

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Abraham Randolph, W11108, Transcribed and annotated by Roy Randolph, February 6, 2012.

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading. A bracketed question mark [?] indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Not all the material in the Pension File is included in the transcription.]

State of Alabama, Lawrence County

On this 20th day of August in the year 1832 personally appeared in open court before James B. Wallace Judge of the county court of said county of Lawrence at a stated session of said court now sitting at the Court house in said county Abraham Randolph aged seventy years as well as I recollect who first being duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit 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 he states that he was drafted in the army of the United States in Seventeen hundred and Eighty in Caswell County North Carolina under General Butler, Colonel William Moore, Elija [sic] Moore, Maj. James Wilson, Captain Walter Tate, Lieutenant John ___ Esquire at Caswell Courthouse Marched to Hillsborough from thence to Salisbury thence to Charlot [or Sharlot, i.e., Charlotte, North Carolina] thence to Bells Mill. Joined General [William Lee] Davidson at Six Mile Creek, New Providence at which place he remained until discharged which discharge has been lost this service was for three months performed second service in Seventeen hundred and Eighty one at this time he volunteered under Col. ___ [new page and name seems to be left off] and General Butler he marched in the month of September Seventeen Eighty One against the British and Tories near Wilmington where he was in an engagement at the Raft Swamp where he lost his horse and equipage Except his gun this Term of service was also three months after this battle he was appointed one of those who had it in charge to carry Home the horses he supposed unable to perform a campaign on foot. he lived in North Carolina twelve or thirteen years in South Carolina Twenty five or six years in Alabama twelve or thirteen years.

Sworn to & Subscribed to in open court the day and year aforesaid
/s/Abraham Randolph



Stephen Penn a Clergyman of the Baptist Church, James McDaniel and John Harris [residing in the] County of Lawrence hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Abraham Randolph who has subscribed to the above declaration that we ~~are well acquainted~~ believe him to be up-wards of seventy years of age, that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

/s/ Stephen Penn
/s/ James McDaniel
/s/ John Harris

Lydia Randolph Pension Application
State of Alabama Walker County

On this Third day of April 1847 personally appeared before the Subscriber judge of the County Court for said County, Lydia Randolph [maiden name, Lydia Dill], a resident in said county of Walker, aged about Eighty years; who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay and pension to certain widows"—that she is the widow of Abraham Randolph who was a volunteer soldier in the Army of the Revolution; and that her said husband was a citizen of Rutherford County in the State of North Carolina at the time he entered the Service of the United States; and that he fought for the Independence of his Country at the Battle of the Raft-Swamp; and she further declares, that, her said husband, the said Abraham Randolph was a pensioner of the United States in the State of Alabama aforesaid up to the time of his death, but that his pension Certificate has since been destroyed by fire and cannot now be produced. She further declares that she was married to the said Abraham Randolph in the year Seventeen-hundred and ninety two, but being illiterate and having no family record of the fact, she cannot specify the day of the month in that year on which said marriage was celebrated; nor has she, nor can she obtain any record or documentary evidence of her marriage with the said Abraham Randolph, tho' she has through herself & friends made diligent inquiry for such evidence where it could likely be had and so far as she can learn or believe, none such exists. That her husband, the aforesaid Abraham Randolph died on the 29th day of April 1837; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the Service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January Seventeen hundred and ninety four, viz.; at the time above stated. Sworn to & subscribed on the day and year above written before me:

Wm A. Hewlett, judge
Lydia Randolph [her mark]
Thos M. Peters[?]
Jno [Illegible name]

Declaration of William and Nancy Dill
State of Alabama
Walker County

Personally appeared before me Thos M. Gabbert Judge of the Court of Probate for said county William Dill and Nancy Dill his wife who after being duly sworn deposeseth and saith that they are certain that Abraham and Lidia Randolph was married prior to the year 1794 from these circumstances, that they William and Nancy Dill was themselves married the year 1800 and that Abraham and Lidia Randolph had four children born at the time they William and Nancy Dill was married and that Abraham and Lidia Randolph was married between one and two years before any child was born and that there was about two years between their children and they further state that Abraham and Lidia Randolph was married in Greenville District South Carolina and William Dill further

states that he was at the wedding and well recollects the assembling of the people assembling for the wedding and from the above circumstances is sure it was prior to 1794.

