Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Reuben Atkinson S6544

VA

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State of Virginia

Essex County To wit,

On this 20th day of August 1832 personally appeared before the Court of the County of Essex, Reuben Atkinson, a resident of the United States, in the county of Essex and State of Virginia, aged about 77 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 provision made by the act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832 — That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1777 on the 4th day of march for three years, with Capt William Miller, and served in the 2nd regiment of the Virginia Continental line, under the following named officers.

Capt William Miller, Lieutenants Tyree and William Vawter, Colonel Charles Harrison, and Major Holdman or Holdmer [Christian Holmer]. That he left the service on the 10th day of march 1780 after having served three years the term of his enlistment, and some time thereafter obtained a certificate of Capt Miller of his service which he filed in Richmond & on which he obtained a warrant for the bounty land promised him on his enlistment, a copy of which certificate, as well as a certificate of the register he herewith files — That he resided in Essex County when he enlisted and has continued to reside there since the war to the present, time, with the exception of about two years he spent in the County of King William in Virginia

He states that he was in the battle at Monmouth [28 Jun 1778]. He marched after his enlistment to Portsmouth in Virginia, where he staid yearly twelve months, & thence to the north, through Maryland, Pennsyvania and into the Jerseys –

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

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[The following are from bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia. The first item is indexed under the name Atkinson, Reubin. A statement said to be by George Wright could not be deciphered from the online image.]

[two or three words illegible] that Reubin Atkinson enlisted [several illegible words] day of March 1777 for three years [several illegible words] 10th of March 1780 Serv'd as a [several undeciphered words] [signed] William Miller

May 21st 1783

Capt Lt [1st] Bat'n Artillery

I James Samuel [S41117] do hereby certify that Reuben Atkinson was a Soldier in Captain [Anthony] Singleton's company of Artillery in the Revolutionary War, and that he continued in the service of the State of Virginia, and in the United States for the term of three years. Given under my hand this [?] day of Oct'r 1831. [signature illegible]

Caroline County [rest illegible]