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Pension application of Abijah Fairchild R3428

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State of North Carolina, Wilkes County: Court of Pleas and Quarters Sessions August Session, 1834

This 6th day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four, personally affianced in open court, Abijah Fairchild, a resident in the county of Wilkes and State aforesaid, age seventy one years and being sworn in the court of law doth for the purpose of availing himself of the benefit of the Pension Act passed by this Congress of the United States on the 7th day of June AD 1832, declares, deposes and says that he was born in the State of New Jersey in the year 1763, of which I have the record at home; that he left that County when about five years old and settled in Wilkes County, North Carolina where he has resided ever since, that he volunteered in the month of May 1777 and was called into service with the commission of Corpal [sic, corporal] under the command of Captain William Sloan (the inferior officer not recollected) and marched across the Blue Ridge [Mountains] down New River to Grayson County, Virginia as far as Cases [?] Settlement in pursuit of a band of Tories and Out Layers, from which place we was returned to Wilkes where we remained in service Scouting and Guarding the Country for three months for which service he received no discharge as he now recollects of. He further states that in the month of May 1780 he volunteered and called into service under the command of Captain James Henderson, his inferior officer not now recollected and was marched to Crider's Fort in Burk [sic, Burke] County in pursuit of a band of Tories and out lyers (sic) who was commanded by a Tory Col^o by the name of Roberts - where we remained for some time scouting and guarding the Country, when we marched back to Wilkes and remained in same guarding the Country for three months when we were dismissed. This affiant received no discharge.

He further states that in the month of October 1779 he volunteered and was called into service under command of Captain Robert Cleveland and Richas Stonaphin [sic, Richard Stonecypher?], I believe was our Lieutenant. We marched up the Yadkin River in pursuit of a band of Tories. He remained in service ten days when he was dismissed. He received no discharge—He further states that in the latter part of the month of August he volunteered and was called into service under the Command of Col Benjamin Cleveland and Captain William Jackson and went on his march to King's Mountain when he was taken lame in Burke County, when he was sent home on furlough. As soon as the battle was over at King's Mountain and the Troops returned with the prisoners, he joined the troops at Wilkesboro under the same officers to guard the prisoners and marched to Old Richmond in Surry County and from that place to Salem where we remained for some time guarding the prisoners. When he returned home after having served two months—he received no written discharge but was dismissed by his officers. He further states that in the year 1781 he volunteered and was called into service under the Command of Captain Robert Cleveland and Richas Stone Scipher [sic, Richard Stonecypher?] was our Lieutenant. We marched from Wilkes County down to the forks of the Yadkin [River] in order to join Genl Green's [sic, Nathanael Greene's] army who was retreating from the British army, finding that the British was between us and Greene's army our Captain sent us home in the month of April. He is of the opinion that his was in service one month. He further states that during all the services rendered by

him in the Revolutionary War that Saml Castle was in company—who at this time owing to old age is not able to attend court—he relinquishes all claims whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and further states that his name is not on the Pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and date above written. The affiant knows of no living witness by which he can prove his service except the above statement.

S/ Abijah Fairchild

Test: S/ Wm Mastin Clk

Where was you born? Answer in the State of New Jersey

Have you any record of your age and if so where is it? Ans: at home.

Where were you living when called into service? Ans: in Wilkes County where I now reside

Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live? Ans: in the County of Wilkes & the State of NC at the place where I now live.

How were you called into Service—were you drafted or did you volunteer or were you a substitute and for whom? Ans: I always volunteered.

[Note: here the digital image of the application ends]