Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Abraham Bolt S9282 SC VA Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 18 Sep 2018.

State of South Carolina }
Laurens District }

On this Sixteenth day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before Rich'd Gant one of the Judges of the Court of Common pleas now sitting Abraham Bolt Sen'r. a resident of the District and State aforesaid aged 69 years who being first 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 the 7 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated. That entered the service in Spartanburg district So Carolina in Captain John Thompsons company attached to Col Brannons [sic: Thomas Brandon SC528] Regiment early in september 1780 shortly after the fall of Charleston [12 May 1780]. This Regiment was force which engaged in protecting the frontier & scouring the country – in that fall [20 Nov 1780] the Regiment was pursued and attacked by Col. Tarletons Dragoons [Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton's Legion] at Blackstocks on Tyger River in Spartanburg District. Colonel Sumpter [sic: Gen. Thomas Sumter] commanded in the Battle. After a severe skirmish in which we drove the enemy back we retreated. Col Sumpter was wounded in the battle by a ball in the shoulder. This Regiment crossed the river & still kept in the field 'till Gen'l [Daniel] Morgan came & then we joined his army. In Gen'l Morgan Army was Maj Tripplet [sic: Francis Triplett] who commanded the virginia militia – Col [Andrew] Pickens with his Regiment & Colonel Washington with his horse [Lt. Col. William Washington with his Continental Light Dragoons] besides our own that the Declarant recollects. Shortly after we were attached to Gen'l Morgans army towit the 17 Jan'y 1781 our army was attacked by Colonel Tarleton at the Cowpens in Spartanburg at which our army gained the victory This declarent was detained to attend the wounded when the army moved on to No. Carolina and did not overtake the army again till after the battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] This Declarent then refugeed & went to the state of Virginia. In the 1 June 1781 he substituted in the place of Peter Leak in the company of Captain Haman Knight [probably Haman Critz of Henry County VA] we were then marched to Head quarters at Mobbins Hills [sic: Malvern Hill] on the East side of James River there we were attached to Colonel Richardsons [Holt Richardson's] Regiment Gen'l Lawsons [Robert Lawson's] Brigade under Gen'l. Lafayetts [Lafayette's] command From this place the whole army were marched to New Castle [now Old Church near Pamunkey River, 4 Aug] & from thence to the fork of Pawmunky & Mattaponi Rivers there remained till our three 3 months was out & was dismissed by a kind of pass from the Orderly Sergt but is lost. Then Declarent went to Henry County in Va. & there remained till the prisoners taken at the battle of the Eutaw Springs in So. Ca. [8 Sep 1781] was brought to Virginia. then he volunteered his services under Capt James Tarrance [sic: James Torrance] for one month to guard the prisoners to the north side of Virginia. After this he was no more in regular duty. His first tour was 5 months the second 3 months & 1 month guarding the prisoners making in the whole 9 months. This Declarent then removed to So Carolina & remained till after the war. During the latter part of the War he was constantly liable & was frequently called out to perform short tours in scouting parties but in these there was no regularity.

This Declarent was born in Faulkuire [sic: Fauquier] County Virginia the 24 August 1764. Has a record of his age in his Fathers Bible at his house. Was living in Spartanburg District So Ca. when first called into service. Has lived where he now does in Laurens District since the year 1784. The manner of being called into service, as above stated. Has stated the names of all the officers & regiments recollected Did receive a discharge from the orderly Sergt but it is lost. Knows of no one who can testify to his services of his own personal knowledge

Parson Gabriel Phillips & R F Sampson can testify as to his character for veracity and the belief

of his services as a soldier of the revolution. Declarent hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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.

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[The following is from South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) available at http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/. In the "Full name" field enter the surname, comma, given name.]

2756 No. 112

Abraham Bolt.

For militia Duty in Brandon's Regiment, andersons Return, Since the Fall of Charleston amounting to Currency $\pounds 90.0.0$

Sterling £12.17.1½

Twelve Pounds, Seventeen Shillings, and one Penny halfpenny Sterling Ex'd. [undeciphered initials]