

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of George Asbury W5644 Mary Asbury VA
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Virginia Franklin County towit

On this second day of February 1824 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record for the County of Franklin aforesaid George Asbury Sen'r. a resident of said County, aged sixty eight years 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 Act of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st May 1820. That he the said George Asbury sen'r enlisted for the term of two years in the month of February one thousand seven hundred, and seventy six in the state of Virginia and County of Bedford, in the Company commanded by Captain Gross Scruggs in the 5th Virginia regiment commanded by Colonel Josiah Parker in the line of the state of Virginia on the Virginia Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in the said Corps until the month of February 1778 when he was discharged from the said service in the state of Pennsylvania at Valey forge [sic: Valley Forge]. That he was in the Battle of Brandywine [11 Sep] in the year 1777 and also at the Battle of Germantown in the ensuing month of October [the 4th], and that he has no other evidence now in his possession or power of the rendition of said services. And in pursuance of the Act of the 1st May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with Intent thereby to diminish it so as to bring myself within the provisions 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 I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts of Debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. I have no estate either real or personal. That I am Sixty eight years of age and entirely unable to labour for a Support, and am so afflicted with the Palsy that I cannot even write my name. My wife is about my own age I have one son not under my control

George (his mark) Asbury sen'r

NOTE: On 20 May 1844 Mary Hatcher Asbury, 84, of Dade County GA, applied for a pension stating that she was married to George Asbury in the home of her father, Benjamin Hatcher, by Rev. Jeremiah Hatcher in Bedford County on 27 May 1785. Her application was supported by a deposition made in Green County KY by her son, also named George Asbury, stating that George Asbury, Sr. died in Franklin County on 12 Nov 1834. The file contains a copy of the consent for Mary Hatcher's marriage signed on 24 May 1785 by Benjamin Hatcher and witnessed by John Chastain and Daniel Asbury. Also in the file is a copy of a marriage bond signed on the same day by George Asbury and Edmund Winston. On 20 Aug 1844 on Henry Hatcher stated that "he does not know that he the said Jeremiah Hatcher recorded the marriages that he celebrated having never seen him have a book for that purpose and that he was in the exercise of his ministirial capacity 66 years ago and that he was a resident of the said County of Bedford."