Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abraham (Abram) Hembree (Emory) S38823 fn29SC
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State of South Carolina Spartanburg District: On this 9th Day of April 1819 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Superior Courts of law in the State aforesaid personally appeared Abraham Hembree aged __years resident in the District and State aforesaid 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 & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War. That he the said Abraham Hembree enlisted in Captain John Montgomery's Company in the Continental service in the State of South Carolina for the term of three years and was transferred from that company to the Sixth Regiment South Carolina line commanded by Colonel William Henderson and that he was at the battle at Stono and Savannah exclusive of four other small Skirmishes: that he served out the full Term of three years; and that he was then transferred to the first Regiment commanded by Charles Cotesworth Pinckney; and that he was taken prisoner at the fall of Charleston by the Common Enemy from which he made his escape; and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for a support, that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said Services.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this ninth day of April 1819 S/ Abram Hembree, X his mark

At a court of common pleas began to be holden at Spartanburg Court-house in and for the district of Spartanburg on the second Monday after the fourth Monday in March being the 11th day of April in the year of our Lord 1825 present his Honor Judge Gaillard

State of South Carolina Spartanburg District: On this 15th day of April 1825, personally appeared in open Court being a court of Record (to wit) the court of General Sessions & common Pleas for the aforesaid district Abraham Hembree (frequently called Emree) resident in the district aforesaid, aged sixty-eight years, on the 16th day of May next who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the first of May 1820, that he the said Abraham Hembree enlisted sometime in the month of March 1777 for the term of three years, in the State of South Carolina – in the company commanded by Captain Warley, in the sixth Regiment commanded by Colonel William Henderson, in the line of the State of South

Carolina, on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in said Court, until sometime in the month of May 1780 when he fell into the hands of the British at the fall of Charleston South Carolina, from whom he made his escape so that he was not regularly discharged but that he served the full term of three years that sometime in the year 1784 he made application to Major Taylor from whom he obtained a certificate of his service in order to enable him to get his State warrant – which warrant and land he obtained that he left his certificate in the land office, that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension except the present. That his name is not on any Roll except the State of South Carolina. And that the following all the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension – First because he, did send in a declaration to the war Department which was sworn to before his Honor Judge Colcock on the ninth day of April 1819 and which was returned for informality and further proof of service – Secondly – Because he never had it in his power until the present time to procure the proof which he now exhibits with this declaration.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, he solemnly swears that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provision 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 he has not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed. That since the 18th of March 1818 that has been no material change in his property

One old still the value of which does not exceed \$20 & one half of which belongs to me and which is

One axe \$1 - 1 hand saw \$1

1 Drawing knife 75 cents - 1 cooper crow [?] 25 cents

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S/ Abraham Hembree, X his mark

That he is a farmer by occupation, that he has not any land to cultivate: That he is aged and of course infirm, and 72 a fluttering or application of the heart, owing as he supposes to debility, and which frequently continues for the space of two or three weeks at a time during which paroxysm he is entirely unable and unfit for manual labor. That he has for him family besides himself who reside with him, two daughters the oldest called Holly Hembree aged 43 or 44 years of age who is unhealthy and unable to contribute anything towards his support – His second daughter called Jenny Hembree about 26 years of age, and her two children one called Hampton Hembree about six & the other called Isaac Hembree about three years old.

Sworn to & declared on the day & year before written in open court.

S/ Abraham Hembree, X his mark

S/ E. Bomar, Clerk

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State of South Carolina Spartanburg district: William Wheeler¹ came before me and made oath that Abraham Hembree, did serve in the Revolutionary War as a private regular soldier in Captain Warley his company attached to the 6th Regiment, commanded by Colonel Henderson

¹ William Wheeler W6485

South Carolina line upwards of two years, in the years 1777, 1778 and 1779 and that he knew him well.

Sworn to & subscribed before made this 15th March 1825

S/ F. W. Robertson, JP

S/ William Wheeler, X his mark

State of South Carolina Spartanburg District

Martin Martin² came before me and made oath that Abraham Hembree, did serve in the Revolutionary [war] as a private regular soldier in Captain Warley's Company attached to the sixth Regiment, commanded by Colonel Henderson South Carolina line three years commencing from the first part of the year 1777 to 1780 and that he fell into the hands of the Enemy. Sworn to before me this 19th of March 1825.

S/W. Trimmier, J. Q Ex. Off.

S/ Martin Martin, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Rutherford County: On this 29th day of July 1828 before me the Subscriber a Justice of the peace for the said [County] of Rutherford personally appeared Abraham Emery who on his Oath declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the Company commanded by Captain George Warley in the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Henderson in the Service of the United States that his name was placed on the pension Roll of the State of South Carolina from whence he has lately removed that he now resides in the State of North Carolina where he intends to remain and wishes his pension to be there payable in future and that his reasons for removing to the State of North Carolina is first provision is much cheaper rent for a place to stay is much lower and the Country healthier and much better range for cattle & hogs.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid S/ John Logan, JP S/ Abraham Emmery, X his mark

[the above affidavit is supported by James Emry and Lewis Ballard]

[fn p. 29: on March 22, 1834 in Cocke County Tennessee, Abraham Hembree again applied for transfer of his pension payments stating that he has recently removed there he calls "living are much more abundant & cheap". This application is supported by the affidavit of Isaac Hembree [relationship, if any to the veteran not stated] in which she states that he is acquainted with "Abreham hembree Allis Embree" [sic, Abraham Hembree, alias Embry].

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing July 19, 1825, for three years service as a private in the South Carolina Continental line.]

² Martin Martin W9170