

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Abbott W5616

Mary Abbott

f55VA

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Virginia, to wit

On this 23rd day of October 1832 Personally appeared before the Court of the County of Halifax William Abbott a resident of the County aforesaid who states that he was born in the County of King & Queen (Virginia) and resided there until he was about six years of age at which time (he is informed) he removed to the said County of Halifax, who is at this time in the 76th year of his 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 Provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832, that he volunteered as a Private in the year 1777 under Capt. James Cobbs & Lieut. John Wadlington [Watlington?] of Halifax and William McDaniel as the orderly Sgt. belonging to Capt. Cobb's company, he marched from the aforesaid County to Williamsburg where he was stationed a short time, he recollects Capt. Quarles who was stationed at said place belonging to Col. Thomas Marshall's Regiment of State Artillery he also recollects a certain private by the name of Butler who belonged to the state troops of Virginia who was from Halifax and from Williamsburg he marched to York Town, thence to Hampton, in the County of Elizabeth City and from thence he recrossed the Hampton Roads to Portsmouth on Elizabeth River where he was stationed for a considerable time and from thence he marched to the Plasure [sic,?] house where he was stationed for Some time: and from thence he returned to Portsmouth, when he was discharged by said Capt. Cobbs sometime in the fall, after serving 3 ½ months. He further states that he visited the Camps of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] when he was stationed at Halifax old Court house in February 1781, and he was sent by the said General Greene with an express to the then Gov. of Virginia viz. Thomas Jefferson and he was ordered by the said General Greene to follow the Army on his return until he overtook it, which he did and delivered the dispatches from the said Gov. Jefferson to General Greene in the State of North Carolina near the Highrock [sic, High Rock] on Haw River after a tour of about three weeks, very shortly after his return to said County after the delivery of the dispatches as aforesaid he volunteered as a private to guard certain Prisoners from the aforesaid County of Halifax (who stated that they were taken in the South) to Col. John Cole's in Albemarle County Virginia who took charge of them, & I returned to the said County of Halifax after having been in service about one month and I was Informed when I volunteered as one of the guard as aforesaid that it would clear me for a 3 months tour of duty. But on my return the said County of Halifax I was informed that I had been drafted as a private in Capt. James Turner's Company, I started in pursuit of said Capt. James Turner sometime in April in the year 1781 and Joseph Terry was Capt. Turner's Ensign he recollects the following soldiers belonging to Capt. Turner's company is

John Pass, Peter Roberts, George Anderton [sic] & Thomas Puckett.<sup>1</sup> He marched from Halifax to Guilford Court house where the battle was fought viz. on the 15th day of March 1781 and some of the wounded had not left the said place and from thence he marched to Salsberry [sic, Salisbury], in said State of NC where he was stationed for a considerable time and he was taken sick at the said place with the small pox after he recovered so that he could march, he returned to Halifax and was discharged by the said Capt. Turner sometime in August after being in service about 4 months and he is unable to produce a discharge for either of the aforesaid tours of duty. He hereby relinquishes every claim 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

S/ William Abbott<sup>2</sup>

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid  
[Attested by Samuel Williams, clerk of Superior Court]

Halifax County

This day Capt. John Yates<sup>3</sup> of the said County personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for the said County and certified and swore that he was well acquainted with William Abbott of said County and that said William Abbott marched from the County of Halifax as a Private soldier in the company of James Cobbs who was a volunteer in the year 1777 to the City of Williamsburg, where the said John Yates joined a Company of artillery which separated from him the said William Abbott after which he knew nothing further of said Abbott's service. Given under my hand this 23rd day of October 1832.

S/ J. H. Wimbish, JP

I Moses Dunkley<sup>4</sup> of the County of Halifax and State of Virginia do hereby certify and solemnly swear, that in the spring of 1781, I was detailed as a guard and was at Halifax Court house with a parcel of British Prisoners, and went with the Said Prisoners to the Green Mountain in Albemarle County Virginia and that William Abbott also went as a guard with the said Prisoners from the said Halifax Court house to Albemarle County Virginia that he Acted on the march as a Sgt. under Daniel Roberts who acted as Capt. of the said guards. Given under my hand this 22nd day of October 1832

S/ Moses Dunkley

I Elisabeth Abbott of the County of Halifax and State of Virginia do hereby certify that my brother William Abbott of said County, an old revolutionary soldier left home sometime in the Spring 1781, and was absent for several months, and when he left home he stated that he was going into the Army as a soldier, and on his return he stated he had been in the Army, and it was my belief and the belief of the family at that time that the cause of his absence was in consequence of his being a soldier of the Army and I remained in that belief. We then, and do at this time reside in the aforesaid County. Given under my hand this 12th day of October 1832.

S/ Elisabeth Abbott, X her mark

[p 15: On the 18th day of September 1848, in Halifax County Virginia, Mary Abbott, 83, filed for a widows pension stating that she is the widow of William Abbott, a pensioner for his

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<sup>1</sup> This MAY be the same man by that name whose heirs tried unsuccessfully to obtain pension benefits as reflected in [Thomas Puckett R8512](#).

<sup>2</sup> Probably not the actual signature of the veteran since the hand writing is identical to the body of the document.

<sup>3</sup> [John Yeates \(Yates\) S7988](#)

<sup>4</sup> [Moses Dunkley S9331](#)

services in the revolutionary war at the rate of \$28.33 per annum; that she married him December 2, 1784; and that he died January 4, 1848. William S. Holt, deputy clerk attested her application.]

[p 18, Mary Abbott attested the family register (her affidavit was attested by William Holt, clerk); the register reads as follows:

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Elisabeth Abbott was born October 26th 1789

Carter Asbury Abbott was born October 2nd, 1791

Lusanna Sharp Abbott was born January 5, 1794

Polley Abbott was born August 14th 1796

Wesley Mansfield Abbott & Keturak Abbott was born September 27th 1798

Delphia Abbott was born January 1 1801

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[facts in file: veteran married Mary Parker, Dec. 2, 1784]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$28.33 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 8 ½ months in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]