

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abraham Peacock S21422

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State of Tennessee Perry County } County Court July Term 1834

On this 21st day of July 1834 personally appeared in open Court Abraham Peacock a resident of Lick Creek in Perry County State of Tennessee aged 74 on the 12 day of February next who being first 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 the 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein after stated. This Declarant entered the service of the United States as a drafted Militia man in the County of Wayne in the State of North Carolina in the year 1781 under Captain Joseph Sessions we joined the Army at Nash Court house from thence marched to Guilford County North Carolina where we joined Colonel Read [James Read] a Regular Officer from thence we marched after the British to Ramsey's Mill where we lay some few days from thence we marched to Camden South Carolina leaving declarant's Captain at Ramsey's Mill & this declarant was attached to Captain Cowell's [Samuel Crowell's] Company still with Colonel Read on our march to Camden we took the British patrol. The British burnt Log Town [Camden] a place where they posted their patrol and retired we were stationed for several days in front of the town until the battle of Camden [Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781] which was in the spring after declarant entered the service General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] Commanded the Americans at this place and Lord Rawdon the British. The battle commenced early in the morning and lasted about two hours the contest being very warm after which the British marched into the Fort and they Americans over a Creek and halted we lay here at this place some few days at the end of which time some of the British marched out and we pursued them -- several days after which we were discharged at Linchs [sic, Lynches] Creek and went home. This declarant served this tour five months as we went home nearly all the Company to which declarant belonged were taken prisoners by the Tories except himself & three or four more Lieutenant Knox was declarant's Lieutenant the rest of his Company Officers declarant cannot state who they were at this time his Major's name was Webb Colonel Heritage [sic, John Herritage] his Colonel although he Herritage did not go all the route. After this declarant returned from the above Tour he was there but a few days until he volunteered under Captain Benjamin Harrison Colonel Moring [sic, Major Burwell Moring] was his Colonel he marched from the same County and State as on his former Tower from thence marched to Dobbs County from thence to Sampson County on Trent River on which we burnt

several bridges we had a considerable skirmish at sandevers Bridge [?]¹ where we lost several men killed where we were repulsed but still stuck together and were marched for a considerable time through the Country to & fro in search of the Tories declarant served this tour 3 months and was discharged at Kingston [sic, Kinston] and went home he thinks about the first of October 1782. He has no documentary evidence by which he can prove his services nor does he know of any person by which he can prove the same. He hereby relinquishes every claim what[ever] 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year above mentioned.

S/ Abraham Peacock, X his mark

[Matthew Miller and Alexander Dodd gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Questions by the Court

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: I was born in what is now Wayne County North Carolina in the year 1761 on the 12th day of February

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans: The record of my age was burnt up in a house but I then knew it what it was & took it down again.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: In Wayne County North Carolina when called into service after the war I removed to South Carolina from thence to Georgia Washington County from thence I removed to Rutherford County State of Tennessee from thence to Wilson County in the same from thence to Humphreys County & from thence to Perry County where I now live

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans: On the first tour I was drafted and on my 2nd tour I was a volunteer

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans: I knew General Greene Colonel Read Colonel Campbell -- Colonel Heritage marched us out but we were joined to Colonel Read's troop & I do not know what became of Heritage I expect he went I recollect the troops under their command but do not at this lapse of time recollect the number of the regiments for the general circumstances of my services see my declaration --

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans: I was discharged by Captain Cowell at Lynches Creek the first tour the 2nd I was discharged by Captain Harrison both of them my discharges got burnt up long since

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Sandevess Bridge

Ans: I am acquainted with many whom I could refer to but will only refer to Matthew Miller & A. Dodd there being no clergyman in my neighborhood to whom I can refer --

A Declaration supplementary to a Declaration -- made by Abraham Peacock on the 21st day of July 1834 before the County Court of Perry County State of Tennessee to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832 this 13th of October 1834

This Declarant further sheweth that on his first tour therein set out that is in the declaration to which this is a supplement he was drafted for 3 months but as he was marched out of his State and served longer than he was drafted for he thought he would be entitled to pay for that. He well recollects that he was some time scouting after he left the Main body of the Army though Declarant is willing to give up all the time except the 3 months but yet he is confident he served on that tour of 5 months but yet it is probable he was duly entitled to a 3 months discharge he entered the service on this first tour about the first of January 1781 he is correct in sitting out his services on his second tour all but this instead of October 1782 the time when he alleges he was discharged it should be 1781 -- this must have been put in through a mistake as declarant intended it to be 1781 instead of 1782 though as he did not write his declaration himself he does not know how the mistake happened & further saith not.

S/ Abraham Peacock, A his mark

State of Tennessee Perry County

Be it known that before me Richard Hill a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared Abraham Peacock above named and made oath in due form of law that the above supplementary declaration is true --

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of October 1834

S/ Richard Hill, JP

S/ Abraham Peacock, A his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]