

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Absalom Awtry R531

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State of Georgia, Henry County

On the 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Inferior Court for County and State Absalom Awtry Aged 82 years on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1832 – 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. I entered the service of the revolutionary war in the spring of the year 1782 in the State of North Carolina Lincoln County as a drafted Soldier under Captain McClain. I went to the widow Russell's Station on Broad River in said State where we made a Station. From said Station he cruised the Country of the frontiers of North Carolina in pursuit of Indians. The Indians were very bad and troublesome in that section [of] the Country. Our particular business was to defend the frontiers of the State of North Carolina. In this expedition we lost only two white men who were killed by the Indians. I was only out for three months in this expedition. It was particularly confined to three or four Counties in the State of North Carolina. After my time was out I went home.

I moved from the State of North [Carolina to] the State of South Carolina into Spartanburg County South Carolina. He stayed in South Carolina about ten (10) months and then removed back to North Carolina Lincoln County.

Just as I was about to start from South to North Carolina I was drafted a second time and hired a man to take my place. His name was Klas Dewberry. I gave him a likely young mare with an estimable [sic, with a value estimated?] at Seventy five Dollars. He went directly into the war for me and served out the time three months. My Captain's name in South Carolina where I was drafted the second time was William Branham. I served six months in the war of the revolution as a faithful and diligent soldier. I never received a written discharge. I don't know of any man living by whom I can prove my services by.

I was born in North Carolina on Tar River. I do not recollect the name of the County.

I was born on the seventh of June 1750.

I have no record of my age. My father had a record of all his children's ages and he told me my age.

I lived in the State of North Carolina Lincoln County.

I moved from North Carolina to South Carolina and from there into Georgia Greene County. From Greene I moved to Jackson County same state. From Jackson I moved to Henry County where I now live. I never received a written discharge. I am known in my present neighborhood by Aaron Parker, John Hambrick Esq., Luke Robinson, Joseph S. Hughey, John M. Stewart and Col. James Love also the Honorable Thos. F. Foster, now a member in Congress from Georgia. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Attest:

Attest S/ Lewis H Furgason

S/ Absolam Awtry, X his mark

S/ John T. Bentley, JIC

[illegible signature, could be W. F. Owen or Crow], JIC

Wm Beck, JIC

[James Gamble and Solomon P. Lee gave the standard supporting affidavit.]