Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of George Abney S16591

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District of Indiana

On this 12th day of February A.D. 1822 personally appeared in open Court in the Switzerland Circuit court, now sitting, in and for the County of Switzerland, the district aforesaid being a Court of record having power of fine and imprisonment and proceeding according to the course of common law with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount and keeping a record of its proceedings George Abney aged 71 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st May 1820 that he the said George Abney enlisted for the term of 18 months on the __ [blank in original] of in the year __ [blank in original] in the state of South Carolina in the company commanded by Captain Samuel Sinfield [sic, Sinquefield] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Samuel Hammond in the brigade commanded by General Pickens [Andrew Pickens] in the line of the state of South Carolina on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said corps until the __ [blank in original] day of __ [blank in original] A.D. __ [blank in original] when he was discharged from the said service in (Edgefield) Ninety Six district in the state of South Carolina – that he was in the siege of Ninety Six fort and at the battle of Augusta Georgia – and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

And in pursuance of the act of the 1st May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby to diminish it so as to bring myself within the provisions of an 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" passed on the 18th day of March A.D. 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me; nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

Schedule

One Iron Oven	One set cups & saucers
3 spoons	3 plates
4 knives and 4 forks	One water bucket
One sad [?] Iron	One ax one wheel

Occupation a laborer – has a wife aged 66 – old

S/ George Abney, A his mark

State of Indiana, Hamilton County

On this seventh day of November A.D. 1832, personally appeared in open court before Bethuel F. Morris President and Joshua Cottingham and David Osborn Associates, judges of the Hamilton circuit court, now sitting, George Abney resident of the said County of Hamilton, aged 81 years in February next, 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, To wit, he entered said service as a volunteer on the 3rd day of July some time about the commencement of the revolutionary war under Captain Henry Foster, first Lieutenant, Morris Gwynne, second Lieutenant William Abney (uncle of this applicant) in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Leroy Hammond of which Regiment __ [blank in original] Purvis was the Lieutenant Colonel, Andrew Pickens Major and Bennet Crafton was the adjutant of said Regiment of South Carolina Militia. He was born in Halifax

County Virginia and resided at the time he entered the service within 18 miles of Ninety Six South Carolina. This applicant continued in the aforesaid Regiment for about the Term of four months. The party to which this applicant belonged was marched on an expedition through the mountains on the head of Savannah River against the Indians who were at that period invading the frontiers of the state of South Carolina. That the expedition was commanded by General Andrew Williams [sic, Andrew Williamson] of the South Carolina Militia. This applicant states that during the expedition he was in two slight engagements with the Indians in the first of which there was no whites killed and but about five or six of the Indians and in the second engagement there were seven whites killed and 37 Indians found dead on the ground where the action took place and that the Indians carried off a large number killed and wounded, the exact number of which was not ascertained. That the expedition ended and this applicant received a written discharge from his Captain about the first of November ensuing his entry into the service having been therein four months.

