

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Abraham Kittle S33356

MD Sea Service

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Sussex County State of N Jersey

On the fourteenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight Hundred and Nineteen before me the Subscriber one of the Judges of the inferior Court of Common please in and for said County and State Aforesaid personally Appeared Abraham Kittle Aged fifty seven years resident of the Township of Montague who being Duly sworn According to Law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in Order to Obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Navel and Land Services of the United States in the revolutionary war that he the said Abraham Kittle did Inlist a private Soldier in the Second Company Commanded by Capt Michel Byard [probably Michael Bowyer] and belonged to the former [foreign?] Regiment commanded by Col welthnor [probably the German Regiment under Ludowick Weltner] in the year one thousand seven Hundred and seventy eight for During the war and that he where in the ingagement with General Sulivan on the western expedition [sic: John Sullivan, summer 1779] and was engaged against the common enemy in the Battle of Green Springs in Virginia [Green Springs Plantation near Jamestown, 6 Jul 1781] and also was at the Taking of Lord Colwallace [sic: Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781] at Little Yorktown State of Virginia and also the engagement against the Black Corps of Horse in South Carolina [see endnote] and Recd his Discharge in the year one thousand seven Hundred and eighty three at Anapolis in the State of Maraland [sic: Annapolis MD] under the hand of Major Eagelton and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in Need of the Assistance of his Country for sub port and that he has Lost his Discharge Sworn to and Declared before me at Sandyton in said County the day and year Aforesaid

Abraham hisXmark Kittle

District of New Jersey SS.

On this eighteenth day of August, in the year of our LORD eighteen hundred and twenty personally appeared in open Court, being the inferior Court of Common Pleas of the County of Sussex, and a court of record, by reason of their proceeding according to the course of common Law with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, having a Seal, and keeping a record of their proceedings. — Abraham Kittle aged fifty eight years, resident in the Township of Montague in the said County of Sussex in the said District of New Jersey, who being sworn according to Law, doth on his Oath declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, that is to say; He enlisted as a private Soldier in the year 1776. as he now believes – that he enlisted under Captain Michael Bayard, in Col. James Weltner's Regiment; in this Regiment he served about two years, when it was reduced to fifteen men in the Battle of Tarrytown [5 Oct 1777], at which time he was transferred to the second Regiment of the Maryland line under Colo. John Stewart, in which Regiment he served two years and six months; he was afterwards detached from this Regiment to the Naval Service, and went two Voyages to the Tangier Islands, that he continued in the service until the end of the war, when he received an honourable discharge at the City of Annapolis, in the State of Maryland, that after he was in the naval service, he was at the battle of York-town in Virginia, where his left arm was wounded & broken, by a cannon ball received from the Enemy. And this declarant further saith, that he has a certificate of his claim, under his original application, obtained from the War department, which is dated the twenty seventh day of July 1819 by which it appears that his name is inscribed on the Pension List Roll of the New Jersey Agency, at the rate of eight dollars per month, to commence on the thirteenth day of June one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, and that he rec'd. his Pension up to the 4th day of March 1820 and that the number of his said Pension Certificate is 12,889. And I, the said Abraham Kittle do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale, or in any other manner since that time disposed of my property, or any part thereof with an intent thereby

so to diminish the same, as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “and Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War, passed the eighteenth day of March 1818 and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property, or Securities, contracts, or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. The deponant, on his Oath also saith, that he has no occupation or trade, and that by reason of his age, infirmities, and of the wound aforesaid received by him in his left arm, at the said Battle of York-town, in Virginia, he is unable to Labour, or in any way obtain a livelihood, – that he has no wife or children; that this Deponant thinks himself in such indigent circumstances, that he can not support himself without the aid of Government, except by private or public charity.

Abraham hisXmark Kittle

NOTES:

“The Black Corps of Horse in South Carolina” may refer to the loyalist Independent Troop of Black Dragoons that was organized late in 1781 and was active in the Charleston area during the following year. For their various engagements see O’Kelley, P. *Nothing but Blood and Slaughter*, Vol. 4 (Booklocker.com, 2005).

On 24 Aug 1842 Henry Mead, administrator of the estate of Abraham Kittle, stated that Kittle moved to Montague County NJ about two years before he died “on the 28 December 1842” [sic: 1841].