Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Athey (Athy) S37689 VA
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At a Court Continued and held for Hampshire County the 18th day of August 1818.

Thomas Athy aged 72 years resident in Hampshire County came into Court and declared upon Oath in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons Engaged in the Land and Naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war. That he Enlisted in Fairfax County in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Capt. William Patterson in the year 1777 he thinks in the month of June or July that he was attached to the 16th Va. Regiment on the Continental Establishment that he served between two and three years in said regiment that he was Discharged at Middlebrook in New Jersey in Consequence of a severe hurt he Received and that he is in Reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support and that he has no other Evidence now in his power of his said services.

[The following are from bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia. The online image of a letter said to be from T. Van Swearingen is illegible.]

March 24 1784 I Certify that Thomas Athey Enlisted as a Soldier for the term of three years in Colo. Graysons [William Grayson's] Virginia Regim't. sometime in March 1777. Given under my hand the day and year above mentioned.

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January 12th 1822 Hampshire County [two undeciphered words] Va

[several undeciphered words] after my Compliments to you I will inform you that I have a [several undeciphered words] to ask of you which I hope you will grant to me the thing is this. I am one of those old Revolutionary soldiers that [two undeciphered words] and having Never Recieved nor [undeciphered word] any lands in compensation for my Services and being ignorant of the [several undeciphered words] Therefore wish you to [several undeciphered words] Give me all the information on the Subject you can and also whether I Can or Cannot obtain my Brothers Land Claim for his services in the Revolution war he Dying in the Service and [several undeciphered words] wish you to inform me how to proceed in [several undeciphered words] and moreover I wish you to write in the same letter to me how the Heirs of James MacDade [James McDade S38193] deceased is to proceed in order to get their fathers — and who served out his Enlistments in the United States Service &C I wish you also to Examine and see if their is anything to be done in this Case in the City of Washington. [undeciphered word] you would do it for me and if you should want any other Information from me in order to Enable you to proceed write to me and I will give it [several undeciphered words] — and I will pay you for all your trouble when [several undeciphered words] your Account is forwarded to me. &C &C

PS you will Direct your letters to [?]town post office Hampshire

Your friend Thomas Athey

Department of War/ Section of bounty lands/ March 8th 1822

Neither of the persons named in this letter are found on the rolls of the Virginia line, as having engaged for the period of "during the War" & to have continued to the close of it; therefore, they are not entitled to land from the United States —

Both may be from the State, the names of Thomas Athy & James McDade are on the records of the 3 years men, to whom Va granted land