

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abraham A. Powell W1476

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State of Tennessee Wilson County: County Court September Term 1832

On this day viz. September 28th 1832 personally appeared before James M Martin, David C Hibbitts & B H Billings Esquire Quorum Justices of the County Court of said County, now sitting, Abraham A Powell, a resident of said County & State about 75 years of age, who being first 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.

He was born & raised in Amelia County State of Virginia. He was born in the year 1757 in Me, but has no record of his age.

He continued a citizen of Amelia County until four years ago last January, when he moved to the County of Wilson & State of Tennessee where he still resides.

He was drafted in 1777 or 1778 & went into service the first time under the command of Captain William Gerald, Colonel David Mason, of Brunswick, – General Linchorn [Benjamin Lincoln]. We marched to Stoner's ferry [Stono Ferry] on Ashley River, South Carolina, where we had a fight with the British. The battle [June 20, 1779] commenced the same day we reached there & lasted of about one hour or perhaps more. We attempted to storm the Fort but it was made so securely that we were unable to succeed. Trees had been filled with the tops out of the limbs & sharpened. John Hood, a near neighbor of mine was killed on the end of the Fort. One of our Officers was wounded, but does not remember his name. We retreated with the object of drawing out the enemy & then rallying & charging upon them, but without success they would not leave the Fort. The enemy made their escape that night & we saw them no more. The time for which he was drafted being out, he was discharged in writing, but the same has been long since lost. It was seven months from the time we started till we got home. The same year he returned from the campaign above described, probably the next year, he was again drafted for three months. He started under the command of Captain William Crowley.

We marched to Cabin Point about 50 miles from home in Virginia, where our Captain resigned & left us, – we then marched under Colonel William Dowlman, Colonel Parker being "head Commander" to the Dismal Swamps, where we were placed in the Regiment commanded by Parker & Meriwether. – Captain's name not remembered. We remained there for some time as a guard against the enemy who were about 1 mile off on another prong of the same swamps. We then marched to General Gregory's on the Black Water where we were honorably discharged in writing. We were 3 months in actual service, besides the time of returning home. The next year it came to his number again & he went out under the command of Captain Tom Jones, – field officers not remembered. We marched to the North of James River & joined General Muhlenberg's Army. He went into service this time in the mounted infantry for one month, which was to stand as a 3 months tour on foot, which he served out, & was regularly discharged

in writing. We were often in view of the enemy but had no fighting.

The same year his wagon was pressed into service. He was assured by Colonel Edmund Booker that if he would go & drive it, he should have credit & pay for a three months tour; which he accepted. He drove to Petersburg old [word written over and illegible] other points as he was directed for three months when he was again discharged & returned home.

In moving to this County about five years ago he examined his papers & were all such as he considered useless & his discharges were among the number destroyed.

He has no documentary evidence of his services nor does he know of any person who can prove them.

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.

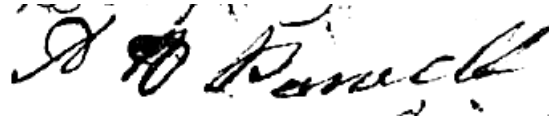
The following are the names of some of the persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood, & who can testify as to his character for veracity, & their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. Grief B Hawkins who resided near him in Virginia where his revolutionary services were not doubted but universally believed, Thomas Vaughn, John C Smith, Thomas Smith, James Carruth, Walter Carruth, James Donnell, & others.

In consideration of the foregoing statement of services he prays to be placed on the pension Roll of the Agency at Nashville.

Sworn to in open Court this day & date above written.

S/ Josiah S McClain, Clerk of Wilson County Court

S/ A. A. Powell



[Levi R. Morrison, a clergyman, and Thomas Vaughan gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 8: On January 13, 1841 in Wilson County Tennessee, Frances Powell, about 80 years old, filed for a widow's pension as the widow of Abraham Powell, a where revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him December 25, 1781; that her husband died May 25, 1834; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 32: On September 21, 1842 in Wilson County Tennessee, the widow testified that the family record of the births of her children was in the possession of Grief Powell her oldest son but he moved to Missouri and died there; she knows not whether the record still exists; that she was married in Amelia County Virginia on Christmas day following the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781].]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 11 months in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]