

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abner Vaughn R10917

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State of Alabama Jackson County: On this 19th day of October 1832 personally appeared before me William S Compton Judge of the County Court of Jackson County and State of Alabama aforesaid now sitting Abner Vaughn resident of the County and State aforesaid aged about sixty-seven 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 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, under Colonel Robert Williams, Captain Cunningham and Lieutenant Price that he entered the service about the year 1781 as a volunteer and served about seven months in said Campaign as a wagoner and express carrying, he was in no engagement, He resided when he entered the service in the County of Halifax and State of Virginia, he entered the service as a volunteer under Captain Cunningham and was by him directed to take charge of a wagon and team he set out with the Army then for the siege of Ninety Six they marched on their way from Ninety Six until the Army reached Salisbury North Carolina he there joined militia commanded by Colonel Robert Williams, he continued there for some time (the time not recollected) when Major Rose took command of the Army (he does not recollect whether Rose was a regular or a militia officer) he then returned to his own neighborhood and was employed by Major William McRaw [probably William McCraw] who was at that time acting as commissary for the Army, he remained in the employment of the commissary for some time hauling [?] from thence to Pittsylvania town a place of deposit for the baggage of the Army, he was then employed by Baron Steuben as an express bearer from Coles ferry in Halifax County Virginia to someplace not now recollected near the seacoast, on his return to Coles ferry and made his return to Major McRaw, he was then ordered by John Clark the then commissary of the Army to take charge of a wagon and go on to York town under the command of Captain Fleming Baits [Fleming Bates] and Colonel Peter Rogers he went on to York town where he remained for some time when he was sent back to Halifax with the baggage of some of the sick troops amongst whom was Colonel Peter Rogers, shortly after he returned home he heard of the surrender of Cornwallis and was never afterwards called into service, he never received any discharge from the service and the reason was that he was near home when he heard of the treaty of Peace and he returned home without calling on his commanding officer for one. He knows of no person by whom he can prove his services, and his name is not on any pension Roll of any of the departments. He hereby relinquishes every claim to any pension or annuity except the present.

I have had a record of my age made by my father in his family Bible but I have lost it. I was born on the 10th day of January in the year 1765 in the County of Halifax and State of Virginia. I lived as I have before stated in Halifax County when I entered the service, I have since lived in the States of North and South Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee and now live in

Jackson County Alabama where I have lived for the last 12 years. I am acquainted with James Turk and Benjamin Rector Esquire of this County who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution.

Sworn to and subscribed October 19th, 1832

[Note the signature of the applicant is absent from this document]

[Hezekiah Bayles, George Long [?], M. T. Johnson, Thomas Manning, and Henry Smith gave the standard supporting affidavit.]