Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abraham Hite S46385 Transcribed by Will Graves f12VA 7/18/11 rev'd 4/4/14

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For the purpose of obtaining the Benefits of an act entitled "an act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Army of the Revolution" approved on the 15th of May 1828, I Abraham Hite, in the County of Jefferson, near the City of Louisville, in the State of Kentucky, do hereby declare that I was an officer in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution and served as such until captured at Charles Town [Charleston] in South Carolina in May 1780. I continued a prisoner (paroled to Haddrell's Point near to Charles Town) until August 1781 at which time; (an Exchange of prisoners having taken place, so far as there were prisoners of the British Army to exchange) the Balance of the Revolutionary Officers not exchanged, of which I was one, was paroled, not [to] take up arms until exchanged, I with others was sent by water from James Town, to Virginia, where I remained a prisoner on parole until the end of the War.

And I also declare, that I afterwards received a Certificate commonly called a commutation certificate for a sum equal to five years pay; which was offered by the resolve of Congress of the 22nd of March 1783 instead of half pay for life, to which I was entitled under the resolve of the 21st of October 1780.

And I do further declare that I have received of the United States as a pensioner since the 3rd of March 1826: note Money: nor have I been on the pension list.

S/ Abr. Hite Late Captn. in the 8th Virgn. Regt.

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Revolutionary Claims Treasury Department, July 26, 1828

Abraham Hite of __ in the County of Jefferson in the State of Kentucky has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828.

He states that was an officer in the Continental line, and served as such to the end of the War (the latter part of the time a prisoner of war on parole),

at which period he was a Captain in the 8th regiment of the Virginia line; and that he received occasions certificates for the five years full pay granted by the resolve of 22 March, 1783; and, further, that he has received as a pensioner since the 3rd of March 1826, nothing-dollars, paid to him by the agent in the State of ____

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records in his Office.

By order of the Secretary S/F. A. Dickins

Treasury Department, Third Auditor's Office, 31st July 1828

It appears by the records of this office, that final settlement certificates had been issued for the commutation of five years full pay to Abraham Hite, Captain in the Virginia line, amounting to twenty-four hundred dollars.

It further appears that Abraham Hite is not now on the pension list of any agency, and has not been so since 3rd March 1826.

S/ Peter Hagner, Aud.

State of Kentucky Jefferson County June 9th 1828

I Abraham Hite of Jefferson County (near the City of Louisville) in the State of Kentucky do hereby declare, that I was and Officer in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution, and served as such, until captured by the British Army at Charles Town in South Carolina in May 1780; I continued a prisoner (Paroled to Haddrell's Point near Charlestown) until August 1781 at which time an exchange of prisoners took place so far as there were Prisoners of the British Army, to exchange the Balance of the Revolutionary Officers not exchanged, of which I was one was Paroled, not to take up arms until exchanged, and I with others was sent by water from Charlestown to Virginia where I remained a Prisoner on Parole until the end of the War.

And I also declare that I afterwards received Certificates (commonly called Commutation Certificates) for a sum equal to the amount of 5 years full pay, which sum was offered by the resolve of Congress of the 22nd of March 1783 instead of the half pay for life to which I was entitled under the Resolve of the 21st of October 1780

To the Honorable Richard Rush

Secretary of the Treasury

A/ Abr. Hite Late a Captain in the 8th Virga Regiment

Commission No. 54 in favor of Abraham Hite a Captain in the 8th Virginia Regiment to rank from 14th April 1779 and dated 23rd November 1779.

[From bounty land records in the Library of Virginia]

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Captain Abraham Hite, formerly of the 8th Virginia Regiment on Continental Establishment was appointed a Lieutenant, to the best of my recollection, the Latter end of the year 1776, or beginning of the year 1777 and continued in service until the termination of the war the 15th of November 1783.

Given under my hand this 28th day of October 1808

James Wood, formerly B. Genl. Continental Army

Barracks March 25, 1783

I do hereby Certify that Captain Abraham Hite entered the service the 8th of January 1777 and is now a prisoner of War

Peter Muhlenberg, BG