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Pension Application of Elijah Abbot S35167

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Bourbon Circuit Court Sct, August Term 1824

Schedule, District of Kentucky, Bourbon Circuit Sct, on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August 1824 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the said District and circuit of Bourbon county, Elijah Abbot aged sixty one or two years resident in Bourbon county in the said district who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare and say that he served in the Revolutionary war as followeth. That in the year 1781 he enlisted as a regular soldier in the company of Capt Scott for eighteen months in the Virginia line on continental establishment. That he was shortly after transferred to the company of Capt. Thomas Martin in whose company he continued until he was discharged from service, at the end of his term of enlistment. He further saith he enlisted into the service in Stafford county Virginia, and the company of Capt Scott to which he belonged continued for some time under the command of the Marquis Lafayette [sic: Lafayette] that after he was transferred to Captain Martin's company the company was for some time attached to the Regiment or troops commanded by Colo. or Genl. Febargin [sic: Col. Christian Febiger] and afterwards the regiment to which he belonged and in which he served was commanded by Col Thomas Posey and that he continued in Col Posey's regiment until he was honorably discharged at the end of eighteen months from the time of his enlistment he having faithfully served the United States during the whole of the s'd term of eighteen months. This deponent was discharged at Cumberland courthouse in Virginia some time in 1782 he kept his discharge for several years until it was destroyed by getting wet in New river as this deponent removed to Kentucky. This deponent does not know of any officer under whom he served now alive by whom he can prove his service but Thomas Hughes Esq of Bourbon county served with him and knows that this affiant served faithfully as a soldier for eighteen months. And I the said Elijah Abbot do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 towit, one horse of the value of thirty dollars, one yearling colt and one spring colt \$25, one old mare five dollars, three heads each worth ten dollars = \$30 — two cows each seven dollars = fourteen dollars, one old plow and two traces = \$5, cooking and table utensils value seven dollars total one hundred and six dollars [sic], signed —

Elijah hisXmark Abbott

County of Bourbon Sct.

On this 3<sup>d</sup> day of October 1825 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the county of Bourbon & state of Kentucky, being made a court of record by statute, Elijah Abbot resident in said county, aged about sixty four years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 and 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820, that he the said Elijah Abbot enlisted for the term of eighteen months on, as well as he remembers the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1781 on the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Capt. Thomas Martin in the Regiment commanded by Col. Posey in the line of the state of Virginia on the continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the same corps untill the expiration of his term of enlistment when he was discharged from the service in the state of Virginia; that he hereby relinquishes

every claim whatever to a pension except the present; that his name is not on the roll of any state except Virginia – and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension 1<sup>st</sup> untill about two years ago he was able by his labor to make a support for himself and family. 2<sup>d</sup> For the last two years he has been gradually growing weaker & is now entirely unable by labor to support himself & family. 3<sup>d</sup> He is too poor to support himself & family without aid in some way from his country.

And in pursuance of the act of the [oath similar to that in the first declaration]. That since the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 the following changes have been made in my property. I then had a young sorrel horse two years old, which I sold to a certain George Shearty on or about the 15<sup>th</sup> of Sept 1825 for the sum of sixty dollars in commonwealth bank notes equal in specie to about forty dollars. That I sold him to aid in the support of my family.

The following is a schedule of all my property necessary clothing & bedding excepted, to wit,

one bay yearling colt value in specie	\$15.00
one old sorrel horse value in specie	30.00
one milch cow value in specie	10.00
Two young cattle value in specie	10.00
Houshold and kitchen furniture D'o D'o	10.00
one plow & one pair of gears D'o D'o	<u>7.50</u>
	\$82.50

I also state that I am a farmer by profession – that I am unable to do but little labor on my place, which is rented. That his family consists of himself, his wife aged about 64 or 65 years – and a daughter, aged 20 years. That for 18 months past he has had two little grand children living with him, but expects they will shortly leave him. That his wife is feeble – and his daughter is unable to aid him on a farm – and is not very healthy – but is subject to frequent sickness. That with the aid of his family he is unable to support them. Given under his hand this 3<sup>d</sup> October 1825. Elijah hisXmark Abbot

NOTE: A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates taken at Albemarle Old Courthouse lists Elijah Abbott/ age 19/ height 5' 8½"/ brown hair/ brown eyes/ fair complexion/ planter/ born and residing in Stafford County where he enlisted as a substitute on 21 Mar 1781 for 18 months.