

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Abernathy S8006

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State of North Carolina, Lincoln County

On the 15th day of September, 1832 personally appeared before us Jno. J. Shufford & Nathaniel Edwards Justices of the court of said County Robert Abernathy, a resident of the County of Lincoln & State aforesaid, aged about eighty 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 adopted 7th June 1832 - That he entered the service of the United States about the year 1776 in the State of Virginia, then a resident of the County of Brunswick, was drafted, three different times for three months each and under the following officers; the first under John Macklin, Capt. in Regt. Comd'd by Col. Harrison and was stationed at Portsmouth, Virginia, the second under Capt. Hicks [perhaps Captain Benjamin Hicks] in Regt. comd'd by Col. Elliott [perhaps Lt. Col. Richard Elliott of the Brunswick militia] & was stationed part of the time at Williamsburg; the third tour, his place was supplied by a substitute.

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 if the agency of any State or on the rolls of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year above.

S/ Robert Abernathy



S/ J. J. Sherford, Justice of Court

S/ Nath. Edwards of Court

Mr. Jacob Hill, a clergyman residing in th County of Lincoln and Francis Harwell residing also in the same county hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Robert Abernathy, who has subscribed & sworn to the above declaration; that we believe him to be about eighty years of age; that he is reputed and believed, in the neighborhood where he resides, to have been a soldier of the Revolution & that we concur in that opinion.

S/ Francis Harwell

S/ Jacob Hill

The questions required by the Department being propounded, were answered substantially in accordance with the declaration. The discharge he thinks no written one was given, if any.

S/ J. J. Shuford, Justice of Court

S/ Nath. Edwards, Justice of Court

Personally appeared before us Jno. J. Shufford & Nathaniel Edwards, Justices of the Court, Francis Harwell, Resident of the county of Lincoln & State of No. Ca. who after being duly Sworn according to Law deposeth and saith; that he has been acquainted with Robert Abernathy from his youth, and knows that he went two tours in the service and the third, Robert Abernathy hired a substitute in the Revolutionary War; that he has known him up to the present and the last forty years has lived a neighbor to him in No. Ca.

Sworn to the day & date above.

S/ Francis Harwell

We Frederick Abernathy & Francis Harwell, certify that we are well acquainted with Robert Abernathy above & from his age & infirmities, as we believe, that he could not get to the court house, being about eighteen miles distant, without great inconvenience & trouble.

S/ Frederick Abernathy

S/ Francis Harwell

[Note: Through this file contains 52 pages, almost all of those are either requests for information regarding the veteran or replies to such requests. The documents transcribed above are the only documents of substance in the file.]

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