

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abraham Tanner S6190

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[Virginia, Madison County]

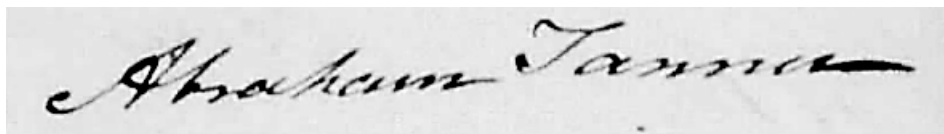
Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

On this 23rd day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Madison County now sitting Abraham Tanner a resident of said County of Madison and State of Virginia aged seventy-three years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. Colonel James Slaughter Major Henry Hill, Captain Fisher Rice and others whose names not now recollected he was drafted in the militia in the year 1779 or 1780 the time not distinctly recollected, that he served for more than 6 months and was then discharged, he first served under Captain Fisher Rice, he was afterwards transferred to the Infantry of the line, The Regiment was commanded by Colonel Mathews and the Brigade to which it was attached was commanded by General Stevens [Edward Stevens]. That he then lived in the County of Culper [so spelled throughout this application, sic, Culpeper] now Madison County, he was in the Battle of Petersburg [April 25, 1781] Virginia, Shirley Hundred, and other skirmishes on James River at Sandy Point. He passed from the said County of Culpeper to Richmond, Petersburg and through the lower part of Virginia near the Town of Norfolk, thence to Williamsburg. That he has no documentary evidence of his service & nothing except the affidavit taken in open Court of Benjamin Huffman.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Abraham Tanner

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Abraham Tanner". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[John Hehler, a clergyman, and William Taylor gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Q. Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in the County of Culpeper in the State of Virginia in the month of February 1759.

Q. Have you any record of your age?

A. None in my possession there may be in the records of the German Lutheran Church to which I belonged

3Q. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the

Revolutionary war, and where do you now live?

A. I lived in the County of Culpeper when called into service I have lived since the war at the same place, but that part of Culpeper is now Madison County in the County of Culpeper being divided in the year 1792.

Q. 4. How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a Substitute? & If so for whom?

A. I was drafted

Q. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the General circumstances of your service?

A. General Stevens, Colonel Mathews, Colonel James Slaughter, Major Henry Hill and others not now recollected the circumstances but so far I as has been remembered herein set forth in the declaration aforesaid

Q. Did you receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

A. I never received a discharge in writing, the men were all mustered and dismissed with whom I was drafted between Richmond & [indecipherable word¹] in Virginia

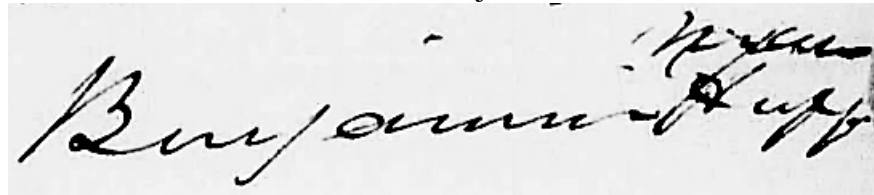
Q. State the names of the persons to whom you are known in your neighborhood and who can testify to your Character for veracity & their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Ans. Captain Robert Thomas, John Fray, Major William Chapman, Aaron Carpenter, Colonel Lewis Banks, Aaron Ga???? [Indecipherable] many others

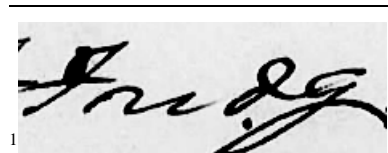
Madison County Virginia to wit

This day personally appeared in open Court Benjamin Huffman² aged 74 years & made oath that he is well acquainted with Abraham Tanner, that he was with him in the service and that the statement made by the said Tanner of his services is substantially true. Sworn to this 23rd day of August 1832

S/ Benjamin Huffman

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Benjamin Huffman". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to a witness. The signature is partially obscured by a horizontal line above it.

¹ , perhaps intended to be an abbreviation of Fredericksburg?

² I could not find a veteran by this or any similar name who filed for either a federal pension or a pension from the state of Virginia for his service in the revolution.