

Pension Application for Phillip Atherton

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I, Phillip Atherton of Mansfield in the County of Bristol in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on oath do testify and say that I am a resident Citizen of the United States. That I served in the war of the revolution against the Common Enemy more than five years in the Massachusetts line in the following manner, viz.

In the Spring of seventeen hundred and seventy seven, I inlisted [enlisted] for the term of three years and served that term in the company commanded by Capt Moses Knapp in the Regiment of Col William Shepard and at the expiration of said term was honourably discharged in writing which I have lost. I do further testify & say that in the summer [of] seventeen hundred & Eighty one I inlisted for the term of three years, and served a part of that term in the company under Capt Chambers & a part under Capt Brickett all in the Regiment of Col. Tupper untill December seventeen hundred eighty three, when I was honourably discharged on the Hudson river near West Point, said discharge was in writing or print, which I have lost. I do further testify & say that by reason of my reduced circumstances in life I stand in need of assistance from my Country for support.

And I moreover declare that I have no no [sic] further evidence of my said services now in my power except the affidavits of the person accompanying this. I am now fifty eight years of age. (Signed) Philip Atherton. May 9, 1818. James Ware Judge of Circuit Court Com Pleas for S'd Circuit.