

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Abram Helton: R4853

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

Georgia}                      In the Superior Court of said County  
Lumpkin County}            August Term 1836

On this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 1836 personally appeared in open Court before the Superior Court now sitting, Abram Helton a resident of said County & State aged 93 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.

That he entered the service of the U States as an enlisted soldier under Capt Armstrong & was attached to the company commanded by Captain John Stokes, under the command of Col [Richard] Parker & General [Charles] Scott Major Stewart. the precise time he cannot recollect but it was during the time that Gen'l Washington fought at Monmouth Ct House [Battle of Monmouth NJ, 28 Jun 1778] & made the British take shipping at Hackensack; at the time he enlisted he resided in Henry County, Virginia; they were stationed a part of the time at Valentines Hill in what was then called New England & a part of the time at Valley forge on the Schuylkill; he belonged to what was known as the regular troops, in which service he continued for two years the time for which he was enlisted - during the time of his service he was marched thro' a part of Pensylvania, Maryland, the Jerseys & to New York; they had frequent skirmishes with the enemy but were in no regular battle. Declarant had a regular discharge, which he entrusted to the keeping of a friend whose house was burnt in which it was contained. he has no documentary evidence to prove his services & he knows of no persons within his reach by whom he can prove them - there is an old gentleman by the name of Quillian residing in Habersham by whom he can prove that he enlisted. He hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this 18<sup>th</sup> August 1836  
M. P. Quillian Clk

Abram hisXmark Helton

State of Georgia}  
Cobb County}

Be it remembered that on this the 22<sup>d</sup> day of December 1846 in open Court before the Court of Ordinary now sitting in the County aforesaid personally appeared James Helton of said County and made oath in due form of Law that he is the son of Abraham Helton (Deceased) that his father in his lifetime made out his Declaration in Lumpkin County Geo. and produced proof of a part of his service by a Mr. Michael Pilgrim (Pensioner of the United States) in 1835 or about that time but that his father died on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of Jan. 1843 before he received any Pension that his Declaration is on file at the Pension Department as this deponent is informed and believed to which he would refer the Com'r of Pensions That his father left three Children Haman Helton aged about 59 years Hamilton County Tennessee Sarah Helton aged about 57 years lives in Cherokee County Georgia James Helton was 52 years old 15<sup>th</sup> day of January 1846 that said 3 children are all the children Helton left who are living that his mother Charity Helton died some time about 1840 that his father was a widower at the time of his death and left no widow Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above first mentioned in open Court. [signed] James Helton

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Transcribed by Michael L. Mankin

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(Note: Abraham Helton was 1/2 Cherokee Indian, was rejected for a Revolutionary War Pension even though he had two applications in his file. It is interesting to note that Abraham Helton won a Georgia Land Lottery, to have it taken away from him because he was not white.)

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Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this 18th August 1836

S/Abram his X mark Helton

M. P. Quillian Clk

Georgia Lumpkin County}

We William B. Wofford of Habersham County & Michael Pilgrim of Lumpkin County do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Abram Helton who has subscribed sworn to the above declaration: that we believe him to be 93 years of age: that he is reputed & believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution & that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court this 18<sup>th</sup> August 1836.

W. B. Wofford (signature)

M.P.Quillian (signature) Clk.

Michael his X mark Pilgrim

And the said Court does hereby declare it's opinion, after an investigation of the matter & after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the war Department that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier & served as he states and the Court further certifies that it appears to him,

that William B. Wofford resides in Habersham County & Michael Pilgrim in Lumpkin County & that they are credible persons & that their statement is entitled to credit.

O. H. Kenan (signature) I. S. C. C. C.

I M.P. Quillian Clerk of the Superior Court of Lumpkin County do hereby testify that the forgoing contains the original proceedings of the Said Court in the matters of the application of Abram Helton for a pension ---- Given under my hand & private seal these being no Seal of office this 18<sup>th</sup> August 1836 M.P. Quillian (signature) Clk <\*> (seal)

A blank page: J.L. Edwards Esq.  
Comm. of Pensions  
Washington City

State of Georgia }

Cobb County } Be it remembered that on this the 22d day of December 1846 in open Court before the Court of Ordinary now sitting in the County aforesaid personally appeared James Helton of said County and made oath in due form of Law that he is the son of Abraham Helton (Deceased) that his father in his lifetime made out his Declaration in Lumpkin County Geo. and produced proof of a part of his service by a Mr. Michael Pilgrim (Pensioner of the United States) in 1835 or about that time but that his father died on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of Jan. 1843 before he received any Pension that his Declaration is on file at the Pension Department as this deponent is informed and believed to which he would refer the Com'r of Pensions That his father left three Children Harman Helton aged about 59 years Hamilton County Tennessee Sarah Helton aged about 57 years lives in Cherokee County Georgia James Helton was 52 years old 15th day of January 1846 that said 3 children are all the children Helton left who are living that his mother Charity Helton died some time about 1840 that his father was a widower at the time of his death and left no widow Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above first mentioned in open Court Before me Moore S. Bellenger (signature) J.I.C.

