

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Abijah Flora R3616

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The State of Ohio }

Ross County } ss.

On this 19<sup>th</sup> day of Novm'r 1832 personally appeared before the Judges of the Supreme Court, for the County of Ross in the State of Ohio, now sitting, Abijah Flora, a resident of Twin Township in said County, aged seventy five 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the Revolutionary War, from Hampshire County, Virginia [now WV], where he then resided; from his best recollection about the spring of the year 1780 on a tour of six months, and serve out the same under Captains Stockton & Lee, in Col'l. Mitchel's Regiment of Regular Troops [see endnote]; and was employed the whole time in Boating provisions, from the mouth of Conegocheag[?], to Old Town [Oldtown], in Maryland, for the western army – at the expiration of which tour of six months, he was discharged, but has lost his discharge.

That from information rec'd. from his parents, he was born in Hampshire Co. Virginia in the year 1757, where he resided untill 1799, when he removed to Ross County Ohio, where he has resided for the last 33 years. That he has no documentary evidence of his services, and knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to any of his service, except the testimony of Phillip Hartley, which is hereto attached – He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

Abijah hisXmark Flora

Interrogatoris propounded by the Court to the applicant & his answers under oath.

Q. Where were you born.

Ans. In Hamshire County Virginia.

2. Who did you Enlist under

Ans. Capt Stockton.

2. What other Officer did you serve under

A'r. Capt Lee – Col. Mitchel.

Q. Where did you enlist.

Ans. In Hampshire County where I lived & was born

Q. did you get any discharge

A. Yes – it was signed by Capt Stockton and I have lost it long ago.

Abijah hisXmark Flora

The State of Ohio }

Pike County } ss

Be it known that before me Peter Fortney a Justice of the Peace, within and for said County, personally came Phillip Heartly, and made oath in due form of law, that he was intimately acquainted with Abijah Flora, now of Twin Township in Ross County, Ohio while he resided in Hampshire County, Virginia, which was from his youth untill after the close of the Revolutionary War and this deponent further saith that the said Abijah Flora enlisted in the Army of the United States in Hampshire County in the State of Virginia, and that he was engaged and served in the boating service of the United States for the term or period of six months during the summer previous to the surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781], and further saith not

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16<sup>th</sup> day of Nov'r 1832 Phillip hisXmark Hartley

The State of Ohio Ross County S.S. [27 Sep 1852]

Be it known that before me Robert J. Robertson, a Justice of the peace in and for said County and State, personally appeared Thomas Flora aged about seventy four years and Robert Flora aged about sixty four years resident of said County, who being duly cautioned and Sworn, in due form of law, state on oath, that they are children of Abijah Flora, deceased late of said County, who was a Revolutionary soldier of the United States, whose claim for a pension was, and is, suspended at the Pension office at Washington City; that the said deceased entered said service in the state of Virginia; that he died in the county of Ross in the year 1840, they believe on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May that their mother named Margaret Flora died in Ross county Ohio about the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March AD 1838. That their father and mother were married about the year 1775 that they resided in Ross County Ohio from about the year 1799 until the time of their respective deaths [Power of attorney to obtain pension and land for their father's service follows.]

[On 19 July 1853 John Flora, 62, another one of three sons who survived Abijah Flora, assigned the same attorney for the same purpose.]

NOTE:

I could find no record of Captains Stocton (or Stockton) or Lee, or of Col. Mitchel (or Mitchell) in the Continental line of Virginia.

A note in the file reads as follows: "Abijah Flora claims for six mo service as a boatman in transporting the public stores. This is not deemed a military service within the contemplation of the act." In fact, however, the Pension Office's own regulations for the 1832 act excluded only "those who were occasionally employed with the army upon civil contracts, such as Clerks to Commissaries and to Store Keepers, &c., Teamsters, Boatmen, &c."

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The State of Ohio, Ross County S.S.

