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Pension application of Abner Womack S30804

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State of Kentucky County of Butler

On this 12th day of November 1832, Personally appeared in open Court, before the County Court of Butler County now sitting, Abner Womack, a resident of the County of Butler and State of Kentucky, aged sixty-eight years past, 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, and served as herein stated:

That he resided in Lincoln County State of North Carolina, when he entered the service, and was drafted early in March 1780 for three months, and served as a private under Captain Jacob Collins, Lieutenant French, Ensign Joseph Beaty in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Arrington [sic, probably Colonel Henry William Harrington]. That he rendezvoused in March 1780, in the said County of Lincoln, and marched to Charleston in South Carolina. That he recollects of crossing the line between the two states, about the 24th or 25th of March, having passed through Charlotte in NC. He recollects this fact, from this circumstance of its having been rumored among the soldiers, that their time did not commence until they crossed the line. That he marched through Camden to the Eutaw Springs, where they joined General Woodford's Brigade - - and continued their march to Charleston where he arrived early in April -- where he was put under the command of Brigadier General McIntosh. That when he arrived in Charleston, the British, under the command of Sir Henry Clinton, were entrenching between Ashley and Cooper rivers in order for a successful Siege. That he continued there -- when on the 12th of May General Lincoln surrendered to the enemy -- and in about 8 days, he was paroled, agreeably to the articles of capitulation. That on the 20th of May, he left Charleston, under parole, and arrived at home about the first of June. It having been exchanged, he was again drafted from the said County of Lincoln NC where he resided, for three months -- and served under Brigadier General Rutherford, Major Harris, Captain William Moore, Lieutenant Jonathan Price. He was drafted in September 1781, and marched to the vicinity of Wilmington, on Cape Fear River -- and was kept in service, to suppress the Tories, about two months and ten days, when he was discharged, signed by Lieutenant Price, (the Captain being absent) which he has lost. This service was entirely militia, and with no regular Companies. General Rutherford had been taken a prisoner at

Gates defeat, and had only been exchanged a short time before the commencement of the campaign. That although he served only two months and ten days, until he was discharged, yet it was considered a three months tour, and accredited accordingly to those who served, in the militia service. That shortly after his return home, in December 1781, he joined a company of mounted Rangers, as a substitute for three months, for Reuben Petty, of Burke County in North Carolina. That about one month of the service had expired, when he was substituted for said Petty, and he served about two months, the balance of the time, and received a discharge for the whole tour, such having been the contract with said Petty, that he was to have the full pay for the whole tour. That he served under Captain David Falls, Lieutenant John Davidson, Ensign David Smith and was under the control and command of Colonel Charles McDowell, although he was not in actual service in this campaign. That he marched to a place called the upper Fort, in the said County of Burke -- and was engaged the whole [time] in scouting through different parts of the state for protection against the Indians. The expedition was originally designed against the Cherokee Indians for the purposes of destroying their villages, but the inclemency of the weather prevented the campaign. That sometime in February 1782, he received a written discharge, signed by Lieutenant Davidson, which he has lost. That he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service. That he was born in Prince Edward County and State of Virginia, on the 7th of January 1764. That he has a record of his age at house which was made by his father. That he lived in Lincoln County North Carolina during his whole service, and until 1797, when he moved to that part of Logan, Kentucky, which now forms the County of Butler, where he now resides. That he is acquainted with the Reverend Ben McReynolds and John Sharp in his present neighborhood, who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

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.
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Abner Womack

[Benjamin McReynolds, a clergyman, and John Sharp gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Kentucky County of Butler

On this 13th day of May 1833, personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Butler County, now sitting, Abner Womack a resident of said County and State, who being duly sworn deposes and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grade: for seven months and ten days I served as a private; and for which service I claim a pension. He also deposes and saith, that in May 1780, when he left Charleston, he received no discharge, but received a printed parole signed by a British Officer, but does not recollect by whom. That for his services of two months and two days, he received a discharge, as stated in his declaration. That for his service of two months, he also received a discharge, as stated in his declaration.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Abner Womack

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$24.44 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 7 months and 10 days service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]