Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Abraham Riblet S41098 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. PA

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Dauphin county Ss.

On this fifteenth day of April AD. 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common pleas for the said county of Dauphin in the said Commonwealth, personally appears Abraham Riblet aged sixty years, resident in the said county, who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "an Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war"; that he the said Abraham Riblet in the fall of the year 1776 as a volunteer joined the company of Capt. Clotts [probably Klotz] at Lancaster in the state of Pennsylvania, which was attached to the second Regiment in the Pennsylvania Line under the command of Col. Hays; that in said company he marched to Philadelphia; thro' New Jersey to new York; was in the battle of Long Island [27 Aug 1776] and in the battle at the White Plains [28 Oct 1776]; that he continued in the said company as a private soldier for six months, and was at the end of that time discharged at Elizabethtown Point; that he returned to Lancaster and immediately after his return in the spring of the year 1777 at Lancaster aforesaid he enlisted for three years in the company commanded by Capt. Jacob Weaver, which company belonged to the tenth regiment of the Pennsylvania Line Commanded by Col. Nagle [sic: George Nagel BLWt1290-500]; that in this company, as a corporal, he marched to Whitemarsh hill near Germantown; was in winter quarters at Valley Forge; that in the spring of 1778 he marched to New Jersey; was in the battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], and continued in the service of his country till the expiration of the three years, for which he had enlisted, at which time he was discharged at Trenton in New Jersey, and returned to Lancaster his native place; that immediately after his return, at Lancaster, he again enlisted during the war in the company of light horse commanded by Capt. Erasmus Gill, which company belonged to Col. Melan's [sic: Stephen Moylan's] regiment in the Pennsylvania Line; that as a Sergeant in said company he marched to Yorktown on the James River; was at the taking of Lord Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781]; at the battles of the Eutaw Springs [SC, 8 Sep 1781] and the Cowpens [SC, 17 Jan 1781; see endnote]; that he marched to Dorchester 21 miles from Chareston in south Carolina; thence to Savanna [sic: Savannah] in Georgia in the army Commanded by Gen. [Anthony] Wayne that he was at Savanna at the close of the war and returned to Lancaster in Pennsylvania and was there discharged from the service of his country; that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; that he has no other evidence of his services in his power except his discharge, attached hereto.

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid David Scott

THESE are to CERTIFY that the bearer hereof Abraham Riblet Dragoon in the Pennsylvania Legion, having fatihfully served the United States seven years and being inlisted for th war, is hereby discharged from the American army.

Given at the war office t[page damaged] By order of the secretary at wa[r] [Gen. Benjamin Lincoln] [signed] Jos. Carlston Sec'y

Registered in the books of the regiment,

[signed] J. Hallett Adjutant. [illegible signature]

Settled [illegible signature]

Ellaham Riblet

[other side]

War office, 22nd Sep'r 1783.

THE within CERTIFICATE shall not avail the bearer as a discharge, until the ratification of the definitive treaty of peace; previous to which time, and until proclamation thereof shall be made, he is to be considered as being on furlough.

B. LINCOLN.

12th Judicial district of Penn'a, Lebanon County SS

On this 8th day of August 1820 personally appeared in Open Court of Common Pleas being a Court of Record for said County in said district Abraham Reblet aged 67 years resident of Lebanon County Pennsylvania who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his Oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows

first as a volunteer in the company commanded by Capt Glatz of Lancaster and was attached to Col Hays Regt and was in the Battles of Long Island & flat bush [Flatbush NY] and of the white Plains, and in the year 1777 he enlisted under Capt Weaver of lancaster and was attached to the 10th Penn'a Regt commanded by Col. Rich'd. Cumpton [sic: Richard Humpton] and was in the Battels of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] and monmouth and at the expiration of the term for which he was inlisted he again enlisted under Capt. Erasmus Gill of the light horse for and during the war, and was attached to Conl Mylans Regt. and was in the seige against Lord Cornwallace and afterwards [sic] in the Battle of the Cowpens, also in a skirmish at Cherokee hill under Gen; Wayne & that afterwards in Sinclairs Campain [sic: Arthur St. Clair's Campaign], he was wounded in the right hand in the right side on the left brest & was shot through the hips [probably at the Battle of the Wabash, 4 Nov 1791], he was by occupation a tobacconist but from the want of the proper use of his right hand is not able to work at his trade, he has no family and is in such indegent circumstances as to be unable to support himself without the assistance of his Country or Public Charity, he receives a Pension of forty dollars from the state of Penn'a also since the 4th April 1818 he has each year drawn the sum of Ninety Six dollars on a certificate of Pension given at the War Office of the United States no. 3774. I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed,

Cash in hands of Joseph Barnett \$4.91
One silver watch 5.00
\$9.91

monthly pay for

hostlering pr month in Summer \$3.00 Abraham Riblit

NOTE: Pennsylvania troops did not serve in the Carolinas until after the surrender of Cornwallis.