

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abel Wakefield S3475

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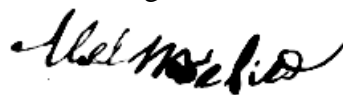
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State of Tennessee Lawrence County Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions January term 1833. On this 8th day of January 1833 virtually appeared in open Court before the Justices thereof Abel Wakefield a resident citizen of the County of Lawrence State of Tennessee aged about sixty-nine years but he has no record except what he has made from his recollection & not from his father's records, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions of the Act of Congress passed on the 7th day of June 1832, that he entered the service of the United States on the 26th day of October in the year 1780 in Fairfax County State of Virginia for six months in the place of Edward Potter as a substitute & continued in service until discharged at Dump [indecipherable word] in Prince William County State of Virginia in March following, he received a discharge for six months although he did not serve quite that time, it was received for that time by the officers that he was drafted in the month of August 1781 in the same County & State for three months & was directed by General Washington to clear out a road to little York for General Lamarcus [La Marquis] Lafayette & that [indecipherable word] service was received in lieu of the three [?] tour, his company cleared the road & received a discharge verbally for a three months tour in Fairfax making his service nine months in all.

In the first Campaign he served under Captain William Mason Colonel Lucas & General Stephens [Brigadier General Edward Stevens] & his march was from Fairfax to Fredericksburg & from thence to Richmond from Richmond to Petersburg & from Petersburg to Taylor's ferry on Roanoke thence to Hillsboro North Carolina where we joined General Green at headquarters, thence to Salisbury thence to Salisbury North Carolina thence to Charlotte thence to the Cheraw Hills State of South Carolina thence to the Adkin [sic Yadkin River?] at the Island Ford North Carolina where we joined General Morgan after the Battle of the Cowpens, was in no General engagement but at the Ford we exchanged some shots of artillery & musketry. In the 2nd tour he was commanded by Captain Giles Cook, but was not in the Army under General Washington but opened the Road for General Lafayette. He does not recollect who was or who was not a regular officer except General Green & Morgan & does not recollect the number of the Regiment. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any State or territory. Sworn to and subscribed in open Court, that he has no record evidence or living witness in his power.



[John Robertson and Lewis Markham gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee Lawrence County Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions January Term 1833. On

this 8th day of January 1833 Abel Wakefield appeared in open Court & being first duly sworn according to law answered the within Interrogatories as follows to wit

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born on the 21st day of January 64

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

Ans. I have made a record from my own recollection in my Bible

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

Ans. I lived in Virginia Fairfax County I moved to Stokes County North Carolina thence to Albemarle District South Carolina thence to Franklin County State of Indiana thence to Bartholomew County in said State thence to Lawrence County Tennessee where he now lives

4th 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 was a substitute the first tour for Edward Potter & was drafted the 2nd time

5th 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. I recollect Green & Morgan but cannot recollect the number of regiments & he was in no general action

6th 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 one discharge signed by Lieutenant Doyle & Nisbet but received no discharge in the 2nd but was dismissed when the road was completed

7th 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. I believe I can do so by John Robinson & Lewis Markham & many others if they were in attendance at court.

[Jeremiah Bentley, a clergyman, gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months service as a private in the Virginia service.]