

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abner Hamilton S31105

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State of Kentucky Barren County October 5th, 1831

Abner Hamilton of the County aforesaid states that he was actively engaged during the Revolutionary war from the year 1776 until near the close of the war in the year 1782. At the age of fifteen years he furnished his own Gun and clothes and attached himself to a company of Rangers commanded by Captain Ralph Stewart, which company was raised in Augusta County Virginia for the purpose of ranging and guarding the Frontiers and preventing the depredations of the Indians, and on that arduous duty served three months, was honorably discharged and receive the pay for his services. After his discharge, he was pretty constantly engaged in defending the frontiers until October 1780, when he attached himself to Captain James Tate's Company and was regularly enrolled in his company at Teare's [?] on the South River near Rockfish Gap, and marched from thence to Hillsboro in North Carolina, from thence marched to South Carolina and was reported to General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] and attached to his Brigade, and marched with his company to the Cowpens, and fought under him as a Riflemen in the battle known in history by the name of the Battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781]. This affiant states that after having served three months, he was honorably discharged by Captain Tate on the Catawba River in North Carolina on the 24th day of January 1781; which discharge is in the words and figures following.

Catawba River North Carolina

This is to certify that Abner Hamilton a soldier in my company of Militia from Augusta County Virginia hath served his Tour of 3 months under the Command of Brigadier General Morgan and is now discharged, having Liberty to pass unmolested to above said County on his good behavior. Given under my hand this 24th of January 1781

S/ James Tate, Captain¹

which discharge is herewith file. This affiant further states that for his services on this Tour of duty he never received any pay, owing to the circumstance, as he was informed, that no pay rolls were made out, or if they were made out, were never found, as he understood then. This affiant is induced to believe that the pay rolls were not made out by Captain Tate for the above service, from the circumstance of his remaining at home but a few days before he returned with another

¹ At the bottom of the discharge, the following appears:

"N. B. Wm Fuller [William Fuller or could be William Fullen] is in the same Predicament and Indulged with the same Liberty. J. T. C." See the image of the discharge posted below.

volunteer company and fought under the command of General Green [Nathanael Greene] at the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781], where he was killed.

This affiant further states that he united himself as a volunteer to Captain John Oliver's Company on the second campaign and fought under General Greene as a Rifleman in the Battle of Guilford, and was discharged and received his pay.

This affiant further states, that he believes it was in the spring 1782 he attached himself as a volunteer to in some Thomas Carpmill [Thomas Cartmill] of the 2nd Battalion, and was with the rest of his men attached to the Company of Captain John McKittrick of the first Battalion and under his command and served two months in guarding in defending the Frontiers. This affiant states that he was honorably discharged by Captain McKittrick or Carpmill but has lost his discharge, and for this service he never received any pay, owing to the circumstance of Ensign Carpmill having failed transmit or delivered to Captain McKittrick a report of his pay roll.

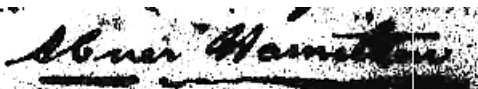
This affiant will further state that the Officers above mentioned to whom he attached himself as a volunteer were ordered into service by the proper authority, but that he never suffered himself to be drafted but in every case turned out as a volunteer.

This affiant further states that in the year 1791 he attached himself to the Company of Captain William Dudley who was since killed, during the late war, at Fort Mieg, and after serving a Tour of thirty days and being engaged in some skirmishing was honorably discharged, for which service he received pay.

This affiant states, that he has been honorably paid for all his services except for three months service in Captain Tate's Company and two months in Captain McKittrick's Company. This affiant further states, that he thinks it reasonable that he talked to be allowed pay for traveling to Hillsborough on the arrival at that place the time commenced, and that two weeks had elapsed before the company arrived at that place.

