

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abner Shropshire (Shropshire) W8724      Susannah      f51VA  
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State of Kentucky Bourbon County: SS

On this the 7th day of January 1832 personally appeared before the worshipful Justices of the County aforesaid in open Court Abner Shropshire a resident of the said County & State aged Seventy-two years the 13th May next and doth 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated. In the month of January or February 1779, he volunteered & served in the Virginia militia for the Term of one month. He lived at the time in Orange County Virginia; during this service he was marched to meet the Prisoners taken under Burgoyne, met them at Fauquier Church & returned with them thence to Albemarle Barracks, where said prisoners were stationed. His Captain was James Hawkins, his Major was named Barbour [probably Thomas Barbour]. Immediately succeeding the term of service, he was drafted & served a tour of three months under the same officers; during the whole of this tour he was stationed at the Albemarle Barracks as a guard over the prisoners of Burgoyne, Captain Frank Taylor [Lieutenant Colonel Francis Taylor] was commanding at the Barracks at this time – He then shortly afterwards, as a substitute served another term of three months, at the same barracks as a guard over the same prisoners; at this time Captain Thomas Porter was commanding at the barracks. He afterwards served two tours of three months each, in the Virginia militia, this was in the year 1781. During this service, his Captain was George Waugh; that his Colonel was Thomas Mathews, Major Barbour of Orange County Virginia was also in command. In the Spring of 1781 the troops to which he belonged met at Orange Court House & was marched to Richmond; when he arrived at Richmond, the British were burning Manchester [April 30, 1781]. From Richmond he was marched to Williamsburg & returned thence to Richmond; the latter place was then deserted by the inhabitants; from Richmond he was marched to Maubin Hill [Malvern Hills] Camp; then to the Raccoon Ford of the Rappahannock [River] in Orange County. Here the forces to which he belonged met the Army of General Anthony Wayne, & that he (this declarant) assisted to clear the road for that Fort to Pamunkey River. He states that he served in all thirteen months, and that it is (perhaps from his loss of memory) utterly impossible for him to mention the periods of the war when he served or the length of his service, with more precision than he has done as above. He states that he does not recollect whether or not he received at the expiration of his several terms of service regular written discharges, but if he did he has lost them; That he has no documentary evidence whatever, but by the deposition of Nathaniel Mothershead accompanying this declaration, proves his services. He was born in Orange County Virginia on the 13th of May 1761 of which he has a register, at which place he resided until the year 1789 when he removed to Kentucky & has been residing in Bourbon County aforesaid of that State, his present State of

Residence ever since. He is known to many respectable persons of his own neighborhood & elsewhere who can testify as to his honor & veracity and many others he would mention in his own neighborhood the Reverend Lewis Corbin a Baptist Preacher, Robert Scroggin Esquire & Joseph Chinn who can also state as to the common reputation of his having been a soldier of the Revolution, & out of his neighborhood, he would mention the Honorable Richard M. Johnston now a member of Congress to whom he has been known for many years.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension Roll or agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Abner Shropshire



[Lewis Corbin, a clergyman, and Robert Scroggin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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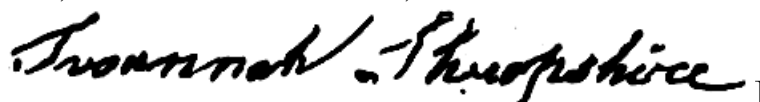
State of Kentucky Scott County Sct.

Personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace for said County Nathaniel Mothershead<sup>1</sup> and made oath in due form of law that he was acquainted with Abner Shropshire in the year 1781 and in spring season of that year he served 3 months as a militia man in the company of Captain George Waugh and in the same year he served another three months under the command of Captain May Burton [?].

This deponent not remembering any other date but states that previous to the time specified above he served three towers [tours] at the Barracks in Albemarle County Virginia of three months each – and he also states that previous to this he served one month under the command of Captain James Hawkins Guarding the prisoners of Burgoyne to Albemarle Barracks and further he saith not. Given under my hand this 14th day of August 1832

S/ R. McCall, JP

[f p. 5: On May 26, 1843 in Bourbon County Kentucky, Mrs. Susannah Shropshire, aged near 69 years, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Abner Shropshire, a revolutionary war pensioner;; that she was married to her husband on October 13, 1791; that he died December 13, 1841.



[f p. 12: family record:

Abner Shropshire born May 13, 1761

Susannah Shropshire was born June 28, 1774

Ditto & ditto married October 13 1791

Charles Shropshire our eldest son was born December 3, 1792 and departed this life January 13, 1793

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<sup>1</sup> FPA W8472

Jeremiah Shropshire born September 8, 1794

John Shropshire born May 7, 1796 and departed this life June 6, 1796

Hubbel Shropshire was born August 24 1797

Nancy Shropshire was born January 5, 1800

Walter Shropshire was born November 11, 1801

Asa Shropshire was born November 16 1803

Lucindiana Shropshire was born for March 1806

Henry Shropshire born August 25 1808

Benjamin Shropshire born August 11, 1811

Lucindiana Shropshire departed this life September 10, 181

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 13 months in the Virginia service.]