

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abram (Abraham) Helton S4353

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State of Tennessee Bedford County Court

On this 7th day of February in the year of our Lord 1833; personally appeared in open Court before the worshipful Samuel Phillips, William McClure and John B Armstrong Esquires gentlemen justices of the peace, appointed to hold the court of pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County, now sitting, Abraham Hilton Senior a Resident of said County, aged said Deponent states, agreeable to the information he received from his parents Eighty years and upwards, who after being sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated (to wit) That he entered the service of the United States, in the County of Orange in State of North Carolina he thinks in the month of September 1780 – as a volunteer in a company of volunteers under the command of Captain William Rogers in a Regiment commanded by Colonel William O'Neal in General Butler's Brigade of North Carolina Militia and was mustered into service at Ramseys Mill on Deep River in Chatham County in said State, and after remaining there some time was taken sick, and permitted to return home, he says that he recovered his health in a short time and was ordered out again; and marched to Hillsboro in said County of Orange, to assist in conveying and guarding some Tory prisoners from that place to Harrisburg in Granville County North Carolina which he did; and saw them confined in the Jail at that place; he states he was then marched back into Orange County; and in a few days was ordered out again and placed under the command of Lieutenant Norman and was marched on a scouting or spying Expedition through Randolph and Chatham Counties in said State of North Carolina, in order as he was informed to ascertain the movements of the Tories, who were at that time, very numerous in that Section of Country, and that he remained in Service until the next Spring, he thinks in April or May 1781 but from the great length of time he is not certain which; Deponent further says that from old age and the consequent loss of memory he is not able at this period of his life to swear to the precise length of time he was in the Service of the United States but according to the best

of his recollection he served not less than seven months in actual Service for which he claims a pension, and that he has no documentary evidence whatever, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify as to his Service, Except what he can prove by the testimony of Henry Moore Senior and Martin Shofner – and declares that his name is not on the pension Parole of any Agency in the United States to his knowledge and that he hereby relinquishes all claim to any pension or annuity except the present.

Interrogatories by the Court –

Int. 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in Orange County and State of North Carolina agreeable to what my parents informed me but the month and year, I know nothing about

Int. 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans. I have no record of my age whatever.

Int. 3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans. I was a citizen of Orange County and State of North Carolina during the time I was in service and remained a citizen until after the close of the war and until the year 1806 when I removed to Bedford County Tennessee where I have lived ever since and where I now live.

Int. 4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans. I was a volunteer altogether.

Int. 5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. I was not acquainted with any Regular officer, nor do I recollect the names or numbers of any particular Regiment.

Int. 6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans. I never the did receive a discharge in writing.

Int. 7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans. Mister Henry Moore; Thomas Cummings; John Cook; Martin Shofner, John Davis and but have no intimate acquaintance with any clergyman whose attendance I can't at this time procure.

Sworn to in open Court this 7th day of February 1833.

S/ Jas. McKisick, Clk

S/ Abram Hilton, X his mark

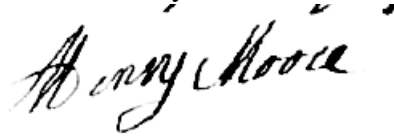
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This day Henry Moore Senior¹ personally appeared in open Court and made oath in due form of law, and saith, that he is now upwards of seventy-two years of age, that he was a Soldier of the Revolution and while serving as such, he became acquainted with Abraham Hilton who subscribed and was qualified to the foregoing declaration at Ramseys Mill in the County of Chatham and State of North Carolina, sometime in the fall of the year 1780 and that said Hilton was at that time a Soldier in Captain Rogers Company of volunteers under General Butler, but how long he had been in service or how long he remained in service he does not know; He further states that he has been acquainted with the said Hilton for about 19 years in his present

¹ [Henry Moore S2851](#)

neighborhood and that he believes him to be a man of strict honesty and undoubted or Rhapsody.
Sworn to in open court this 7th day of February 1833

S/ Henry Moore

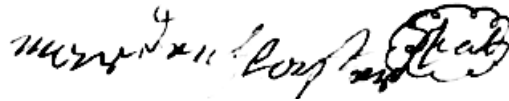


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This day Martin Shofner Senior a resident of said County aged upwards of 74 years who after being sworn according to law, deposeth and saith that sometime he thinks in the year 1781 he said deponent was in the Service of the United States where he became acquainted with and knew Abraham Hilton Senior at Ramseys Mill in Chatham County in the State of North Carolina, and that said Hilton was then a Soldier in the American Army, but how long he remained in Service deponent does not know, deponent further says that he has been well acquainted with said A. Helton in Bedford County for a number of years and believes his character for veracity to be unimpeachable, Sworn to and subscribed this 18th day of April 1833

S/ Jacob Cable, JP

S/ Martin Shofner {Seal}



[John Cook and Austin Shofner gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 7 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]