Be it known that before me Robert J. Robertson, a justice of the peace in and for said county and state, personally appeared Thomas Flora aged about seventy four years and Robert Flora aged about eighty four years resident of said county, who being duly continued and sworn in due form by law state on oath that they are children of Abijah Flora, deceased late of said county, who was a Revolutionary soldier of the United States whose claim for a pension was and is suspended at the pension office at Washington City. That the said deceased entered said service in the state of Virginia. That he died in the county of Ross in the year 1840, they believe on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May. That their mother named Margaret Flora dies in Ross County Ohio about the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March A.D. 1835. That heir father and mother were married about the \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ in the year 1775. That they resided in Ross County Ohio from about the year 1799 until the time of their respective deaths.

And furthermore they by their presents constitute and appoint James Sinclair of the city of Chillicothe, Ohio and F.E. Kapler of Washington City DC irrevocably as attorneys with power of substitution and in our name and in behalf of ourselves and the other heirs at law of the said Abijah Flora to examine into, prosecute, demand, and receive from the United States Government and state offices our rights in all and any manner of claim or claims for pension, increase of pension, or land that may be due to us as the children of the said Abijah Flora who dies leaving the same undrawn as in right of law we may be entitled. In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our names and affixed our seals this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September 1852.

Witnesses

J.H. Brooks

Thomas Flora x his mark

Wm Ward

Robert Flora x his mark

[certification

Robert J Robertson, JP

Angus L Fullerton, clerk]

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The State of Ohio, Ross County, S.S.

Be it known that on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July A.D. 1853 before me Robert J. Robertson a justice of the peace in and for said county, personally appeared John Flora aged sixty two years who being duly swaorn declares an oath that he is the son of Abijah Flora late of said county (and now deceased) who was a revolutionary soldier form Hampshire County in the state of Virginia and who died in Ross County Ohio on or about the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 1840 leaving no children but leaving Thomas Flora, Robert Flora, and John Flora who were his only surviving children at the time of his (said Abijah's) death and who are still living. That his (deponent's) father resided in the state of Ohio upwards of forty years before his death. That his (deponent's) father, Abijah Flora, is the same who some time before his death made application to the

commissioner of pensions of the United States for a pension for service in the army of the Revolution. That deponent has heard his father say that he served in said war. Went from Hampshire County aforesaid and as this deponent believes served under Captain Stockton or Captain Lee or both probably under Colonel Mitchell.

He this deponent furthermore constitutes and appoints James McClain and F.E. Kapler as his attorney in and about the prosecution of his said claim for pension money as one of the children of the said Abijah Flora and when allowed to receive the money so allowed due to him as said heir whither for pension commutation or otherwise.

In witness whereof the said John Flora has hereunto set his hand and seal this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July A.D. 1853. John Flora x his mark

[certification

Robert J Robertson, JP

Samuel Littler, witness

George Yoakum, neighbor

Angus L Fullerton, clerk]

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Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832.

The State of Ohio

Ross County SS. On this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November 1832, personally appeared before the judges of the Supreme Court for the County of Ross in the State of Ohio, now sitting, Abijah Flora, a resident of Twin Township in said county, aged seventy five 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the Revolutionary War from Hampshire County Virginia where he then resided. From his best recollection about the Spring of the year 1780 in a tour of six months and served out the same under Captains Stockton and Lee in Colonel Mitchell's Regiment of Regular troops; and was employed the whole time in boating provisions from the mouth of Conagechsag [?], to Old Town, in Maryland, for the western army. At the expiration of which tour of six months, he was discharged, but has lost his discharge. That from information and from his parents he was born in Hampshire County Virginia in the year 1759 where he resided until 1799 when he removed to Ross County Ohio where he has resided for the past 33 years. That he has no documentary evidence of his service and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to any of his service except the testimony of Philip Hartley which is hereto attached. He hereby relinquished every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

Abijah Flora x his mark

[Routine county certification

19<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>b</sup> 1832

Humphrey Fullerton, Clerk

John Mick, clergy

William Kenan, clergy]

[p14-p15 notice of rejection because boating service is not recognized as military under the act.]