

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abraham Workman R11868

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State of Virginia Tazewell [County] SS

On this 22nd day of September 1834 personally appeared in open court the Circuit Supreme Court of Law & Chancery for the County of Tazewell now sitting Abraham Workman a resident of the County of Tazewell & County of Virginia aged seventy-three on the 25th day of January last past, 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as hereinafter stated (viz.) this declarant entered the service while a citizen of Monongahela County near Fort Pitt, as a drafted militia man under Colonel Morgan, Captain Hezekiah Morgan, Lieutenant John White, on the First of April 1777 Was Rendezvoused at Captain Bug [?] on a Creek called a "Shirter" [?] and was taken to Fort Pentacost, called "Colonel Pentacost's Fort", where he remained only one day, and was then marched to Fort Pitt, where this declarant remained three months, and was discharged from the service by Colonel Morgan, the term of service for which he engaged being three months which was then expired, & then received a written discharge which this declarant had the misfortune to lose by the burning of his house, he left the service on the first day of July 1777, he feels certain of the time of the year when he entered & left the service, as above, he arrives at the year of 1777 by calculating from the age which he then was, and that he is now, and feels nearly certain of its correctness.

This declarant entered his second tour of duty on the first of April in the year following, while still a resident of the County of Monongahela under Colonel Morgan, Captain Morgan & Lieutenant White, the same officers under whom he served his first tour, as a drafted Militia man, for the term of six months, was rendezvoused at the same place as above stated, and was marched from thence to Fort Pitt, where this declarant was stationed & remained and done duty during his term of service, and was again discharged by Colonel Morgan & received a written discharge, which was lost in the same manner and at the same time his first discharge as above stated. He left the service on the first of October following 1778.

This declarant then returned home to Monongahela and was drafted a third time by the same officers while a resident there, for nine months, and entered the service & was rendezvoused at the same place "Pentecost's Fort" above stated, on the first of April 1779, and was again marched to Fort Pitt, where this declarant remained the whole time of service of nine months, and was discharged the third time by Colonel Morgan on the first of January following 1780, and received another written discharge which was lost in the same manner in which his first & second were lost: this declarant was in no engagement during the terms of any of his engagements aforesaid, nor has he any documentary evidence of his service; nor does he know of any person now living by whom he can prove his services, This declarant in answer to the

several interrogatories prescribed by the War Department makes the following, first that he was born in Washington Township in the State of Pennsylvania the County he does not now recollect, on the 25th of January 1761, as he has always been informed & believes, but has no record of the fact to which he can [indecipherable word]: the place where he was living when called into service he refers to the foregoing declaration he removed from Monongahela to the place where he now lives in Tazewell County where he has ever since remained: the manner in which he was called into service, the names of his officers and the general circumstances of his services, he also refers to his foregoing declaration: He is known in his present neighborhood to Phillip Green & Michael Ritter who can testify to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution, he hereby relinquishes any 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 or Territory whatever. Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Abraham workman, X his mark

[Phillip Greener [?] and Michael Ritter gave the standard supporting affidavit.]