

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Atchley W257

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State of Tennessee } On this 3^d day of Sept. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before
Sevier County } the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting
Thomas Atchley a resident of Sevier County and State of Tennessee aged 77 year & 4 months 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 was born 3^d day of May 1755 in the State of New Jersey Middlesex County where he remained till he was grown to be a man. That he marched from Middlesex Co. N.J. to Brunswick Town where he was then put under the command of Major Dunn [probably John Dunn] and marched from Brunswick to Amboy which lies on the Bay of opposite Staten [sic: Staten] Island & marched thence through Elizabeth Town, N.J. to Barragin Town [probably Bergen] opposite the City of New York where they remained for some time, was then discharged and returned through Amboy home to Middlesex County New Jersey making a term of one month.

Said applicant further states that he again entered the service of the United in Sept. under Capt. Jas. Reddakin [James Reddakin] & Lieutenant Thomas Cavin in the County of Lowden [sic: Loudoun] Virginia, and marched Thence to Pittsburg in the state of Pennsylvania at the confluence of Monongahela & Allegany [sic: Allegheny] Rivers he then took water in Boats from Pittsburg to the mouth of Wheeling where they were stationed six miles above the mouth of said Wheelin that then the first of March following he was discharged and returned home to Loudon County Virginia making a term of six months — Said applicant states that some time afterwards he removed to Botetourt County Virginia on the banks of Ronoke [sic: Roanoke] River that he entered the service of the United States again under the command of Capt John Lewis & marched from Botetourt County to Guilford County, North Carolina where he remained for some time, and was discharged making a term of one month; that he then went home to Virginia Botetourt Coty

Said applicant further states that he entered the service of the United States a fourth time as a volunteer to disarm some suspected Tories on Walkers Creek [Walker Creek] Virginia that he & his Company disarmed some of them & returned home making a term of about two weeks — That all his services in the Armies of the United States makes a term of 8 months & 2 weeks That he knows of no person except John Clark who now lives he believes lives in West Tennessee whose Testimony he can procure & that he has no documentary evidence as he has any knowledge of and 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

Thomas Atchley

State of Tennessee } SS 5th day June 1833
Sevier County }

The amended Declaration of Thomas Atchley of the State & County aforesaid for a Pension Claim given to Soldiers of the Revolution by an act of Congress of 7 June 1832.

4. Question 1st negative in red ink [i.e. marked as insufficient by the Pension Office]

Said Declarant state his first term of service was one month & this period of a moth's service was in the year of 1778 to the best of his recollection. That he was a volunteer under Maj. Dunn & that he was a Private.

That his second term of service was under the command Jas Reddakin, Lieut Thos. Cavins & that he served as a Private volunteer under s'd. officers for a term of Six months this was in the year of 1777, and whilst he was on his march from Loudon County Va. to Pittsburg & to Wheeling River & about this time the battle of Brandywine was fought [11 Sep 1777] & which was announced to him & his officers. This he

states was in the year of 1777 & that his officers were of the Virginia Militia.

Said Declarant states that his third term of service was for one month & marched from Botetourt County V.a. to Guilford County N.C. This was in the year 1781.

Said Declarant states his fourth term of service was for 2 weeks in this he was a Private Volunteer and in 1781 The above are the periods when he served in the war of the United States and the above are the officers under whom he served

10 Question & Negative.

Said Declarant states that he has obtained the Clerks Seal of office

13. question 3^d negative in Red ink

Said Declarant states the has no Documentary evidence and knows of no living witness who could testify to his services & that evidence to sustain his claim cannot be obtained

16 question 4th negative in Red Ink

Said Declarant states that his papers & properly authenticated, or as much so, as can be had from the memory & state of his mind, and that the term of all his services in the United States is eight months & two weeks and has relinquished all other claims to a pension whatever but the present

Sworn to in open Court the 5th day of June 1833.

Thomas Atchley

NOTE: On 3 June 1839 Lydia Atchley applied for a pension stating that she was married to Thomas Atchley in Loudoun County when she was about 16, and he died on 11 Oct 1836. She submitted an original family record said to have been written by her deceased husband, which is transcribed below. The Clerk of Loudoun County stated that he could find no record of the marriage of Thomas Atchley to Lydia Richards. On 27 Jan 1844 she stated that her husband died on 5 Nov 1836.

thomas Atchley was born May the 3 day in the year of our lord 1755

Lydia Atchley was bourn August 18th day in the year of our lord 1762

Hannah Atchley was born February the 23th day 1782

Mary Atchley was born November the 13th day 1783

Sarah Atchley was born November the 28th day 1785

Isaac Atchley was born December the 9th day 1787

Benjamin Atchley was born January the 24th day 1790

joshua Atchley was born February the 26th day 1792

Liddy Atchley was born April the 22 day 1794

thomas Atchley was born April the 19 day 1796

jean Atchley was born August 1 day 1798

Elizabeth Atchley was born October the 14th day 1800

Roda Atchley was born February the 25 day 1802

Noah Atchley was born January the 19th day in the of our lord 1807

[On the back, also handwritten:]

Single Fellowship

Single fellowship is to Take Eeach mans stock and add them All together and say if that sum Total Does gain the Whole gain What will one mans Stock gain &c

[This is followed by a sheet of calculations of the share of profits due each of three hypothetical investors.]