaid, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832) and that he makes the same by way of explanation to the Brief of objections to the admission of his pension Claims, made by the Pension Office in the War department in which they required further proof or explanation – which are that he has failed to answer satisfactorily the 1st, 2nd and 7th Interrogatories prescribed by the War Department.

In answer there to the 1st Interrogatory, he answers. That he was born in the County of Lancaster, State of Virginia on the fifth day of May in the year of our Lord 1760.

To the 2nd Interrogatory he answers. That he has a record of his age though one kept by deponent's father and that deponent has the Same now in his possession.

To the 7th Interrogatory he answers. That in addition to Lemuel G. Dawson and Alexander E. Edwards a minister of the Gospel who testified to their belief of deponent's character as a Soldier of the revolution, this deponent is known to John Turner, Robert Collier, Esq., two of the Justices of the Inferior Court of Said County of Upson and State, aforesaid, George Powell, John Stephens, Solomon Stephens, William Stephens, Miliss R. Meadows, Peter Holloway, Henry Gailand, Sr., Henry Gailand, Jr., Edward Holloway, Thomas Flewillin, Jephtha Walker, and John Bunkley and many others also to whom this deponent could refer to but deems the foregoing names, a full compliance with the foregoing roll of the War Department.

S/ Charles Atkins