This affiant states, that the time has been when he cared not for pay for services rendered to his Country in her distress – If he received pay it was well, if he did not receive pay it was equally as well. It was owing to feelings of this kind he so long delayed seeking for what was justly due to him; that he is now about threescore and ten years old and by the misfortune of one kind or another, and especially by being security for others, is reduced to a dependent situation and entirely unable to labor – He therefore hopes that his Country will afford him some assistance not by making him a pensioner on their bounty but by paying him what he solemnly declares his just due. The affiant lastly states that he thinks it reasonable that he should not only received a soldier's pay per month for five months and a half but also interest on that sum until the payment is made.

Given under my hand this date aforesaid.



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State of Kentucky Barren County

This day came John Brownlee² of said State and County and made oath that what said Abner Hamilton has stated in his affidavit relative to his services in Captain Tate's Company is true, he having been with him in the same Company during the said time & further that the time of going & returning made it in all about four months.

Given under my hand and seal this 15th day of October 1831

² [John Brownlee S35799](#)

S/ Bartley L Graves, JP

State of Kentucky Barren County SS

On this 21st day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Benjamin Monroe presiding Judge of the Circuit Court of Barren County now sitting, Abner Hamilton a resident of the County of Baron and State of Kentucky, aged 70 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 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated. At the age of fifteen years, he furnished his own gun and clothes and attached himself to a Company of Rangers commanded by Captain Ralph Stewart, which company was raised in Augusta County Virginia for the purpose of guarding the frontiers and preventing the depredations of the Indians, he served three months in this Company and was honorably discharged. After his discharge he was engaged in defending the frontiers until October 1780, when he attached himself to Captain James Tate's Company and was regularly enrolled in said Company at [indecipherable word]³ on the South River near rockfish Gap, and marched to Hillsboro in North Carolina and from thence to South Carolina and was reported to General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] and attached to his Brigade, and marched with his Brigade to the Cowpens and fought in Captain Tate's Company under the command of General Morgan in the Battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781]. He served three months in Captain Tate's Company exclusive of the time of marching to and from the place of rendezvous, and was honorably discharged by Captain Tate this discharge is within filed and dated the 24th of January 1781.

After this he united himself as a volunteer to Captain John Oliver's Company of Volunteers, and fought in Captain Oliver's company under the command of General Green [Nathanael Greene] in the Battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] and after serving one month was honorably discharged, but sold and transferred that discharge for store goods.

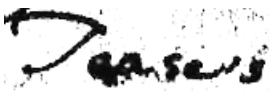
In the spring of 1782 he attached himself as a volunteer to Ensign Thomas Carpmill [Thomas Cartmill] of the 2nd Battalion in Augusta County, and was with the rest of his men attached to the Company of Captain John McKittrick of the first Battalion and under his command served two months guarding in defending the frontiers against the Indians and was honorably discharged which discharge he has lost.

At the time of entering the service in said of the aforesaid periods, he was a resident of Augusta County Virginia. Colonel Washington commanded the horse in the battle of the Cowpens. At the Battle of Guilford the company to which he belonged was attached to Colonel Campbell's Regiment.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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 and year aforesaid

S/ Abner Hamilton

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Amos Hamilton

[Joel Yancey gave a standard supporting affidavit. In addition, the Reverend John Howe will & General James Allen gave another supporting affidavit.]

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I also state that he has been reputed to be a Revolutionary Soldier and no personally one man, to wit, John Brownlee, who served with him and was wounded in the battle of the Cowpens when a boy I saw and was acquainted with said Brownlee after he returned from the Battle.

S/ James Allen

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County of Mecklenburg North Carolina
I do hereby certify that Amos Hamilton a Soldier in my
Company of Militia from Augusta County Virginia hath served
his Term of Three Months under the Command of Brig
General Morgan & is now Discharged having Liberty
to go to the County of Mecklenburg North Carolina
behaving given under my hand this 28th of January 1781
N. B. Wm Fullen is in the same Regiment and
Discharged with the same Liberty.
J. T. C.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia militia.]