S/ [signed] James Helton

State of Georgia }

Cobb County } And the said Court they have satisfactory evidence that that James Helton who has subscribed and sworn to the forgoing Declaration is the lawful child of Abraham Helton deceased that said Helton died in Lumpkin County Geo. On the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 1843 that he left no widow at the time of his death and that the three children mentioned in said declaration are all the children living of said Helton at the present time that the said James Helton's Declaration is entitled to full faith and credit Given under our hands & private seal these be no seal of office

Moore S Bellenger (signature) JIC (seal)

N. B. Green (signature) JIC (seal)

L.P. Hainston (signature) JIC (seal)

State of Georgia }

Cobb County } I James M Anderson Clerk of the Court of ordinary in and for the County aforesaid do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of said Court in the matter of James Helton applying for the pension due his deceased father Abraham Helton Given under my hand and private seal there being no seal of office yet procured for said Court. James M. Anderson (signature)(seal)

Clerk C. O. Cobb County Ga.

I do hereby certify that the James M. Anderson whose name is affixed to the foregoing certificate is Clerk of the Court of Ordinary of Cobb County Georgia and from my knowledge of his handwriting I believe this to be his own signature

John H. Lumpkin (signature)

Member of Congress from Georgia

Declaration In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress on 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832  
State of Georgia Lumpkin County }

On this tenth day of October 1840 personally appeared before the Inferior Court of Lumpkin County State of Georgia Abram Helton a resident of Lumpkin County and the State of Georgia aged ninety 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 provision made be the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he Enlisted in the Army of the United States (in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven, in the latter part of summer the month and day he cannot recollect from old age and the Consequent loss of memory) with Captain Bowman and Served in the Second regiment in the Virginia line two years as a private soldier under Colonel Parker and Lieut. Col. Williams and Major Stewart and Captain Bowman till he resigned and then Cap't Stokes and Lieutenant Dickeson and Ensign Hase. He was discharged at the expiration of his term of Enlistment by Col. Parker his discharge got burned in a house – He resided in the State of Virginia Halifax County when he entered the Service he was in no Battles marched through Pennsylvania Jersey and Maryland. the Regiment joined Genl. Washington the day after the battle of Monmouth and marched to White Plains.

He hereby relinquishes every claim what ever to a pension or a annuity except the present; and the declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency in any State. Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year above written.

Abram his X mark Helton

G. R. Cassna (signature) JIC

F. V. Busfield (signature) JIC

E.H. Wingfield(signature) JIC

D.H.Bryson (signature)

Agent Clarksville, Habersham Cty, Ga.

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion that the above named applicant was a revolutioner and served as he States.

G. R. Cassna (signature) JIC

F. V. Busfield (signature) JIC

E.H. Wingfield(signature) JIC

I J. L. Riley (signature) Clerk of the Inferior Court do hereby Certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the Court in the matter of the application of Abram Helton for a pension.

In testimony where of I have here unto set my hand and private seal there being no seal of office J. L. Riley (signature) D. Clk

Georgia

I Richard W. Habersham Member of Habersham County Congress from the State of Georgia do hereby Certify that from information received . I believe that Jesse L. Riley whose name appears to the fore going Certificate is Deputy Clerk of the Inferior Court of Lumpkin County and that the above signature and seal are his Richard W. Habersham(signature)

My reasons for not making an Earlier application are as following, first I being illiterate and living on the frontier my information was very limited as to the manner of applying, and have a hale robust constitution of my age I was still able to obtain a comfortable Sustenance by my labor; but finding the infirmities of age increasing on me which rendered it very inconvenient for me to obtain Sustenance I began to seek for an agent to make application for me; and two or three years since gave a gentleman a memorandum of the nature of my service and the names of my officers, who said that he would make out a declaration for me; but through negligence or some cause failed to do it.

The Last page of the file states Rejected and does not give a reason or date.