

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abner Scudder S32510

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In the matter of Abner Scudder: An applicant for a pension under the act of June 7, 1832 recorded in Book a page 498

The State of Indiana Switzerland County: SS

On this 12th day of November A.D. 1834 personally appeared in open court before the Honorable Probate Court of the County aforesaid, being a court of record, Abner Scudder a resident of the County aforesaid aged seventy ~~XXX~~ [word obliterated] 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed the 7th of June A.D. 1832. That he the said Abner Scudder entered the service of the United States during the American Revolutionary War under the following named officers and served as herein stated – that he the said Abner Scudder, enlisted in Roan County [sic, Rowan County] State of North Carolina in a company commanded by Captain Alexander Bovard [sic, Alexander Brevard], of Colonel Blount's [ Reading or Reddin Blount's] Regiment and served for one-year as a private soldier, and that he hereby relinquishes every claim 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.

The court then propounded the following interrogatories to the said Abner Scudder

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in Essex County, New Jersey on the 17th day of June A.D. 1764.

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. The only record of my age is in this Bible. (Showing the court an old Bible, with an entry in it corresponding with the answer to the first question)

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer – When called into service I lived in Roan County, State of North Carolina and continued to reside in said County for about 37 years. I then removed to the State of Kentucky and resided there about 10 years. I then removed to the State of Ohio and lived there about 11 years and then I removed to the State of Indiana and now reside in Switzerland County in said State.

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer. I enlisted for one-year and served my time faithfully.

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] was commander in chief of our Army. He consisted of three regiments – one from Virginia – one from Maryland and ours of North Carolina. Colonel Blount commanded the Regiment from North Carolina and General Sumner [Jethro Sumner] was also, with us, in command. I enlisted in May of 1781 in Roan County North Carolina under Captain Alexander Bovard and shortly afterwards was marched with the small Army from said Roan County to Ninety Six in South Carolina and our Regiment lay a short time and we were then sent back with some prisoners to Roan County and then marched to join the main Army again which we met at the High Hills of Santee and marched from thence to Eutaw Springs and was wounded in the battle at that place on the 9th of September of 1781 [sic, 8th of September 1781], (said wound caused by a gun or canister shot; which grazed the side of my head and slightly wounded me as you will discover by this mark (deponent here exhibited his wound to the court). Our Army designed following the enemy on the day after the said battle but were prevented from doing so in consequence of heavy rains – we marched in pursuit of the enemy on the third day but from the streams full and all the bridges broken up, so that we could not overtake him and our Army returned again to the High Hills of Santee and lay there for some time (while there, we had a frolic encamped in consequence of Cornwallis defeat) from the high Hills we were marched to Pond Pond [sic, Pon Pon, Edisto] and lay there for some time and were then marched to Ashley River Bacon's bridge and continued there until my time expired; when I was discharged in May 1782 having served 41 year as a private soldier.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I received a written discharge and believe it was signed by Colonel Blount and I gave the same to a messmate named Philip Fishburn to enable him to received my pay and he never returned my discharge and defrauded me out of my pay.

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer. John Miller, Jesse V. Daily, Joseph Malin, Charles F Krutz, Robert Gullion, N. H. Tapp, Thomas Armstrong & J. R. Whitehead

8. Have you any documentary evidence of your services, and do you know of any person now living, whose testimony you can procure to testify to your services?

Answer. I have no such evidence in my possession having heretofore filed them in the war office, including the certificate of the Secretary of State of North Carolina, and know of no person now living by whom I can prove my said services.

S/ Abner Scudder, X his mark

sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Edward Patton, Clerk

[George Markland, a clergyman, and Robert Gullion gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The State of Indiana Switzerland County: SS Personally appeared in open court in the Switzerland Probate court, Abner Scudder, aged 72 years, who after being duly sworn deposed & saith that in consequence of infirmities attend on old age, his memory has become very

imperfect = that on reflection he has become satisfied that he was a private in Captain Brevard's company – that his Colonel's name was Dickson or Dickinson [sic, very likely to have been Henry Dixon] – that being taken sick, at Santee, said Colonel left the Army – after he left the Army, this deponent verily believes, that his company was attached to Colonel Blount's Regiment. This deponent further deposes that having forwarded his application for a pension in 1829, and never having received any information of the decision made by the department in his case he was induced to renew his application in November last = that he never received his papers back again and supposes they were lost – that his first application was made under the act of March 18, 1818 – that his first application was accompanied by a certificate from the Secretary of State of North Carolina, certifying that his name appears on the roll, of revolutionary soldiers, of that State, for one whole year's Service, on the Continental establishment and further this deponent saith not.

S/Abner Scudder, X his mark

State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do hereby certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war that Abner Scudder a private in Captain Brevard's Company of the 10th Regiment enlisted in 1781 for the term of 12 months and that he left the service on the 28th of April 1782.

Given under my hand this 24th day of October 1829

S/ Wm Hill

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