

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Abel Man S32396

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State of Illinois } SS On this 1st day of April in the year of Our Lord one thousand
County of Franklin } eight hundred & thirty three personally appeared in open court before
Thomas C. Browne one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of Illinois and Presiding Judge
of the Franklin Circuit Court in and for the County of Franklin now sitting Abel Man a resident of the
county of Franklin and State of Illinois aged 73 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 passed
June 7th 1832 That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and
served as herein stated

He was born in Amelia County State of Virginia in 1760 as he is informed and believes. He was drafted
& entered the service in 1776 or 1777 [sic] in the month of May to the best of his recollection under
Capt. Price his given name he does not now recollect [probably John Price]. he was then living in the
same county above stated. He rendezvous'd at Rolling's Church and marched from thence to Hillsboro'
[sic: Hillsborough] in N. Carolina where he joined with the company the Battalion of Maj. John Bois
[probably William Boyce] Commanded by Col [John] Glenn under Brig Genl Stephens [sic: Edward
Stevens] and was mustered into service for three months. They marched from Hillsboro to near Cambyn
or Camden SC where they met with a body of the enemy & were compelled to retreat [Battle of Camden,
16 Aug 1780]. Major Genl [Horatio] Gates commanded the American forces. He states that he was in
Gates's defeat and that the forces were scattered and dispersed without orders to rendezvous at any place
& that he went home. He was afterwards ordered to rendezvous at Hillsboro' again to serve out his tour
of three months which he did under the command of the same Capt & subordinate officers as well as
Maj. Col. & Brig Genl. under Major Genl Greene [see note below]. He then marched to a place called the
New Garden N.C. [west of present Greensboro] where he was discharged. He rec'd a written discharge
from Capt Price but he has lost or destroyed it. He was drafted again in the year 1777 or 1778 [sic] some
time in June he thinks under Capt Jno Flemmings [probably John Flemming or John Flemming] in Major
Bois Battalion Col. Abram Greene's [sic: Abraham Green's] Regt Commanded by Genl Lafayette. He
rendezvous'd at Morgan Hill [probably Malvern Hill 15 mi SE of Richmond, July 1781]. This draft was
for three months. He joined the light infantry there & was engaged & employed between Morgan hill or
Carter's ferry & Sandy Point [both on James River]. He states that he was in a small engagement at
Morgan hill or Carter's ferry. He lived when he entered into service for this last tour in the same county
& state as above He served out his tour of three months without any thing farther of note occurring &
was discharged at Morgan hill by Major Boise. This was in like manner a written discharge which he has
in like manner lost or destroyed He was again drafted in 1781 or 1782 for three months under Capt John
Oglesby & in Major Bois's Battalion. Col — Richerson [sic: Holt Richeson] Regt Commanded by Genl
[Robert] Lawson. He lived at same place & marched to Richmond where he rendezvoused. That
continued to live in Virginia untill 1807 when & whence he removed to N. Carolina where he resided 2
years thence to Tennessee, thence to Illinois Franklin Cty where he now lives. He further says that he
has no documentary evidence of his services except the oath or affidavit of one Willie Bagwell herewith
enclosed & that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify further to his
services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present &
declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. Abel
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State of Tennessee }
Montgomery County } on this third day of January eighteen hundred and thirty three personally
appeared John Roach [pension application W24801] before me [Willie Bagwell] an acting Justice of the

peace of said County who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath say that Abel Man served a three months tour in the revolutionary war with him under the command of general Lassen and Colanel Richerson at little york and further States that he was there at the takin there at the time Cornwallis was taken [19 Oct 1781] given under my hand and seal the day and date above writen

[signed] Willie Bagwell {seal}

State of Illinois } Personally appeared before me the undersigned an acting justice of the peace in
Franklin County } and for said county Abel Man who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his services nor the precise time that he entered the service of the United States but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades.

He was drafted into the service of the United States in the month of May 1776 or 7 as a private under Capt. Price commanded by Col. Glem under Brig. Genl. Stephens and served a tour of three months.

Major Genl Gates commanded the Armerican Army

He was drafted again in the year 1777 or 8 in June and served a tour of three months as private under Capt. John Oglesby in Majr Bois Battalion Col. Abram Green's Redgt. commanded by Genl. Lafayette –

He again served another tour of three months as a private in the year 1781 or 2 under Capt John Fleming Majr Boys Bat. Col. Richerson's Redgt. under Genl. Lawson – And for these three several Tours of three months each he now claims a pension and for none other – Given under my hand and seal this 5th day of July 1833

[signed] Thomas M. Dorris J. P.

NOTE: Gen. Nathanael Greene took command of the Southern Army from Gates on 3 Dec 1780.