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the 28 Nov 1853

/s/ Thos M. Gabbert

Judge of Probate

X William Dill

X Nancy Dill

John Randolph Letter

Jasper Ala. 18th June 1853

Dear Sir:

Some twelve months ago I made application through a Mr. Stevenson this Company for a pension which I thought was due to my Mother (Lydia Randolph widow of Abraham Randolph). The papers set out to show the facts of the case & they have been long since in your office or should have been. My Mother being dead the claim is set up in favor of her children whose names and ages are all set forth in the proof. – I have not recently heard anything from the claim. – I gave a power of attorney & made a Mr. Combs (first name not remembered) my attorney & it may be he has presented the papers. – I wish to know whether anything has been done in the case & if so what? My agents don't write me & I am very desirous to hear from it – and if the claim has been allowed please send it to me at Jasper by mail in a check or warrant – and if it has not been allowed notify me of the defects if any are in the papers. – Yours & C Jno D.

Randolph

Commissioner of Pensions

Washington DC

The State of Alabama

Tuscaloosa County

Be it known that before me L. S. Skinner a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid, personally appeared John D. Randolph administrator of the Estate of Lydia Randolph deceased and made oath in [due process] of Law that he is the identical person named in a original certificate in his possession of which I certify that the following is a true copy

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Claim for Military Service

I certify that, in conforming with the law of the United States of the 7th July 1838, Lydia Randolph, deceased, widow of Abraham Randolph, who was a private in the Revolution, was entitled to a pension, and having died on the 4th October 1847 her only surviving children, John D. Randolph, James Randolph, Abraham Randolph, Robert Randolph and Christiana Givens are entitled to the amount at the rate of twenty dollars per annum, from 29th April 1837 when he died to 4th March 1841.

Also acts 3rd March 1843 & 17th June 1844, at the same rate, from 4th March 1843 to 4th October 1847, when she died. Payable to John D. Randolph, Administrator.

*Given at the Department of the Interior, this twenty fourth day of April one thousand eight hundred and fifty four, /s/ R. McClelland, Secretary of the Interior
Examined and countersigned. /s/ J. P. Waldo, Commissioner of Pensions.*

And that he now resides in the county of Walker in the State of Alabama and that he has resided there for the space of seventeen years past and previous thereto he has resided in the county of Lawrence in the State of Alabama.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this the 7th day of April 1854

/s/ L. S. Skinner JP

/s/ John D Randolph

The State of Alabama

Tuscaloosa County

I Moses McGuin[?] Judge of Probate for said County, certify that L. S. Skinner Esq. is a Magistrate as above stated duly commissioned and qualified and that his official acts as such are entitled to full fact and credit.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 7th day of June [April?] A.D. 1854
Moses McGuin[?], Judge of Probate

Declaration of John Kitchens and Harvey Hamilton

State of Alabama

Walker County

Personally appeared before me Thos M. Gabbert Judge of the Court of Probate for said County John Kitchens & Harvey W. Hamilton to me well known & for truth and veracity [sic] unquestioned. And after being duly sworn deposeth and saith that Lidia Randolph wife of Abraham Randolph departed this life on the 4th day of October A.D. 1847. Also there are five children now living names as follows John D. Randolph aged 54 years citizen of Walker County Ala, James Randolph aged 52 years citizen of Giles County Tenn., Abraham Randolph aged 49 years & six months citizen of Lawrence County Ala, Robert Randolph aged 47 years citizen of Morgan county Ala, Chri[s]tiana Givens aged 45 years citizen of Morgan County Ala.

X John Kitchens

X Harvey W. Hamilton

Given to and subscribed before me this 5th day of April 1854

/s/ Thomas M. Gabbert, Judge of Probate

State of Alabama

Walker County

I Thomas M. Gabbert Judge of the Court of Probate for said County do hereby certify that the facts contained in the foregoing affidavit relative to the death of Lidia Randolph also the number of living children and their ages being children of Abraham & Lidia Randolph deceased is correct upon this ground that John Kitchens & Harvey W. Hamilton whose names are signed to the foregoing affidavit are well known to me and are citizens of Walker County Ala And for truth and credibility unsurpassed.

I further certify that John D. Randolph was duly appointed Administrator of the estate of Lidia Randolph on the 29th day of June 1852 and that his bond as such is three hundred dollars as may be seen on Record in my office

Given under my hand and seal of office of said county this the 5th day of April AD 1854, /s/ Thos M. Gabbert, Judge of Probate

Abraham Randolph Memorial

The Melton's Bluff Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (a chapter no longer active) installed a marker commemorating the Revolutionary War service of Abraham Randolph at the Fergason [spelling is Fergason, not Ferguson] Cemetery in Lawrence County on May 4, 1978. The Fergason Cemetery is near Hatton, Alabama.