

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abner Hanks S31729

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Indiana to wit, Johnson County: Johnson Circuit Court March Term A.D. 1834

On this 18 day of March 1834 personally appeared before the Honorable Johnson Circuit Court now sitting Abner Hanks a resident of said County in the state aforesaid, aged seventy-one 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 of June 7, 1832.

That he was drafted into the service of the United States in April of the year 1780 under the command of Captain George Harrison, who is the only commissioned officer under whom he served whose name is now recollected: That at the time of entering said service he was a resident of Richmond County in the State of Virginia: That from the point of enlistment, he marched to Leedstown in said state: and while at said place and express arrived in forming of the contemplated attempt of the British to land in the Chesapeake Bay and requesting aid, whereupon a second draft was made, and it was the lot of this applicant to be drafted for said expedition. That from the time he entered the service as aforesaid until his discharge he was constantly engaged in the service of the United States for a period not less than three months.

That afterwards and immediately subsequent to his return home from the performance of the duties aforesaid, he was again drafted into the service of the United States under the command of George Sisson and other officers none of whose names are now recollected: That in this last tour of service he was engaged three months principally in guarding the transportation of provisions, and other necessaries of the armies in that part of the country. That at the end of said term this applicant was regularly discharge: but whether this discharge was written or oral he given he cannot now recollect. – It being the custom then to discharge militia-men both ways: That he has no documentary or other written evidence of his service; and that the whole period thereof was not less than six months. Here with he presents the affidavit of Samuel Dunaway a citizen of Kentucky who is cognizant of the services by this applicant performed as aforesaid.

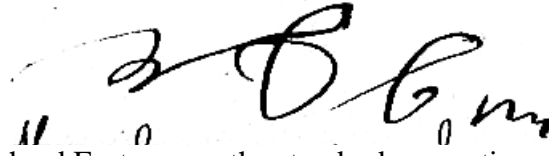
He hereby are relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State or territory.

And in answer to the interrogatories here now propounded by the Court, the said affiant saith.

1. That he is informed and believes he was born in Richmond County in the State of Virginia in the year 1763.
2. That he has no record of his age.
3. That when called into service he was a resident of Richmond County Virginia, afterwards of Henry County Kentucky, & now of Johnson County Indiana.

4. That he was drafted into service.
5. That he recollects the names of none of the regular officers who were with the troops with whom he served.
7. That he is known to William Irwin a clergyman and Richard Foster both of whom are his neighbors, whose affidavits are hereto annexed

S/ [scribble: presumed to be the veteran's signature]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. Irwin" or "R. Foster". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

[William Irwin, a clergyman, and Richard Foster gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Henry County Sct.

This day Samuel Dunaway<sup>1</sup> personally appeared before me one Price Nutall a Justice of the Peace in and for said County & made oath that Abner Hanks now a Citizen of Johnson County Indiana served with this Deponent in the State of Virginia as a militia man of the said State in the revolutionary War for the term of 6 months, the first tour [tour] under Captain George Harrison the 2<sup>nd</sup> under Captain George Sisson, & This deponent further saith that the said Abner Hanks was raised in the same neighborhood with him the said Deponent, to wit, in the County of Richmond & State of Virginia where the aforesaid services was rendered & further this deponent saith not,

Given under my hand as a justice of the peace in and for the said County this 4<sup>th</sup> November 1833

S/ Price Nuttall, JP

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

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<sup>1</sup> [Samuel Dunaway S2530](#)