

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Abram of Read: S7364

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In Nansemond County Court 13<sup>th</sup> May 1833

Virginia County of Nansemond Sc. On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 1833, personally appeared in open Court before Josiah Ridick, Hardy Gross, Edward R. Hunter, & Edwin B Sumner, the Court of Nansemond County now sitting Abram of Read, a free man of colour by birth, a resident of Nansemond County and State of Virginia aged 69 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 act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. He says that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein Stated. That he entered as a militia drafted man on his own account on the day of [blank] under Captain John Coles, Lieutenant Samuel Riddick and Ensign Zachariah McClenny, and served he thinks about 6 months at Portsmouth, Smithfield (in Isle of Wight County) and Surry County, and that he was discharged at Babb's old field in Isle of Wight County, at which time one William Boothe came and employed him as a substitute for about 3 months service and that he served out the time under Captain Roberts or Robertson (as he thinks) the same subaltern officers, that he served that tour (for Boothe) out on the north side of James river, he was then discharged, and then came on home (Nansemond County) and when again called on he volunteered his services to go to Portsmouth to dig down some embankments, William Riddick Captain, David Campbell Lieutenant [blank] Ensign, that he served there only about 6 weeks; he was then discharged and came home; that he recollects of seeing General Washington at or near little York [September or October 1781]: that he has no recollection of any of the other regular officers; that he has no documentary evidence having lost his discharge; (that he thinks he can prove this by James Wright and Joseph Ross;) that he was born in the County of Nansemond Virginia, that he has no record of his age; that he has always lived in Nansemond County, Virginia; that he has stated all he knows about the matter further, he cannot recollect. 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. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. (Signed)

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