

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abraham Hancks (Hanks) R4569 Lucy Hanks f41VA
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State of Tennessee Lincoln County

On this ___ day of October in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared before open Court before Thomas H Shaw, Samuel Buchanan, J E Waggoner Justices of the court of pleas and quarter sessions for the County of Lincoln and State of Tennessee now sitting Abraham Hanks a resident of the County and state aforesaid aged seventy-three 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 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, he was born in Amelia County Virginia on the 2nd day of April 1759, he volunteered in August 1777 in Bedford County Virginia for three months, John Talbot was Captain Thomas Helmes [Thomas Helm] was Lieutenant his Ensign's name was Arthur Mosley [Arthur Moseley] at the time he entered the service he was living in Bedford County Virginia, they marched to Williamsburg in Virginia from thence to Yorktown in the State of Virginia the British fleet at that time was in York River they marched to Yorktown for the purpose of keeping the British from landing at Yorktown. David Mason was his Colonel the British turned about and went down to York River, they marched from York town to Williamsburg in the State of Virginia and there he was discharged Captain Talbot gave him his discharge and he has lost the discharge. He further states he volunteered at Charlotte Court House in the State of Virginia on the 2nd day of April 1779 his Captain was Holman Rice his Lieutenant Edward Herndon his Ensign was Nicholas Meriwether for & during the stay of the convention prisoners in Albemarle County Virginia in the Regiment of Guards over the convention prisoners Frank Taylor [Francis Taylor] was Colonel of said Regiment of Guards a man by the name of Burton [perhaps James Burton] was Major this applicant cannot now recollect his given name he was afterwards appointed adjutant of said Regiment Captain John Roberts was appointed Major in his place when he was called into service he was living in Bedford County Virginia Colonel Theodic Blann [Theodorick Bland] was Colonel of a Regiment of horse and when the prisoners were sent to the Barracks in Albemarle County he was appointed to superintend in guarding said prisoners. They continued to guard said Prisoners until sometime in the fall of 1780 when intelligence was received at the Barracks that Cornwallis was coming from North Carolina to rescue the prisoners with his Army and orders were issued to divide the prisoners into divisions into different parts of the country as it was thought most advisable to keep them from being rescued. The first division was taken to Georgetown in Maryland this applicant went to guard as far as the dividing line between the states of Maryland and Virginia where said prisoners were delivered to a guard appointed to

carry them to Georgetown Maryland, the Corps that this applicant belonged to then returned to the Barracks in Albemarle County Virginia where the balance of said prisoners were, they took the second division to Winchester Virginia and there delivered them up to a guard appointed to guard them, the third and fourth divisions they carried to the new Barracks in Frederick County Virginia and last division they delivered to Chester where your applicant received a discharge from his term of service, he was discharged on the first day of May 1781 by his Colonel Frank Taylor and has now at this time said discharge in his possession. The applicant further states that he has a record of his age from under his father's hand now in his possession, he has since the revolution lived in Campbell County Virginia until about eighteen months ago he moved to Lincoln County Tennessee where he now lives, he has no documentary evidence except his discharge and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

I hereby relinquish 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 in the United States. He says he is known in his present neighborhood to Samuel Todd Esquire, Abner Steed Esquire – Doak Nicks Esquire and John Bandy who can testify as to his character for veracity and good behavior and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. This applicant would further state that owing to the great length of time that has elapsed since the revolution. And he being in firm both in body and mind from old age that many circumstances have entirely escaped his recollection.

S/ Abrm Hanks

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Abm Hanks". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Benjamin Boone, a clergyman, and A. Q. Nicks gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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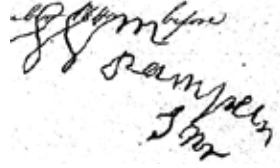
State of Tennessee Lincoln County: This day personally appeared before me George W Jones an acting Justice of the peace for the County and State aforesaid Abraham Hanks a resident of the County of Lincoln & State of Tennessee who being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that the reasons he did not send his discharge with his declaration for a pension to the War Department our first that he had every reason to believe and was confident that his name was on the Virginia Rolls in the Department which Rolls he was informed was preserved in said Department, Secondly, he was advised that if his name was on the rolls as he expected it was that it was unnecessary and would answer no purpose to send his discharge, he here with has annexed and sets out a true copy of said Discharge for fear that the discharge which he intends to enclose in this affidavit may be miscarried or overlooked.

Winchester May 1st 1781

It being the opinion of a board of officers that Abraham Hanks Soldier of Ensign Meriwether's Company of the Regiment of guards over the convention prisoners was enlisted and mustered to serve only during this day of the said Convention prisoners in Albemarle is entitled to his discharge the said Abraham Hanks has drawn the following Articles of clothing one coat, one vest and one pair of Breeches, four shirts and four pair of stockings, three pair of shoes, one Stock & Buckle, one Blanket, one Hat, two yards of Brown linen for overalls is hereby discharged from the said Regiment Stopage for the loss of arms or accoutrements if any to be

testimony that he is a revolutionary war pensioner; that the marriage of Abraham Hanks and Lucy Jennings was solemnized by Parson John Chapel at the deponent's house in Camel County Virginia April 15, 1788; that deponent married Fanny Jennings the sister of Lucy Jennings, now Lucy Hanks, the widow of Abraham Hanks.

S/ Wm Pamplin Snr¹

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wm Pamplin Snr". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[p 9: William A Pamplin gave testimony in support of the widow's application.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia militia.]

¹ [William Pamplin S3653](#)