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Pension application of Abraham Denny R2882

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State of North Carolina Johnston County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term A.D. 1844

On the 29th day of August 1844 personally appeared before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions in and for said County of Johnston Mrs. Elizabeth Bell daughter of Abraham Denny deceased and resident in Johnston County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the seventh of June 1832 -- that she is the daughter and only surviving child (as far as she knows) of Abraham Denny deceased late of the County of Greene State aforesaid that her father the said Abraham Danny was a Soldier of the Revolutionary War -- that he enlisted in the early part of that war, in the Continental Army and served, as she has repeatedly heard from [indecipherable word] under what officers [indecipherable word or words] unable to recollect, that her father the said Abraham Danny was ignorant & illiterate in consequence of which he was not aware until within a few years of his death from what she can learn that he was entitled to a pension, that he made repeated efforts and she learns to obtain [word or words obliterated] to establish his services but his great age, his poverty & ignorance all combined to prevent his seeking after any of those persons who served with him in the Revolutionary War, that he lived in a very [indecipherable word] part of the County & scarcely ever went abroad or [indecipherable word] with those persons who were willing and able to [indecipherable word] his claim by rendering him assistance & [indecipherable word], that after solicitations on his part to undertake the prosecution of his claim had been refused mainly because he was unable to make any pecuniary award from his extreme indigence he finally gave up in despair all hope of obtaining that which he felt himself so justly entitled to that the said Abraham Danny died in the County of Greene in the month of November A.D. 1841 and about the 86th year of his age or perhaps more, no record being retained of his age and that the parent is the only surviving child as far as she knows of the said Abraham Danny [several indecipherable words. The Declarant therefore respectfully applies to the Government for the award of pension due her father the said Abraham Denny up to the period of his death. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year above written before the court

S/ Elizabeth Bell, X her mark

S/ Thos. Bagley, Clerk

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This is to Certify that Abraham Denny Soldier in Capt. Sheppard's Company was inlisted on the fifth day of May one thousand seven hundred seventy seven for the term of three years and no

longer. I therefore testify that upon the fifth day of May one thousand seven hundred eighty he is and shall be intirely free from his said Inlistment.

Given under my hand this 15th day of July 1777

S/ Abram Sheppard

Col. & [illegible]

S/ Wm Sheppard, C.

State of North Carolina Greene County

I William Dixon one of the Justices of said County this day proceeded to take the deposition of Jesse Jones at his Residence in said County at the instance of S. Aimson [?] for evidence for the heirs at law of Abram Denny deceased. The said Jesse Jones being duly sworn in due form of law deposeseth and saith that

Question -- do you know of the death of Abram Denny. Answer I do he died in Greene & saw him after his death. Answer do you know the date he died. Answer I think it was about the date 1800 or after that date. Question do you know whether he was a Revolutionary Soldier or recognized as such. Answer he was called a revolutionary Soldier so called by other Soldiers, that was with him. Question did you know his wife. Answer I was well acquainted with his wife & her name was Mary. Question did you know his lawful heirs. Answer I did those that was said to be & their names were Sabrina, Elizabeth & Roxie Ann Denny and further the deponent saith not.

Certified under my hand & Seal this 7th day of February 1857

S/ Will Dixon, JP

S/ Jesse Jones, X his mark

State of North Carolina Greene County

I William Dixon & JJ Hooker, two of the justices of said County at the house of John Granger in said County this day proceeded to take the deposition of Elizabeth Granger at the instance of S. D. Aimson [?] & others and evidence for said Heirs at law of Abram Denny deceased the said Elizabeth Granger being sworn in due form of law deposeseth and saith that

Question Do you know whether Abraham Denny and Mary Cole was married or not and who married them

Answer I recollect the time it was said they were married Our family went to the marriage and William Hooker married them I was at that time about 13 or 14 years old and I afterwards visited her family and they lived together as man and wife in the County then called Dobbs now Greene I suppose the marriage of Abraham Denny and Mary Cole was in the date of 1784 and further this deponent saith not.

Certified under our hands and seals this 28th July 1856

S/ J. J. Hooker, JP

S/ Elizabeth Granger, X her mark

S/ Will. Dixon, JP

State of North Carolina County of Greene

On this the 7th day of February A.D. 1857 personally appeared before me J J Hooker one of the acting Justices of the Peace in and for said County Catherine Vinson formerly Catharine Denny widow of Spiens Danny deceased one of the children of Abram Denny deceased and Roxy Ann Letchworth formerly Denny one of the children of said Abraham Denny deceased who being duly sworn deposed as follows:

Catherine Vinson having been duly sworn deposed as follows:

Question. Do you know anything of the certificate of enlistment of Abraham Denny deceased as a soldier in the war of the Revolution -- where it has been kept and why it has not been produced by the heirs at law at once upon filing their declaration for pension money or bounty land on account of his services?

Ans: I have heard Spias Denny saith that Abraham Denny was a Soldier of the Revolutionary war and I have seen a his certificate of that fact in my house since Spias Denny death amongst his old papers.

The reason why this Certificate was as above stated was not filed was because no person interested in the matter knew of a Certificate until the death of Spias Denny and until now the parties were quiet young and consequently ignorant of the mode of procedure.

Further deponent saith not

Sworn to and subscribed before me witness my hand & seal

S/ J. J. Hooker, JP

S/ Catharine Vinson, X her mark

I have heard my brother Spries Denny say that my father Abram Denny was a Soldier in the revolution war, and I knew nothing about it only as I heard Spries Denny say and the reason why the certificate was as above stated was not filed was because that I and no one else knew that it could be obtained all of the parties was quiet young and did not know the right way to proceed -- to get the pension file etc. and this is the cause that it has not been done before now.

Sworn to and subscribed before me witness my hand & seal

S/ Wm T. Dixon, JP

S/ Roxey Ann Letchworth, X her mark

State of North Carolina Greene County

Personally appeared before me William C. Blount one of the acting justices of the Peace of said County Ruffin Granger and Joseph Brown two respectable witnesses of said County and qualified own oath that they believe from good authority that Abraham Denny was a revolutionary soldier and also that Mrs. Sabriny Vinn is living at this time in Pitt County North Carolina and is a lawful heir of the said Abraham Denny. In witness whereof we the said Ruffin Granger and Joseph Brown have hereunto set our hands and seals this the 13th day of May 1856.

S/ Ruffin Grainger

S/ Joseph Brown Senior

State of North Carolina Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that it appears from the muster-rolls of the Continental line of this State in the Revolutionary War, that Abraham Denny a private Soldier in Capt. __ Company of the 10th Regiment, entered the service on the __ day of March 1777 for the term of three years and that he drew a Warrant on the 20th of February 1784 for four years service on a certificate of a Field Officer.

Given under my hand this ninth day of October 1844

S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State

[fn p. 27: certificate from Greene County North Carolina certifying that Abraham Denny is dead without having left a will; that Mary Denny has been appointed administratrix of his estate; certificate issued by James Hooker at Snow Hill February 12, 1805.]