

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abner Powell S7331

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State of North Carolina County of Rockingham

On this 27th day of November 1832 personally appeared in Open Court Abner Powell a resident of the County of Rockingham in the State of North Carolina aged eighty-five years, who being duly sworn according to law -- doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named Officers, & served as herein stated. In the month of August 1776 he served under Colonel Muhlenberg in a Company commanded by Captain John Finney (& that Peter Randolph was a Lieutenant in said company) that he marched from the County of Amelia in the State of Virginia through Petersburg & Williamsburg to the town of Hampton; & that he served at that time a tour of 3 months; & was discharged in Hampton; which discharge has been lost, by being burned in his dwelling House. - He further states that he again entered the Service of the United States in the month of February 1781 under the command of Captain John Christmas, that he marched from Warrenton in the State of North Carolina to a place called Harrisburg in the County of Granville in North Carolina where he joined the troops under the command of General Butler [John Butler], that he continued under his command until he joined the troops commanded by General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] at a place called High Rock in the County of Rockingham in said State of North Carolina, that he was engaged in the Battle at Guilford Court House, he was then marched down Deep River to Ramsey's Mill, and placed under the command of General Butler until discharged which took place at Wake Court House, which discharge was also lost by the burning of his Dwelling house, This 2nd tour of service was also for the term of 3 months. -- He further states that he again entered the service of the United States in the month of August in the year 1781 -- under the Command of Captain Stephen Mabry; that he marched from Warren County in the State of North Carolina through Petersburg in the State of Virginia to York town & continued in the service until the surrender of Lord Cornwallis, when he received a discharge at Yorktown, which discharge was also burned in his dwelling House, the exact time he served this tour he does not now recollect. He thinks that he was drafted in each of the above mentioned tours of service. He further states that he has no papers or Documents at this time by which he can establish his said service & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure except Zachariah Hastin¹ whose affidavit is hereto appended. -- He further states that he was born in the County of Amelia in the State of Virginia on the 25th of July 1744, that he has a record of his age in a family Bible, that he was living in the County of Amelia in the State of Virginia when he first entered the Service of the United States, that he has resided since the revolutionary war in

¹ Sic, Zachariah Hastings S6975

the County of Caswell in the State of North Carolina until about 2 years since, & that he now resides in Rockingham County in the said State of North Carolina, that he does not now recollect who signed his discharges except one which was given by General Butler.

Sworn to in Open court the 27th day of November 1832

S/ Ro. Gallaway, CCC

S/ Abner Powell

[Bird Lowe, a clergyman, and William S. Yois [[last name unclear] gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

North Carolina Rockingham County

On this 30th day of April 1833 Abner Powell appeared before me John J. Wright an acting justice of the peace in & for said County who being sworn according to law states that owing to old age and the defect of memory he is unable to state precisely how long he served but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than 8 months as a private for which he claims a pension -- he further states that his name is not on the pension roll of any State whatever & that he relinquishes all claim to any pension but the present.

Subscribed & sworn to before me

S/ Jno. J. Wright, JP

S/ Abner Powell

State of North Carolina Caswell County: November 7th 1832

This day personally appeared before us Freeman Leath and James Kerr two of the Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Caswell aforesaid Zachariah Hastin of full age, who being duly sworn according to law, deposes and saith that he knew Abner Powell now of Rockingham County in this State when he was a citizen of Amelia County in the State of Virginia: before and during the revolutionary war and that he knows of his certain knowledge that he Powell served at least two tours in that war in the Militia that marched from Amelia County in the State of Virginia and that he served one of the tours with him in the year 1781 --

and this deponent further saith that he believes from what he has been often told by respectable persons both in the State of Virginia and this State that the said Abner Powell was a regular soldier in the war of the revolution: -- -- --

Sworn to and subscribed before us the day and date first above written.

S/ F. Leath, JP

S/ Zachariah Hastin, X his mark

S/ Jas. Kerr, JP

[Fact in file: Abner Powell died August 23, 1840; the place of his death is not reflected in the file; there is no family information in the file.]