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Pension application of Abram (Abraham) Potter S30657

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State of Kentucky, Pike County

On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of November 1833 personally appeared before the Justices of the Pike County Court Abram Potter a resident of Kentucky in the County of Pike, aged eighty-eight years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the Act of Congress and passed June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832. That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1777<sup>1</sup> under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He first enlisted under Captain John Armstrong of Surry County North Carolina in August and served a tour of two years and six months. The name of the Commander of the Regiment (being the 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment) was Lt. Col. Joseph Philips who I then served until we joined General Green's [sic, Nathanael Greene's] Brigade we marched from Surry County to Salisbury in the same State from there to Georgetown, there we had a small battle with the Tories and they retreated. From there we marched to Randolph [County] by way of Willmonton [sic, Wilmington], there we took four or five prisoners, from there we marched back to Abbott's Creek, there we came in contact again with the Tories and took four more prisoners, one of which was a Captain by the name of Philip Culklazier [?], we again returned in obedience to the orders of Genl. Campbell to Salsbury [sic, Salisbury]. There we lay in Post for about a month. From there we went to South Carolina to a place called the Snow Hills Camps. We then marched to a place called the Three Runs upon the road leading from Charleston, there we had an engagement with the British and Tories in which many were killed and taken prisoners. Then we marched to the Hanging Rock, there we had another engagement with the British & Tories in which we succeeded and took their waggons[sic] & their baggage and from thence we marched to the Cowpens, there we had an engagement with the British in which we suffered much loss, many killed and wounded, Capt. Bell [?, Bitt, Belt?] was wounded but did not prove fatal. From thence we marched near Camden, there we joined Genl. Greene's Regiment and there we had an engagement with the British in which many were killed and wounded. From thence we marched to a town about thirty five miles from Charleston, upon the waters of the Pedee River, after sometime we marched to Rugeley's Mill, there we had an engagement with the British in which Genl. Gates [Horatio Gates] was defeated also he fled and DeCab [sic, DeKalb] was killed. We again got together at the cross roads and

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1 Date is written over. It could be 1779.

marched to the Dan River by way of Salisbury and there I received my discharge from Lieutenant I. P. Harker [? Harper] which discharge was burnt. And in the year 1779 I substituted in the place of David Stewart for eighteen months. Then I was in the rendezvous in the Moravian Town under General Armstrong, then we marched by Wilkes Court house up to Burke Court house then we came back to Surry Court house. Then I enlisted Thomas Saxten in my place during the war my Captain's name was Joel Lewis & William Lewis was my Col. & then I returned home.

He states that his memory is much shattered and impaired owing to his age and he can not recollect positively as to time. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he did answer that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Abram Potter, X his mark  
[William Tackett, a clergyman and Thomas Steward gave the standard supporting affidavit

Questions propounded by the Court

1. Where and in what year you born.

Ans: I was born in Rowan County, North Carolina in the year of 1745.

2. Have you any record of your age and if so, where is it.

Ans: I have, and it is at my son John's.

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

Ans: In Surry County, & State of North Carolina & have since lived in Kentucky and do now live.

4. How were you called into service, were you drafted. Did you volunteer were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom.

Ans: I enlisted under Capt. John Armstrong for two years & six months and a substitute for David Stewart under Capt. Joel Lewis for Eighteen months.

5 State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where You served and such as Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans: Genl. Martin Armstrong, Col. William Lewis, Major Joseph Winston, Capt. Joel Lewis and Micajah Lewis, Lieutenant. He states he enlisted in the year of 1777 and went against the Tories & British and was in engagements and in 1779 received his discharge, which discharge is lost.

6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so, by whom was it given.

Ans: I received a discharge from John Harper, the lieutenant for the first tour, the last I did not get any.

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

Ans: William Ramey, Esqr., James Roberts, Esqr., William Tacket, Esqr., Thomas May, Esqr., William Ratliff, Jr., and Thomas Steward.

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The Testimony of Thomas Steward<sup>2</sup> taken before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for Pike County and State of Kentucky in relation to the Service of Abram Potter an old Revolutionary Soldier doth on his oath make the following statement, That he is well acquainted with said Abram Potter and has been before he enlisted and served the two years & six months as stated in the Declaration and also knew that he was a substitute eighteen months as stated also in the declaration aforesaid and did serve under the officers as stated. Sworn to before made this 26th day of November 1833

S/ Simon Justice JP

The Deposition of John Moore<sup>3</sup> taken before the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for Floyd County Kentucky in relation to the service of Abram Potter and old revolutionary Soldier, doth on his oath make the following statement. That he is well satisfied that he did serve in the Revolutionary war as stated in his said declaration but as to the time he cannot say exactly, but he is certain he saw him and heard his name repeatedly called during the Term of one month & 15 days until the company was divided, when one part was sent to Carolina and the remainder stayed near Willming Town [sic, Wilmington]. He states he is old and to some extent then deprived of his memory, but is perfectly satisfied that he Abram Potter did serve as stated above and perhaps longer. Given under my hand this 10th day of November 1835.

S/ Wilson Mayo, JP

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<sup>2</sup> FPA R10171

<sup>3</sup> [John Moore W8464](#)