

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Absalom Hammons (Hammond) S5497

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State of Tennessee Sullivan County: On this 25th day of March 1833 Personally appeared Absalom Hammons a resident Citizen of Scott County State of Virginia in open Court before the Honorable the Judge of the Circuit Court of Law & Equity in and for the County of Sullivan State of Tennessee aged seventy-six 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he was drafted into the militia of the State of North Carolina during the Revolutionary war in the Town of Wilmington, said State, in the month of April, toward the last thereof, under the following named officers (to wit April 1781) under Captain John Russell a militia Captain, of Colonel McDowels [?] Regiment, & General Rutherford's Regiment of North Carolina militia and was commanded by said Captain Russell until an express came to Rutherford's Army that the Cherokee Indians were depredating & killing on the frontier when said Russell with a part of the Company under his command & with others were sent to quell said Indians & the declarant put under Joseph White who if he recollects had acted as a Lieutenant in said Russell's company and was commanded by him. That he was marched throughout Carolina to Virginia in order to intersect the march of the British under Cornwallis with Rutherford being in command of the Regiment to which he belonged, and served the time of engagement and over, being discharged at the arrival of the news of the surrender of Cornwallis at Little York, in the month of October 1781, the interval between the last of April & that period being filled of marches to different parts of North Carolina to intersect the British, & in subjugating the Tories which service he knows well amounted to 6 months exclusive of the time in going to & returning from the Army. That he had joined Rutherford at a place in North Carolina called Pedee River & served in the manner before stated until the surrender of Cornwallis in October 1781 and received a written discharge from his said Captain White, formerly Lieutenant but which he has lost. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present & he declares that his name is not on the roll of the Pension agency of any State. That he has no documentary evidence to prove his said service

& knows of no person by whom he can prove his actual services, but can establish the reputation of said service by Peter Rader & James Stuart Esquire who are persons personally known to him & he to them. That this claim is made out in Sullivan County Tennessee instead of Scott Virginia because that he resides near the State and County line, near to Blountville where the Court is holden, & where his acquaintances & friends to reside, & the persons cognizant of his reputation as a Revolutionary Soldier. That there is no Minister of the gospel in his vicinity or known to him by whom he can establish the reputation of his services therefore he is reduced to the necessity of calling upon to citizens. That he was born in the County of Northumberland County Virginia and is 76 years of age from the record of his age in his possession, handed down to him by his parents.

Sworn to & declared in open Court 26 March 1833

S/ Wm Anderson, Clk

S/ Absalom Hammons, X his mark

[Peter Rader & Absalom Hammond gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 19: On January 31, 1846 in Scott County, Virginia, he filed for a transfer of his pension benefit from the state of Tennessee to the state of Virginia.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]