

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Ashcraft (Ashcroft) S6537

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Virginia

Harrison County

On this 28th day of July in the year 1832 Personally before me Joseph Johnson a justice of the peace in and for the county aforesaid, John Ashcraft aged ninety five years who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following statement, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832

That he was drafted into the service of the United States and placed under the command of Capt Ashcraft of the County of Fayette Pa, in the spring of 1781. That he marched to fort Pitt, joined the army under General [George Rogers] Clark descended the Ohio River to Wheeling, where he was put under the command of Capt Jacob Cline, from thence to the mouth of Kanhawa [sic: Kanawha River] where he was discharged having served six months. soon after his return home he was again drafted in a company commanded by Capt Moses Sutton marched to fort Pitt from thence to HannahsTown thence to Barrs fort where he was discharged having served one month soon after his return home he was again ordered into the service under Seargent Brown, and sent up the Monongahela River to guard the provissions sent to a block house near Morgantown Va. after which he was discharged having served one month, after this he was frequently called out and sent in pursuit of the Indians, who continued to harrass the frontier settlements. He cannot recollect how long or how often he served in that way but is confident it must have exceeded four months.

He has lost his several discharges long since, they having been considered of no value. That he has no documentary evidence, but relies upon the affidavit of his son Uriah Ashcraft [pension application R278]. That he is very infirm and has been totally blind for the last eight years; that he is in indigent circumstances and needs the aid of his country.

And he the said Ashcraft 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 Sworn and subscribed to the day and year aforesaid John hisXmark Ashcraft

Uriah Ashcraft being sworn saith that he is the son of John Ashcraft who hath signed the above Declaration that he is 67 years of age. that he recollects that his Father was drafted and served under Gen'l. Clark but dose not remember the year or the length of time he served. he further states that he knows that his father served at Hannah Town and at Barrs fort as he states. and also upon the Monongalia River at [illegible, possibly Evan's] Block house & that he was in the service at other times but does not know how long he served. [signed] Uriah Ashcraft