

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abner Watson R11199

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State of Illinois Shelby County: Abner Watson petitioner in the year 1832

On this 2nd day of October in the year 1832 personally appeared in open Court before us the judges of the Court of County Commissioners of Shelby County and State of Illinois, now sitting – Abner Watson a resident of Shelby County and State of Illinois aged seventy-eight years in May 1832 who first being 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 Robert Stubblefield Captain, Colonel Dark [William Dark also spelled William Darke], General Washington, and Lafayette – he entered the service in August in the year 1781 – the day not recollected and left the service in the latter part of September in the year aforesaid Substituted in Orange County Virginia in the place of John Hawkins – marched out of Orange County to Williamsburg thence to York Virginia he was in the battle at York, He further states that he knows of no documentary evidence by which he can assert his claim, neither does he know of anyone who can testify to his services in his reach,

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, or if any only that of the agency of the State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Abner Watson, X his mark

[John Fleming and William Siler gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

In what year were you born?

In 78

Q have you any record of your age?

A. none

Q Where were you living when called into service?

A. In Orange County Virginia

Q. Where have you lived since the war?

A. moved from Virginia to Georgia from thence to Kentucky – and I am now living in the State of Illinois Shelby County.

Q. How were you called into service?

A. Substituted

Q. For whom?

A. John Hawkins –

Q. State the names of some of the officers under whom you served –

A. Colonel Dark, General Lafayette and General Washington

Q. Did you ever receive a discharge from the Service

A. Yes

Q. By whom was it signed?

A. I have forgotten.

Q. What has become of it?

A. I sold it.