

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abraham Sublett S31397
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The declaration of Abraham Sublett in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832.

[State of Kentucky, Lincoln County]

On the 29th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before me John L. Bridges Judge of the Lincoln Circuit Court for the County of Lincoln State of Kentucky. Abraham Sublett a resident of same county of Lincoln & State of Kentucky age seventy six years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit the Act of Congress passed 7th June 1832. That he entered the service of the State of Virginia in the militia under the following named officers and several as hereinafter stated.

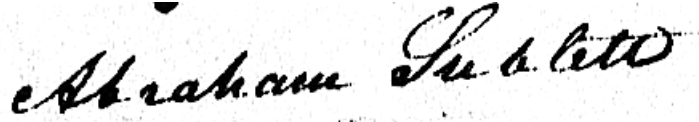
That he entered the service of the State of Virginia under the Command of Captain Richard Gains [Richard Gaines] on the 9th day of January 1778 -- the Major of the Regiment was Major Bins Jones [Binns Jones] Col Charles Fleming & General Muhlenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] were the commanding officers and served at that time a tour of three months and was discharged on the 9th day of April 1778. That he entered the service as a draft as well as he recollects. He thinks that he was in the 4th Regiment of Va Militia. That he entered the service a second time under the command of Capt. Gideon Spencer about the latter part of July 1781 -- he does not recollect the name of the Major, Col. Tucker [St. George Tucker] and General Lawson [Robert Lawson] were the superior officers in a that he served a tour of three months at that time. He states that he was discharged after the siege of York as he thinks about the first of November 1781 -- that [he] entered the service on the second as a Draft.

He states that he was in the engagement at Little York or rather the siege at Little York [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] when Lord Cornwallis was captured and that he served during the siege of York and was at the taking of Cornwallis. That he was not discharged until after the siege of York. That he resided in the County of Charlotte State of Virginia above seven miles from the Court house. That he removed to the State of Kentucky in 1798 or 1799 and that he has resided in the same state ever since in Lincoln County. The Commanding officers of the Regular and Continental troops were General Washington, La Fayette [Lafayette], Count de Rochambeau General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] & a number of others -- He states that he marched from the Court house in Charlotte County to Petersburg in Virginia where they encamped about a week on Old Town Creek when they marched to Cabin Point [in Surry County] and from thence they marched to Cooper's Mills in the County of the Isle of Wight -- that was on his first tour. On his second tour he proceed[ed] from the County of Charlotte by nearly the same route as near as he

can recollect to Little York at which he was stationed untill after the taking of Cornwallis.

He states that he has no documentary evidence but can prove them by Capt. Richard Gains of Lincoln under whom he Sublett served in his first tour & by Caldwell Woods who served with him in the second tour. He hereby relinquishes his claims to any pension whatever or annuity except the present, and that his name is not enrolled in the Pension Roll of the agency of any State.

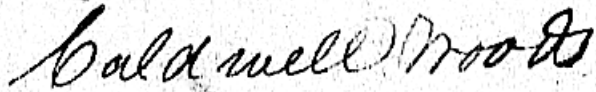
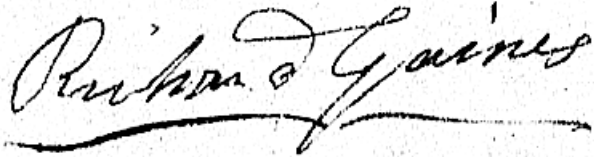
Abraham Sublett¹



Lincoln County _____

We Richard Gains² of the County of Lincoln State of Kentucky & Caldwell Woods³ of said County & State do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Abraham Sublett who has sworn to the above declaration and that we believe him to be seventy six years of age. And I Richard Gains do hereby certify that I know that Abraham Sublett was under my command and entered the service as stated in his declaration. I know that he was on the second tour in 1781 although I was not there in Command. And I Caldwell Woods do hereby declare that I served with the said Sublett during both tours and know that he performed the services as stated by him and in them a time therein set forth.

Richard Gains
Caldwell Woods



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BRIEF in the case of Abraham Sublett County of Lincoln in the State of Kentucky  
(Act 7 June 1832.)

1. Was the declaration made before a Court or a Judge? Court
2. If before a Judge does it appear that the applicant is disabled by bodily infirmity?
3. How old is he? 76
4. State his service, as directed in the form annexed.  
9 Jany in 1778 draft 3 months private Capt. R. Gains Col.  
C. Fleming 4th Regm't  
(he thinks)

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<sup>1</sup> Note by Will Graves: This signature appears to me to be in the exact same handwriting as the balance of the document, consequently, I believe that it is not the actual signature of the veteran but rather an indication by the scribe that the document was signed by the veteran, probably with his mark.

<sup>2</sup> Note by Will Graves: I could find no record of this Richard Gains having filed for either a federal or state pension for his service in the Revolution. He is listed in McAllister's Roster of Virginia Militia as being a Captain in the Charlotte County militia who commanded a company 'near Dismal Swamp 1780.'

<sup>3</sup> [Caldwell Woods W9033](#)

July 1781 draft 3 months 2nd tour Capt. G. Spencer  
Col. Tucker

5. In what battles was he engaged? York

6. Where did he reside when he entered the service? Charlotte County, VA

7. Is his statement supported by living witnesses, by documentary proof, by tradition evidence, by incidental evidence or by the rolls? two living witnesses one his Captain & the other a fellow Soldier in both tours

8. Are the papers defective as to form or authentication? And if so, in what respect? Correct

I certify that the foregoing statement and the answers agree with the evidence in the case above mentioned.

T. Waugh

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