

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abner Sheridan S32519

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State of Georgia County of Franklin: SS

On this third day of September in the year 1832 personally appeared before the Inferior Court of said County now sitting for ordinary purposes Abner Sheridan, a resident of Captain Cattel's district in the County & State aforesaid aged seventy-two 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 & served as herein stated. He entered the service under Captain John Taylor in the militia of North Carolina at Hillsboro and was placed as a guard to the legislature, does not recollect the date, but it was while Burke [Thomas Burke] was Governor of the State, served three months duty and was discharged by Captain John McCauly, Captain Taylor having been tried & broke for cowardice.

He again entered by enlistment by Captain John Elliott in the North Carolina State Troops for nine months (does not recollect the date but thinks it was in the year 1783) at the muster ground in Orange County North Carolina, was marched to Hillsboro & was placed in the Company of Captain Jones, & was under command of Major John Lewis, was marched to Hillsboro to Lindley's Mill on Cane Creek in Orange County North Carolina and was stationed some time & marched to the Brewer's Mill on Haw River, Chatham County & was there stationed some time, from thence was marched to Redfield Ford on said River, and from thence to the Seven Islands on the same River, & from thence to near the head of Cape Fear River, & from thence back to Lindley's Mill aforesaid, and from thence to Hillsborough and was there discharged by Captain Jones for the nine months Tour.

Served altogether 12 months.

1. Was born in Maryland as he understood from his parents does not recollect in what year.
2. There was a record of his age in the hands of his parents, but it was lost during the War.
3. Was living in Orange County North Carolina. Has since the Revolutionary War lived in Greenville District South Carolina & now lives in Franklin County Georgia.
4. Was drafted the first three months and the last nine months was enlisted, served for himself, not as a substitute.
5. Colonel William Lytle was at Hillsboro during his first service, but he does not recollect

whether in command or not.

6. Received a written discharge from Captain John McCauly for three months service and from Captain Jones for nine months service, they are both lost.

7. Is acquainted with and known to Samuel Jackson, Esquire and David Garrison a preacher of the Gospel who both reside in his neighborhood & can testify to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. He was also known to Isaac Smith (who is now deceased) but whose deposition is herewith enclosed & who knew him while in the service, and is known to Nehemiah Payne living in Hall County Georgia who can prove his having been in the service &c.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State within his knowledge or belief.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day & year first above written.

S/ Thos. King, Clk

S/ Abner Sheridan, S his mark

[David Garrison, a clergyman, and Samuel Jackson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Georgia Franklin County: Personally came before me Isaac Smith who being duly sworn deposed and saith on oath that he was acquainted with Abner Sheridan resident in the State of North Carolina Chatham County in the defense of his Country for the term of [illegibly faint word or words]. Sworn and subscribed before me this the 30 day of September 1826 [last digit is very faint and unclear but appears to be "6"]

S/ Isaac Smith, X his mark

S/ Thomas Garrison, JP

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State of Georgia County of Franklin: SS

On this 6th day of May 1833 personally appeared before the Inferior Court for said County now sitting for ordinary Purposes Abner Sheridan who has heretofore sworn to and subscribed the original Declaration to which this is attached and who being duly sworn according to law on his oath makes the following addition and amendment to his said declaration.

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, and in the following grades

For three months I served as a private under Captain Talor [sic]

For nine months I served as a private under Captain Jones

Served altogether 12 months as a private and for such service I claim a pension

That the magistrate who administered the oath to Isaac Smith,¹ the witness removed several years ago to Tennessee & it is not known where he now lives or whether he is in life.

That he has written to the Secretary of State of North Carolina for proof & if obtained will forward with this paper. That he served with an embodied Corps regularly called into service by competent authority, that he was either in the field or in Garrison the whole time, and for the time during which the service was performed he was not employed in any civil pursuit.

S/ Abner Sheridan, S his mark

State of Georgia Franklin County: SS

¹ I could not identify this affiant as being a pensioner with a file in the federal pension records.

On this 7th day of November 1833 Personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for said County Abner Sheridan who has heretofore sworn to & subscribed the original & amended Declaration to which this is attached, who being duly sworn according to law depose and saith, that owing to the consequent loss of memory by reason of old age, he cannot swear positively to the precise time he entered the service under Captain Elliott in the North Carolina State Troops, but thinks it was in the forepart of the year 1783 – and was discharged by Captain Jones in the latter part of the same year. He thinks in November a short time after peace was made – he has no proof that he knows of within his power to procure, except the affidavit of Isaac Smith, which is attached to the original Declaration, and who he is informed is not now in life –

S/ Abner Sheridan, X his mark

State of the North Carolina Secretary of State's Office 31st January 1834

Sir

I have not been able to find the name of Abner Sheridan on any document in this Office affording evidence of service in the revolutionary war. I do not believe that there were any 9 months men of the militia of this State, but there was many 9 months men raised in this State (perhaps by draft) and placed in the Continental line of the State under Continental officers; and I see from the rolls that most of them are said to have entered the service on the 20th of July 1778 and all in the 10th Regiment. Two of the Officers mentioned by Mr. Sheridan in his declaration were Continental officers, viz., Taylor and Jones, the others are not named on the world.

From my knowledge of the part of the Cavalry and places mentioned in the declaration of Mr. Sheridan I am of opinion he rendered some service.

Respectfully,

your obedient Servant

S/ Wm Hill

James L Edwards Esquire

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for 12 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia (3 months) and Continental line (9 months).]