

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Abraham Billings R836

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State of Missouri } Ss.

County of Ralls }

On this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May AD 1835 personally appeared before Hosea Northcut an acting Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid Abraham Billings a revolutionary soldier a resident of Ralls County and state of Missouri aged eighty three 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> of June AD 1832 as a militiaman and under the following officers hereinafter named to wit in April 1780 I substituted in place of Joseph Tomlin in Pittsylvania County State of virginia for a Tower of three months under Capt. Charles Burton which Tower I served out & was discharged by him we went from Pittsylvania County to a place called banebridge and was stationed there a part of the first three months and was removed about eight or nine miles distant from banester bridge [probably Banister Bridge] to a place the name I cannot recollect and was then stationed the ballance of the tower of three months and was marched home and discharged We was for the first Tower under Col. William my Father after my first Tower was out removed to the state of North carolina on the Tarrarat river the name of the County I cannot recollect [probably Ararat River in Surry County] I Turned out under Capt McCree as a volunter for Three months and we was marched thence to ninety six in South Carolina and made a fortification at about the distance of four or five hundred yards from the british Fort. We then joined Greens [sic: Nathanael Greene's] army and layed siege against the fort for some time [Siege of Ninety-Six SC, 22 May – 19 Jun 1781] untill the british obtain reinforcement under Lord Rawden [sic: Lord Rawdon] We had a large number of prisoners and when we left ninety six we went to the Cowpens and stayed there for some time We was marched thence to the Adkin River [sic: Yadkin River] & was discharged by our Capt and as well as my recollection serves me at Salisbury I after having been discharged of my second Tower returned to my uncle Thomas Billingses in Pittsylvania cty Virginia and volunteer for a Tower of Three months under Captain Edmison and rendesvoused at Peter Williams on Sandy river and march thence to Ransowersers Mill at which place there was an engagment [see endnote] which lasted for Two or three hours but I was guarding the baggage waggons during the battle but the battle resulted in favour of the Americans we were marched thence by the moravian Towns [Salem, Bethania, and Bethabara] and thence home and was discharged by our Capt I again volunteered under Capt Douglass for a Tower of Three months and rendesvoused at the house of Charles Burton in said Pittsylvania County & was afterwards discharged without rendering any services the Tower I served in North Carolina I cannot recollect the Colonels name under whome I served but the last Tower I was under Col Pirkins [probably Peter Perkins] it is possible that I may be mistaken as to the fact whether my discharges was signed by my respective Capts or our Col. but my best impression is that they were given to us by our Captains if not signed by them but they are now lost

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any state Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Abraham hisXmark Billings

I was borned in Pittsylvania County Virginia in 1754 [sic: formed in 1766 from Halifax County]

I have no record of my age

I was living where I was borned when called into service part of my time Since I lived in N. Carolina and I now live in Ralls Cty & State of Missouri

I substituted in the place of Joseph Tamlin and in the first Tower of Three months and Volunteered all the ballance of the Towers

I have been discharged for four engagements but have lost the discharges  
I never was Commissioned but served as a private [signed] Abraham hisXmark Billings

Deposition of Hardin Billings of Pike County and State of Illinois a witness sworn and examined before Samuel Lippincott Esqr a Justice of the Peace in and for the county of Pike and State of Illinois on the Seventh day of December 1860 at the office of the said Samuel Lippincott in said county and state Relative to the identity of one certain Abraham Billings upon claim of George W Billings attorney for John Billings Eizabeth Akins and Jane Clark

Interagatories	Answers
first What is your age	about 88 years
secondly Do you know the parties named in this power of attorney	I do
Third was you acquainted with Abraham Billings	yes
fourth do you know of him Enlisting in the war of the Revolution	I do
fifth did you see Abraham Billings after his Return from the war	I did
Sixth do you know the parties named in a power of attorney Read to be the sons & Daughters of Abraham Billings	I do
Seventh In what state was Abraham Billings living when he Enlisted in the Revolutionary War	North Carolina
Eight what time Did Abraham Billings Decd	September 15 <sup>th</sup> 1839

NOTES:

The Battle of Ramsour's Mill near present Lincolnton NC on 20 Jun 1780 did not involve Virginia troops.

A document dated 3 Feb 1840 listed the children of Abraham Billings, Sr. as follows: John Billings, George Billings, Abraham Billings, Jr., Mary Nunns, Jane Hampton, and Margaret Carson.