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Pension application of Elisha Atkinson S30834

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State of Kentucky, Muhlenberg County

On this 16th day of October 1833 personally appeared Elisha Atkinson before me, John Campbell, a justice of the peace for said county. he the said Elisha being a resident of the County aforesaid, aged 88 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his own 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. to wit:

That in the year 1776 as a volunteer under Captain John Ash [sic, Ashe], Commandant, Lieutenant Mark McClarnin [?] & ensign not Recollected, the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Ash [sic, Ashe] and Lieutenant Colonel Sampson Mosely [sic, Moseley], for three months. We marched to Cross Creek, a branch of Cape Fier [sic, Fear River], at which place and neighborhood we were continued one month, from which place we were marched to Wilmington, the troops having gone by water, except for himself and one other being ordered through by land at which place we stayed about four weeks, where we were met by the Regular army, from which place they were permitted to return home. He then removed with his family to Craven County, North Carolina, in the year 1777, in the month of March; that in the month of October, 1778, he was drafted for three months, but had to serve six months, under Captain James Green; that immediately afterwards, he was transferred to Captain Joseph Rhoads, Lieutenant Coons; we were marched Down near to Wilmington, to a place called Bluford's Bridge; at this time he acted as a corporal in the company; we there had to retreat near a hundred miles, being informed that Cornwallis was in pursuit of them, when in fact he was before us. We continued our march near to the mouth of Contentedore [sic, Contentnea] Creek where he Received a discharged from Captain Johnston, having served six months. Being discharged about the first of May, 1779, which discharge has been lost; that he was on various expeditions against the Tories, sometimes ten days, at other times two weeks and sometimes but one week. He then belonging to a company of volunteers held in Readyness at a moments warning. In this kind of Service he continued in to the Commencing of the year 1780, being in actual services, I would say three months. That he has no documentary evidence & 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 this day and year above written.

S/ Elisha Atkinson, X his mark

S/ John Campbell, JP

Interrogatories

1st: Where were you born and when

Answer: I was born in the State of Virginia. I think in the Isle of Wite [sic, Wight] County in the year 1745

2nd: Have you any record of your age and if so, where is it.

Answer: I kept a Record of my age in my family bible which has been worn out, but there is still one now in my house.

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 was living on Cape Fier [sic, Fear River] in New Hanover County, North Carolina. I removed from there to Craven County, North Carolina which was afterwards Divided and I fell in to Jones County and I removed from Jones County, North Carolina to Muhlenberg County, Kentucky in the year 1804 or 5, where I still reside.

4th: How were you called in to Service were you drafted or did you volunteer or were you a Substitute?

Answer: I volunteered the first tower [sic, tour], was drafted the Second and third towers [sic, tours] and was a volunteer the last.

5th: State the names of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you Served. Such Continental and Militia Regiments as you recollect.

Answer: I have Stated all that I can now Recollect.

6th: Did you ever received a Discharge from the Service and if so by whom was it given?

Answer: I received three discharges, one given by Captain Johnston, the others by officers whose names I do not now recollect, all of which discharges have been destroyed.

7th: State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your Services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Answer: Richard Thompson, William Martin, Hutson Martin, John Bone, Ezekiel Rice.