That about six months after the termination of the said service, this applicant entered the service a second time under the same officers above mentioned, that he was marched to the siege of Augusta then in the possession of the British that the Regiment to which this applicant belonged was quartered in Campbell Town on the South Carolina side of the Savannah River opposite to Augusta. That this applicant continued at Campbell Town for about six or seven months, and was marched from Campbell Town near Orangeburg where his Regiment was quartered at the time that Charleston was taken by the British and the American Militia were marched to the Saluda mountains where they remained some time, shortly after that period they were marched from Saluda mountains to join General Green's [sic, Nathanael Greene's] Army at Ninety Six, after their Junction with Green's Army this applicant was engaged in assisting at the siege of the latter named place which lasted some weeks, but before it could be successfully Terminated they had had information from Colonel Washington [William Washington] that Lord Rawdon was on his way to relieve the besieged, and General Greene with the regulars & militia marched towards the Eutaw Springs & on their way at the crossroads near Fishing Creek this applicant fell sick and remained there about one month before he was enabled to return to his residence near Ninety Six. That a short time after his return home he went with General Pickens (his former Major above mentioned who had lately been advanced to the rank of General) in company with some other soldiers on business to the Governor, who was at that time with General Greene at a place called the horse shoe whence this applicant returned home, having received a written discharge from Captain Joseph Tolls certifying that in the foregoing expedition he had served 10 months to the best of his recollection. That shortly after the last mentioned discharge this applicant entered into the service again as a minute man under Captain William Butler. That he does not now recollect the names of his other officers as he was in large bodies but he was frequently marched in company with Captains Sinquefield and Tolls on expeditions against the Tories, that he continued in service until the close of the war, that he was discharged at a block house at Anderson's Mills near Ninety Six. That this last term of service continued for 16 months which he this applicant knows from the circumstances that shortly after his discharge he went to Charleston where he received for his services 16 half [illegible word, looks like "Jacs"] being pay at the rate of eight dollars per month for the term of his last service. That he spent his last term in guarding the Country against the depredations of the Tories and was in no general engagement or in company with any regular soldiers. This applicant has lost his discharges he received from his officers above mentioned – he was born the 14th of February 1752 in Lunenburg County and State of Virginia. He has no record of his age but formerly had but has lost it. When called into service he resided at Ninety Six as above stated. Since the revolution he has resided in South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee and has resided the last nine years in the State of Indiana – the four last years in Hamilton County (of which place he is now a resident). He entered the service as above stated and the names of the regular and other officers known to him all as above stated. He is well acquainted with John Helms and has been for 15 years past & who resides in his immediate neighborhood as well as James Brown who certifies his general character for veracity and their belief

of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. (There being no resident clergyman in said County known to this applicant). This applicant states that he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state or Territory.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid.

Att. S/ Jn. D. Stephenson, Clk S/ George Abney, A his mark

The State of Indiana, Hamilton County

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid George Abney who being duly sworn deposeth and saith, that by reason of old age, and infirmity and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively first as to the precise period of the revolutionary war when he entered the service, he however, volunteered and entered the said service under his first engagement on the 3rd day of July, and he is pretty confident it was early as 1775, as the tour in which he served was among the first of the disturbances with the Indians, That having made his declaration in haste and without time for reflection he thinks he was mistaken as to the length of time that intervened between his first and second tours the latter of which commenced not exceeding six months before the fall of Charleston; he saith that the name of the General officer written Williams in the first narration in the foregoing declaration should have been written Williamson. That he believes the time mentioned in the said second tour was served under two engagements both of which together will make no less than 12 months. That he entered on his last tour in 1780 or '81 as it was about 16 months before the close of the war. That under his first engagement he served not less than four months as private. That of the second tour which most properly was served under two engagements his service not less than eight months as second Sergeant and four months as a private. That he served 16 months as a private minute man and was really all the time in actual service in scouting and ranging duty & at the Blockhouse at Anderson Mills and received pay for the same accordingly. That he believes that some of the circumstances mentioned in his declaration really as having occurred while he was in one tour really took place while under another tour and at periods different from those referred to in the declaration, but it is now out of his power to correct those statements as to time. He recollects that he was in the service at the time General Nash [sic, John Ashe] was defeated at Briar Creek, Georgia, but cannot say whether it was during his second or third tour. In his second tour he was in Captain H. Foster's company, first Lieutenant Morris Gwynn, second Lieutenant William Abney and Colonel Leroy Hammond's Regiment. As to the first & the last tour he is unable to give the names of his officers in the more specifically than stated in his declaration. The applicant having resided but a few years in Hamilton (County) and there being no clergyman residing in his vicinity it is out of his power to procure a clergyman's testimony as to his belief of the said Abney's character for veracity and his service in the revolution.

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this
[date obscured] 1833 S/ George Abney, A his mark in and
S/ Lewis Ogle,
Justice of the Peace