

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Abbott S32089

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State of Indiana Green County: SS: Green County Probate Court February Term 1833

On this the fourteenth day of February in the year 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Honorable Willis D Lester Judge of the Probate Court of the County of Green aforesaid now sitting, John Abbott resident of the said County, aged Seventy-eight years on the 16th day of this instant, 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 the 6th June 1832 [sic, June 7, 1832]. That he entered the service of the United States as an enlisted soldier in the war of the Revolution under the following named officers and in the following manner to wit, that on the first day of June in the year 1781, he enlisted and entered the service of the United States, as above stated in the Army of the United States in the War of the Revolution, at Guilford court house in the County of Guilford in the State of North Carolina for the Term of one year in the company commanded by Captain William Little [William Lytle], in the Regiment commanded by Colonel ___ and Major Armstrong, the name of said Colonel at this time not certainly recollected, but believes it to have been Colonel Dixon [either Henry "Hal" Dixon or Joseph Dixon], in the line of the State of North Carolina, and that he marched from Guilford N. C. under said Little and Armstrong immediately after he enlisted as herein mentioned to the high Hills of Santee in the State of S. C. where he joined head quarters under General Green [Nathanael Greene], where he remained at headquarters something like two months or thereabout when he was ordered under Lieutenant Andrew Manning with twenty-four other men to join Colonel Lee's [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee's] Regiment at Colonel Singleton's Mills, on the high Hills of Santee, to which Regiment he was attached during the remainder of the time of his said enlistment and that he served in said Regiment under Lee as herein stated and under said Lieutenant Manning and Captain Rheudloph [Michael Rudolph], that during the time of his being attached to said Regiment under Lee as aforesaid: That he was at the battle of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781], and in several skirmishes with the Tories and British not worth mentioning save the attack made on Dorchester under Colonel William Washington, and Lee, and Marion [Francis Marion], and one Troop of Milans [Stephen Moylan's] horse where the British were then stationed, who abandon the Fort and burnt the same, leaving a part of their cannon's spiked – and through a part of their ordinance into the well before they abandoned the fortress; that he still continued to be attached to said Regiment until he was discharged on the first day of June 1782 at the big Springs near Dorchester and about 18 miles from Charleston in South Carolina and that during the time of his having been attached to said Regiment, that he was principally and indeed altogether in his travels and marches confined to the state of South Carolina, that on the first day of June 1782, he was discharged as herein stated, that said discharge was signed by General Green, that his discharge which he received as above stated he sold the same to Nathaniel Linder. That he was born in Dorchester County in the State of Maryland where he resided until the year 1780, when he removed to Guilford County North Carolina at which place he resided when he enlisted as herein stated and that since the close of the revolution that he lived in the States of South

Carolina and North Carolina, Tennessee, and Indiana – that he lived in Tennessee about twenty-five years old that periods, and nearly five years in Indiana the place of his present residence and the remainder of the time in South Carolina and North Carolina. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension list roll of any state or Territory as a pensioner.

This deponent further states that he cannot prove nor has he in his possession any written proof of his services other than his own declaration and the proof he can make by Isaiah H Laurence, a minister of the gospel, Peter Hill, Bara Perry his neighbors and citizens of the County of Green and State of Indiana, and of a certain Solomon Mitchell resident of the County of Sumner in the State of Tennessee and Albert Hendricks resident as (he believes) of Simpson County in the State of Kentucky, which he prays may be done and made a part of this record; this deponent further states that he has no written or documentary evidence of his age that he has never seen any record of his age; that from the tradition of his mother and his family that he believes that he was born on the 16th day of February in the year 1755.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 14 day of February 1833

S/ W D Lester, Probate Judge

S/ John Abbott, X his mark

[Isaiah H Laurence, a clergyman, and Barnabus Perry, Andrew Downing, Alexander Cleney and Peter Hill gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee Sumner County: SS

On this the 8th day of June in the year 1833 personally appeared before me the undersigned Reuben Searcy a justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Albert Hendricks¹ aged 70 years who being first duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he is intimately acquainted with John Abbott who on the 14th of February in the year 1833 before the probate court of the County of Green and State of Indiana made and subscribed his declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832. This deponent states that his first acquaintance with John Abbott was in the year 1781 & that at that time said Abbott was a Soldier in the revolutionary Service & served under Colonel Lee, that he has been well acquainted with said Abbott ever since that date up to the present time, that they were in a small skirmish at Dorchester in South Carolina, that this deponent served in a different Captain's Company, but Constantly knew John Abbott & frequently saw him whilst they were in Service, but this deponent was discharged from Service before said Abbott was, & the manner in which said Abbott was discharged this deponent does not know, but believes said Abbott remained some considerable time in Service & expects he was honorably discharged – and this deponent further states that the said John Abbott in said declaration mentioned is the same Identical John Abbott with whom I was acquainted, and with whom I served in the revolutionary war as herein stated; and that I have no reason to doubt and that I do verily believe that said John Abbott served in the revolution as he states in his declaration and further this deponent saith not.

S/ Albert Hendrix [sic], X his mark

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State of Tennessee Sumner County: SS

On this the 8th day of June in the year 1833 personally appeared before me the undersigned Reuben Searcy a justice of the peace in and for the County and state aforesaid Solomon Mitchell² aged seventy-two years who being first duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he is intimately acquainted with the said John Abbott who as it appears on the 14th day of February in the year 1833

¹ [Albert Hendricks W83](#)

² Possibly the same man as [Solomon Mitchell S4222](#)

before the probate court of the County of Green and State of Indiana made and subscribed his declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832. That this deponent was intimately acquainted with John Abbott about 15 years before the commencement of the Revolutionary War. This deponent further states that about the year 1781 John Abbott & Allenbee Williams left their homes (& as he was informed) for the purpose of enlisting in the Revolutionary Service, he well knows that they were gone upwards of Twelve months, then they returned & the said John Abbott & Williams both brought to whom this deponent there discharges, which this deponent read & recollects that they were honorably discharged & that there discharges were signed by General Green. This deponent has always lived in the same neighborhood with said John Abbott & ever has been acquainted with said Abbott before & since the Revolutionary War up to the present time – and this deponent further states that the said John Abbott in said declaration mentioned is the same identical John Abbott with whom he was acquainted and whose discharge he read as herein stated, and further this deponent saith not.

S/ Sol. Mitchell

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sol. Mitchell". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent flourish at the end of the word "Mitchell".

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one-year in the North Carolina service.]