

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Absalom Knight S4483

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State of Tennessee, Humphrey County: SS

This 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three, Absalom Knight, aged seventy one, a resident of said County, personally appeared before the County Court of Humphrey and being sworn according to law, upon his oath makes the following declaration for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of an act of Congress pass the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832—that he was born in Orange County North Carolina on the 27<sup>th</sup> of July 1761 as he is informed & believes by his parents. He has now in his possession a slip of paper upon which his father kept the ages of his children which correspond with the above statement but has no other record of his age. After the death of his father he went to live with an uncle in South Carolina in the district of '96 [Ninety Six] & lived with him at the time he entered the service of the United States. In the month of August 1780 or 1781 he volunteered for a tour of five months but before he entered the service he exchanged places with Joseph Mathews who had enlisted for a tour of twelve months in the Regular service & he entered the service in company commanded by Capt. Carter [Benjamin Carter] & Lieut. Dudley [probably Thomas Dudley] in the first Regiment, commanded by Col. Lytle [Archibald Lytle] and Maj. Armstrong [probably John Armstrong] —he recollects having been some time at a place called the Round O and the Pond Ponds and also being a considerable time at Bacon's Bridge as he was also during that campaign at the battle of the Eutaw Spring [September 8, 1781]<sup>1</sup> & was wounded with a bayonet in the left arm. He frequently saw Genl Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] during the battle but does not recollect any other of the Regular Officers in command on that day. A portion of the twelve months he was ordered to take charge of a wagon & was employed in hauling forage to the cavalry which was commanded by Col. Washington [William Washington] before the battle. He served his twelve months and was discharged near Bacon's Bridge & went home. Peace was made by the time he came home. He rec'd a discharge in writing he thinks was signed by Capt. Carter. He sold the balance of the pay due him & transferred his discharge. He has no written evidence by which to prove his services nor does he know of any living witnesses by whom the same can be proven. After the war he returned to Orange & got married & lived there about fifteen years & then removed to Lincoln County Kentucky & remained there about four years. He then removed to Wilson County Tennessee & lived there 21 years & then removed to Humphrey County after remaining one year in Carrol. Thus ever since lived in Humphrey

<sup>1</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_eutaw\\_springs.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html)

County. He hereby relinquishes all claim to any pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State.

Sworn to & Subscribed in Open Court this 23<sup>rd</sup> of April 1833

S/ Absalom Knight, X his mark

S/ D. P. Hudson, Clerk

[Jacob Browning, a clergyman, and John Sarrett gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina, Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war that Absalom Night [sic] a private in Captain Carter's Company of the 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment enlisted in 1781 for twelve months, and that his time was out on the first day of July 1782.

Given under my hand this fourth day of June 1833.

S/ W. Hill

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