

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abram Peavy S31904

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State of Georgia County of Taliaferro: SS

On this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year 1836 personally appeared in open Court, before the Superior Court of said County now sitting, Abram Peavy a resident of said County and State aged about seventy-seven years to the best of his belief 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 June seven 1832 – That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated –

I Abram Peavy do most solemnly State that I entered the service of the United States in the War of the Revolution in the latter part of the year that Declaration of Independence was made or early in the year after (the precise time I do not now recollect) in the State of Georgia – that I volunteered and served constantly for the term of six months under Captain John Stuart in said State. Our Colonel's name was also John Stuart. We were immediately marched from Richmond County to the Western part of Wilkes County for the purpose of protecting the frontier from the attacks of the Indians. I company was for the greater portion of the time stationed or garrisoned at Fort Philips – on Little River which was considered an important point. We had during this time of service no general battle with the Indians – nor do I recollect that at any time we lost any of our men killed – We suffered much from inclemency of weather and want of provisions. About twelve months from our return home after the termination of service above stated – (the date or year I do not recollect, as I never could read or write and never paid much attention to such things) there was what was called a Florida draft – [indecipherable word] draft for men to go to Florida – to St. Augustine. The draft was for a term of three months Service and I was drafted – and was marched immediately away – in Captain David Sherrill's Company – Our first Lieutenant's name was Abram Griux [?]<sup>1</sup> – and we were in this expedition commanded by General Williamson [Andrew Williamson of South Carolina]. We went to within about twelve miles of a place called St. John's and during the campaign had but one engagement and that was with some Creek Indians in which we lost one man killed – and a man named Clarke (who was afterwards General Clarke [Elijah Clarke]) was wounded – this term of service was for three months as above stated – after which I again returned home to Richmond County, where I remained some time I do not recollect how long – but it was until there was a call for men to go to Savannah to defend that place from the British when I again volunteered in Colonel Few's [Benjamin Few or Ignatius Few] Regiment – and in the company of Captain Thomas Espy [also

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<sup>1</sup> *Griux*

spelled Espey] – for three months and hastened to Savannah and was there at its siege. It was General McIntosh [Lachlan McIntosh], I think, that commanded our forces at that time – after which term of service – and the British taking possession of the Country we had to take refuge over the mountains where I remained for some time – how long I do not recollect – That upon my return home to Richmond County I did not stay long until I again volunteered in Colonel James Jackson's Regiment of "light horse" for three months and was marched to the low country of Georgia near Ogeechee River on Colonel Jackson's sanitation where we were attacked by a party of British – commanded by whom I do not recollect – our forces had to retreat. His Colonel James Jackson was afterwards Governor of the State of Georgia – and after being discharged from this term I did not enter the service again, but again returned home to Richmond County where I remained until peace was made. The total amount of the time I was in regular constant service being fifteen months – three months of which was under a drafted [draft] – the other being all volunteer service – besides this I was often in small volunteer companies called "rangers" performed for the purpose of scouring the Country and protecting it from the frequent inroads of the Tories but of which kind of service though it seemed as essential to the Country I have made no mention as it would be impossible to in the regular order of its occurrence – Nor have I any documentary evidence, that I know of whereby I can establish the service above stated, nor do I know of any living witness that can testify to the same – I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and I do declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State –

And in answer to the questions propounded by the Court according to the requisition of the Department he says –

To the first question – I was born in North Carolina – near Hillsboro – I think it was called Orange County – I do not know in what year I was born – but I know I was between 16 & 17 years old when Declaration of Independence was made – my father moved from North Carolina to Georgia when they said I was fourteen years old.

To second, He says that he had now no record of his age – To third, He says – I was living in the County of Richmond in this State – when called into service that he continued to live there after the war Fort – that he then moved to Wilkes County – and now lives in Taliaferro County Georgia – To the fourth He says – that he was drafted for one term of three months – all the other service was volunteer Service –

To fifth, He says – I knew General Williamson, General McIntosh – Colonel Jackson and Colonel Few – 26 – He says he didn't get discharges he thinks in all cases – he knows he did in some – but that as he could not read them they were soon mislaid and lost – he recollects Colonel James Jackson gave him one – to the seventh he refers to David S Anderson, and Uriah T. Farmer.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Abram Peavy, X his mark

[David S Anderson, JP, and Uriah T Farmer gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Georgia Taliaferro County

Personally came [before] the Inferior Court of said County now sitting Abram Peavy a Revolutionary Soldier, who by way of amendment to his former Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of seven June 1832 upon oath saith – that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods

mentioned below – For six months a volunteer at Fort Philips – three months in the Florida Campaign – drafted service – Three months on a tour to Savannah volunteer service – and three months under Jackson – as stated in his former declaration – And he further saith by way of explanation that he was engaged in various other tours of service of shorter duration which he did not mention inasmuch as he could not state the precise number of weeks and days, and he was advised that it would not avail to say "about" any time of time [sic] – And by way of establishing this he would refer to the oath of Thomas McCormick herewith sent – proving the service of this deponent own tour in Burke County not mentioned in his declaration because he could not recollect the precise length of time – he was also engaged in a term of service under Colonel Benjamin Few, through the Country of Altamaha River which he did not mention for the same reasons – Also at a Battle at Augusta under Captain Dooly – But the terms of service stated by this Deponent, he knew and recollected, and thinks he cannot be mistaken – in the length in the length of this service – though he may be in the kind – And he says the reason he has never before applied for his pension is that he did not know how to proceed, or much about the same anyhow – that he is without learning – and lives in the corner of the County – and from great age and decrepitude he seldom goes from home, and no [several words written over and indecipherable] self in his behalf – or making known to this deponent how he was to proceed – the matter has remained without any application until the last summer –

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 21 day of November 1836 –

S/ Abram Peavy, X his mark

Attest: S/ Quinca O'Neal, Clk

Georgia Taliaferro County

Personally appeared before me Garrett Gatlin a justice of the Peace in & for said County Thomas McCormick who upon oath saith that he has for a long time been acquainted with Abram Peavy – that he knew him during the Revolutionary War – and that he knows that he was a soldier in said War – but as to the length of any particular term of service this deponent does not recollect – this deponent and the said Abram not being in the same Command – but he recollects of seeing said Peavy frequently during said War and wants particularly when this deponent was going to Burke jail – under Lieutenant McAfee – He the said Peavy being in Captain Espy's Company – and this deponent further states that he has known said Peavy ever since – And that he has always been known and considered as a Revolutionary Soldier – and a man of truth – though one of but limited learning – Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21 November 1836

S/ Thomas McCormick,<sup>2</sup> X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March fourth, 1831, for service as a private for 15 months in the Virginia militia.]

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<sup>2</sup> [Thomas McCormack S31857](#)