

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abraham Floyd S32251

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State of Indiana Decatur County: SS

On this twenty eighth day of April in the year 1834 personally appeared in open court before the Honorable the judges of the Decatur Circuit Court for the County of Decatur and State of Indiana Abraham Floyd a resident of said County and State aged Seventy-nine years on the tenth day of May next, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832 -- That he volunteered and entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated -- That he volunteered and entered the service of the United States about the thirty first day of March in the year 1776 at (what was then called) Camden district in the State of South Carolina under Capt. William Byers and Lieut. Jacob Barnett -- that he at that place joined a Regiment of volunteers under the command of Col. Thomas Neil [Thomas Neel] and also the Main Army or body of volunteers (designed for the then contemplated service) under the command of General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] that he marched from Camden South Carolina to the Cherokee nation Indians (which were then engaged in the war with the United States) -- That he was in a battle with said Indians at (what was then called) the black hole [Black Hole or the battle of Coweecho River, September 19, 1776] on the waters of French Broad River -- That besides the said battle he was in several skirmishes with said Indians and endured great fatigue during his service in this tour -- That he was dismissed from service above the last of October in the year 1776 and returned to Camden in South Carolina -- that he was a private soldier during the whole of the aforesaid service, and was engaged in service at least six months and twenty days -- That he does not remember that any regular officers were with the aforesaid volunteers during his service -- That he was drafted and entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he was drafted and entered the service of the United States about the last of February 1779 at (what was then called) Camden district in South Carolina, under Capt. William McCullough and Lieut. Jacob Barnett -- that he marched from thence under the command of Major Francis Ross to Augusta in Georgia, and from the last mentioned town to Briar Creek in Georgia, at which place he joined the American Army under General Ash [John Ashe] -- That he was in a battle against the British (under Col. Prevost) at Briar Creek [March 3, 1779] in Georgia where he was taken prisoner by the British and conveyed to Savannah in Georgia -- that he endured great hardship during the aforesaid service especially whilst he was a prisoner -- that about the 1st July 1779, he escaped from the enemy and returned to Camden in South Carolina having been engaged in service at the least four

months -- That he was a private soldier during the whole of the aforesaid service: That 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 -- That he was born in the month of May in the year 1775, at Camden in South Carolina -- That he has no Record evidence of his age but distinctly recollects having obtained a knowledge of the place where & the time when he was born, from his parents -- That he never received a discharge from service. That he was simply dismissed from the service first above mentioned: the time for which he volunteered having expired, and the object of the expedition accomplished -- That he was taken prisoner by the British while engaged in the service Secondly above mentioned and escaped & returned home as aforesaid: That he has no documentary evidence of his service, and that he knows of no person (whose testimony he can procure) who can prove will testify to his service: That he was living in Camden in South Carolina when he entered into the Service -- that since the Revolutionary War he has resided at Camden South Carolina where he was born from which place he removed to Burke County in the State of North Carolina in the year 1784, thence to Madison County in the State of Kentucky in the year 1801 thence to the County of Decatur in the State of Indiana in the year 1828 where he has resided for about six years. That there is no Preacher living in his neighborhood who has any traditionary or other [word obliterated, perhaps "knowledge"] of his service.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid
S/ Abram Floyd

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Abram Floyd', written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[William Hopkins and Samuel Williams gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$35.55 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 10 months & 20 days in the South Carolina militia.]