

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Montgomery [Elisha Atkins, Moses Atkins, Jesse Bowden, John Bowden, Thomas Bowden, Benjamin Parnel]VAS 134

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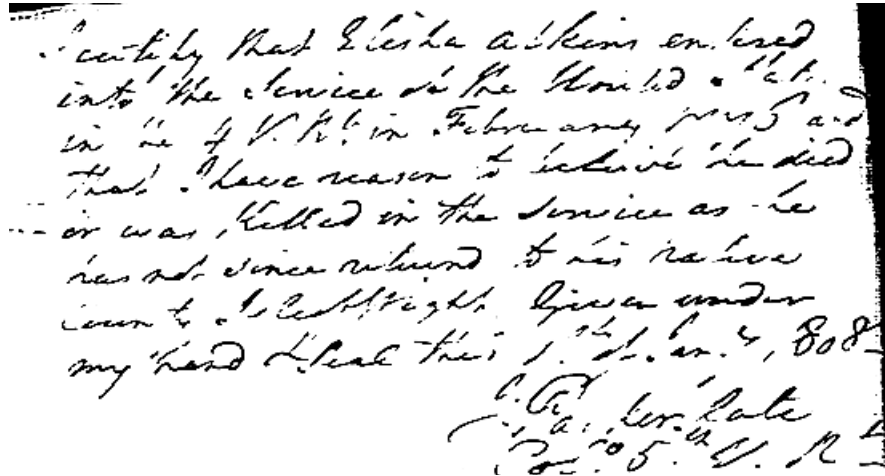
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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I certify that Elijah Atkins entered into the Service of the United States in the 4th Virginia Regiment in February 1776 and that I have reason to believe he died or was killed in the Service as he has not since returned to his native County of Isle of Wight. Given under my hand & seal this the 1st of January 1808

S/ J. Parker, late
Colonel 5th V. Rt.



I certify that Elisha Atkins entered into the Service of the United States in the 4th V. R. in February 1776 and that I have reason to believe he died or was killed in the Service as he has not since returned to his native County of Isle of Wight. Given under my hand & seal this 1st of Jan. 1808

J. Parker late
Colonel 5th V. R.

I do certify that John Montgomery entered into the Army of the US in February 1776 in the 4th Virginia Regiment in February 1776 that he continued in the Army until the capture of Lord Cornwallis, to my own knowledge & that I have reason to believe that he after went in the southern Army & that he was either killed or died in the service.

S/ Josiah Parker
late Colonel 5th V. Rt.

I do certify that John Montgomery entered
into the Service of the U.S. in Feb^y 1776
in the 4th Regt. in Feb^y 1776 that
he continued in the Army until the capture
of Lord Cornwallis, to my own knowledge
that I have reason to believe that he either
went in the Southern Army. & that he was
either killed or died in the Service.
Josiah Parker
Date Nov. 15. 1807

I do Certified that Benjamin Parnel entered into the Service of the United States in the 4th Regiment in February 1776 and that I have reason to believe that he died at Trenton in New Jersey in the year 1777, then in Smith's Company of said 4th Regiment.

S/ Josiah Parker
late Col. 5th V Regt.

I do certify that Joseph Parnel entered into the 4th Regiment of Virginia in February 1776 and served the time for which he enlisted and frequently after served under my Command until the capture of Lord Cornwallis

Given under my hand & seal this 15th of November 1807

S/ Josiah Parker
late Col. 5th V. Regt.

I do certify that Jesse Bowden entered into the Service of the United States in February 1776 in the 4th V. Regt. and died in Philadelphia in 1777 while a soldier. Given under my hand & seal this 15th of November 1807.

S/ Josiah Parker
late Col. 5th V. Regt.

I do certify that John Bowden entered into the Service of the US in February 1776 in the 4th Regiment of Virginia & that he was left at Amboy in New Jersey the latter end of the year & is supposed to have died as his relations have not since heard of him, he being from the same County with myself. Given under my hand this 15th of November 1807

S/ Josiah Parker
late Col. 5th V. Regt.

I do Certify that Thomas Bowden entered into the 4th V. Regt. in the Service of the United States & served the time for which he enlisted and that I frequently had him under my command until before the capture of Lord Cornwallis at York at which time he was on duty at Portsmouth.

Given under my hand & seal this 15th of November 1807

S/ Josiah Parker
late Col. 5th V. Regt.

It does not appear that John Montgomery, Joseph Parnel, Benjamin Parnel, Elisha Atkins, Moses

Atkins, Jesse Bowden, John Bowden and Thomas Bowden have drawn their bounty in lands
Warrant has lately issued for the services of Hugh Montgomery –

S/ Wm Price Regr.

January 4 1808

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Addendum to John Montgomery VAS134

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 27 Oct 2020.

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#). John Montgomery enlisted in the 4th Virginia Continental Regiment in the company of Capt. Arthur Smith. A payroll of Smith's company notes that John Montgomery was discharged on 15 Feb 1778, but apparently he reenlisted. The last two items evidently refer to a different John Montgomery.]

The affidavit of James Johnson Sr of the county of Isle of wight and state of Virginia taken this 3rd day of March in the year 1834, the affiant being duly sworn saith he is 86 years of age that at and before the commencement of the Revolutionary War, he was well acquainted with a certain John Montgomery, that in the early part of the year 1776 he enlisted as a private in a company commanded by Capt. Arthur Smith, that he was in the service of the United states and never returned home
[signed] Jas Johnson Sen'r

The Affidavit of Mrs. Olive Gray of the county of Isle of wight and state of Virginia taken this 12th day of March in the year 1834. The affiant being duly sworn saith she is 69 years of age, that at and before the commencement of the Revolutionary War she was well acquainted with a certain John Montgomery, that in the early part of the year 1776 he enlisted as a private in a company commanded by Capt. Arthur Snith that she know he was in the service of the United states and never returned home that she heard Hugh Montgomery [S38245] after he returned from said service say that John Montgomery enlisted during the War.
Olive herXmark Gray

At a Court held for the county of Isle of Wight the fifth day of May 1834

From respectable and satisfactory evidence shewn to the court, It is Ordered that the clerk certify, that Treasy Montgomery is a full sister to John Mountgomery [sic], that Martha Mountgomery & Reddick Mountgomery are the neice & nephew of the said John Mountgomery, and that Margaret & Virginia Mountgomery are the children of Robert Mountgomery who was a nephew of the said John Mountgomery, and that the said Treasy, Martha, Riddick, Margaret & Virginia Mountgomery are the only Lawfull heirs to the said John Mountgomery who was a soldier in the continental army during the revolutionary War. A Copy Teste [signature missing at bottom of page]

The heirs of John Montgomery respectfully ask of the Executive the allowance of Bounty land due to their ancestor as a private in the Illinois Regiment in the Revolutionary War; For evidence to sustain the case, they beg leave to refer to the report No 4 of the Agent on Revolutionary Claims

Petition for bounty land.

John Montgomery Sold'r – Illinois Regt.

The Payrolls of the Illinois Regiment shew that John Montgomery enlisted for the war, and was discharged April 22nd 1783. I have therefore, reported him, in the printed Illinois list, entitled to bounty land for a service to the end of the war.

Resply submitted/ John H Smith Com'r &c

To his Excellency Gov'r Tazewell

May 24th 1834

N.B. The Petition [not found in the file] asks for bounty land for the heirs of John Montgomery above spoken of. The evidence relates to the enlistment & service of John Montgomery of the Continental line. Two witnesses says, that he enlisted in 1776 in the Continental army, (the term of enlistment not proved) and never returned home.
J. H. S. Com'r &c