

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abner Roberts S45859

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State of Kentucky Spencer County SS

On this 5th day of September 1832 personally appeared before me Humphrey May a Justice of the Peace in & for the County aforesaid, Abner Roberts a resident of said Spencer County and State of Kentucky aged 90 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 Service of the United States under the following named officers, & served as herein stated.

In the month of May sometime after the commencement of the revolutionary War I don't recollect the year, I entered the Service as a private six months under Captain Palmer, I believe & Lieutenant Mark Thomas, in the Militia of Culpeper County Virginia, where I then lived, I don't at this time remember whether I volunteered or was drafted, Colonel Clapham [Josias Clapham] of Loudoun County commanded the Regiment in which I served on our March we passed through Fauquier & Loudoun counties in Virginia, crossed the Potomac at Nowlins Ferry [Nolan's ferry]. Then through Maryland and through Little York in Pennsylvania and then on to head quarters then at the White Hoise [White Horse Tavern] near Jarmantown [Germantown], in the State of Pennsylvania, during my stay at that place I very frequently served on detached parties on scouts &c & under different officers. I was one of the party detached to surprise & take the Enemy's Picket guard stationed at the forks, or cross roads, between Germantown & Philadelphia, The Guard hailed us & escaped before we reached the house. We then went on to join the main Army and was pursued by the enemy as far as Germantown, where they ceased the pursuit, a Battle was fought whilst I was in the service I was not in it being detached on a scouting expedition at the time, General Washington was there. I did not see him as I now remember. I saw & knew Colonel Crawford, Colonel John Green of Culpeper County Virginia was wounded in the action at Germantown [October 4, 1777] when the Culpeper militia term of service had expired, we were prevailed on to continue longer, as a Battle was expected, it was said to be Washington's request. Aron Lane [Aaron Lane?] a gentleman in Commission said it would be disgraceful to leave the Army at that time, we accordingly remained in service until near Christmas, the winter set in very hard before I left the Army, and a deep snow fell, I think I got my discharge from Colonel Crawford I don't remember what has become of it, I have not seen it for many years. I got home the day before, or the day after Christmas, I don't remember at this time which, I served on this expedition at least seven months. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

S/ Abner Roberts, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year above before the undersigned, I also testify without hesitation that Abner Roberts who subscribed the foregoing declaration, from bodily infirmity is unable to attend court.

S/ Humphrey May, JP

[William Stout, a clergyman, and John Huston gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the Virginia militia.]