Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Peter Ashby R285

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State of Kentucky } Ss County of Hopkins }

On this 13th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of the County aforesaid, now sitting Peter Ashby a resident in the County & State aforesaid aged eighty one 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers & served as herein stated

He states that he was born in the County of Frederick in the State of Virginia in the year 1751. that he removed to the County of Hampshire in said State & in that County in the year 1776 or 1777 volunteered under Capt James Parsons of said County for three months and marched thence to Pittsburgh in Pennsylvania where he remained sometime under the command of General Hann [sic: Edward Hand] a Continental Officer – that he was detached by his s'd. General and marched to a place called the Point on the Ohio river not far below Wheeling in Va. to aid in burying Capt Furman & nineteen or twenty others who had been then recently killed at that place by the Indians [sic: William Foreman, Grave Creek Massacre near present Moundsville WV, 26 Sep 1777] – that after performing that service he was marched home & discharged having served out his full term of three months he received a written discharge signed by his Captain but hath lost the same

He states that he afterwards in the year 1781 volunteered in the said County of Hampshire under Capt Thomas Neale of Virginia Militia and served as he believes more that thee months against the Tories who at that time infested that and the adjacent Counties that he never received a written discharge from Capt Neale as he believes and if he did he hath lost the same – that after the revolution he removed to Auren [Owen?] County in Ky. and from thence to the County of Hopkins aforesaid where he at present resides that he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services except Daniel Ashby Sen'r. [pension application S14927] of the s'd. County of Hopkins whose deposition is hereunto attached marked (A)

He 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

[signed] Peter Ashby

NOTE: On 10 Mar 1845 Jesse Ashby applied for a pension unclaimed by his deceased mother, Winnifred Ashby, on behalf of himself and his brothers and sisters: Henry Ashby; Anna Robertson wife of Lewis Robertson; Peter Ashby, Frances Harman wife of Isaac Harman of Henderson County KY, and Hannah Howell wife of James Howell of Livingston County MO. He stated that his father, Peter Ashby, married Winnifred Timmons "some few years prior to the year 1780," that his father died on 29 Jan 1833, and his mother died on or about 10 Aug 1839. On 6 Dec 1844 George Timmons (pension application S11553) also deposed that his deceased sister, the former Winney Timmons, married Peter Ashby in Hampshire County before 1780. On 29 Mar 1852 Peter Ashby, Jesse Ashby, and Frances Harman, aged 51, 55, and 63, stated that their parents were born in 1776, that their father died on 16 Jan 1833 at about age 86, and their mother died 27 Aug 1839 at about age 75. On 18 May 1852 Nathaniel Harding, 67, and John Timmons ,62, made supporting depositions, adding the name of Anna Robinson, 61, to those of the other three surviving children.