

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abraham Sutton VAS53

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The [Virginia State Library](#) online collection of documents relating to rejected pension claims contains the following documents relating to Abraham Sutton:

To the Honorable the Legislature of Virginia now in Session

The petition of John Bennett of New Castle County Delaware most respectfully represents that your petitioner served as a musician in Captain Smith's Company in Colonel Haslet's Regiment in the Delaware line in the service of the United States, in the year A.D. 1776, and in the year 1777, your petitioner was transferred to Colonel Poulk's [?] Regiment of the Delaware line, and in the year A.D. 1778 he was taken into the 1st Troop of Lt. Colo. Henry Lee's [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee's] Legion as Dragoon and continued to serve as such in active service to the close of the late American Revolutionary war, as may be seen by Robert Crouch's deposition late a soldier in Lee's Legion which is filed in the Land office in the city of Richmond; after the close of the Revolutionary War Abraham Sutton late a musician in Colonel Lee's Legion infantry offered your petitioner for sale all the arrearage of his pay, and all Bounty Lands of every nature for his service in the Revolutionary War for which your petitioner paid him in the presence of his Captain Michael Rudolph who wrote the power of attorney and witnessed the bargain by giving his certificate which enable him to obtain Abraham Sutton's military bounty land warrant from Enoch Bailey who got it by fraud which certificate was filed in the war office, to satisfy your mines on the application I make to you I herewith exhibit Mr. Henry Robinson's Deposition which is as your petitioner is well satisfied knows all about the business, to satisfy your mines further relative to this business your petitioner deposited documents in the Land office to the care of the Register last August which will throw more light on the subject; your petitioner is now in the decline of a long life the best days of which were spent in the service of his Country [one or more indecipherable words] received for his services hardships and fatigues, he humbly prays your honorable Body in your wisdom and Justice will take his case into consideration and direct the Register of the Land office to issue a Land Warrant on account of Abraham Sutton which has been so long and so justly his due, relying on the justice of your honorable body your petitioner concludes that as in duty bound he will ever pray
&c &c

S/ John Bennett of Newcastle
County Delaware late a
Soldier in Lt. Col. Henry Lee's
Legion

I Certify that Abraham Sutton enlisted in the infantry of the Legion commanded by Lt. Colo. Henry Lee in the year 1778 and continued to serve in said Legion until the conclusion of the

revolutionary war –
Trenton September 24, 1821

S/ James Heard
Late Capt. of the 2nd Troop
of Dragoons Lee's Legion

*I Certify that Abraham Sutton enlisted in the
infantry of the Legion commanded by Lt Col
Henry Lee in the year seventeen hundred &
seventy eight and continued to serve in
the Legion until the conclusion of the revolutionary
war*

Trenton Sept^r 24th 1821

*James Heard
Late Capt. of the 2^d Troop
of Dragoons Lee's Legion*

[Note: the file also contains the affidavit of Henry Robinson supporting the statements made by petitioner but adding no details of the service of either Bennett or Sutton.]