

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of William Akins W5600

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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 66 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 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 Phenckas [?] Alexander 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 Taggart and marched and joined General 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 & Major Dickson was employed in scouting near Sharlotte [sic, Charlotte?] North Carolina embracing a term of Service as near as this deponent recollects of about 12 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 and Motts Fort Congaree River South Carolina Orangeburg Ford on Edisto River after which we joined General Greene near Eutaw Springs and was in the Battle of the Eutaw: after the Battle of the Eutaw Springs was detached under the Command of General 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 10 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.

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

S/ William Akins

Questions by the Court

1st: When 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 30 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.

State of Georgia, Walton County

Personally came before me Leroy Pattillo an acting Magistrate in and for the County and State aforesaid Sheriff Bruster¹ 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, and 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

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 deposed 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.]

[On May 11, 1844 in Cherokee County, Alabama, William Akins' widow, Elizabeth, filed for a pension stating that William 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. 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.]

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

1 FPA S31570 [“Sheriff” is this affiant's name, not his office.]