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Pension Application of William Abney W1202

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY,  
Montgomery County, Sct.

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day fo September 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the circuit court, in and for the state aforesaid, personally appeared William Abney aged sixty one years; who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following statement and declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late law of Congress entitled, "an act to provide for certain personas engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War;" that he is a citizen of the state of Kentucky, and resident in the county of Roccastle [sic: Rockcastle]; and that he was enlisted for three years in Elbermarle [sic: Albemarle] County in the state of Virginia on or about the [blank] day of he thinks in the year 1776 or 1777 [see endnote] by one Capt John Roberts and served in the company commanded by captain John Roberts and James Pervis [sic: James Purvis] of the Regiment commanded by Colo Francis Taylor of the Virginia line on continental Establishment that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States, in the continental army, against the common enemy, until about the [blank] day of he thinks in the year 1780 or 1781 when he was honorably discharged from service at ShepherdsTown in the state of Virginia. That five days after he was thus discharged he again enlisted in a Corps of horse first commanded by Genl. [Alexander] Spotswood and afterwards put in a Corps of horse commanded by Colo. [Charles] Armand that his enlistment was for three years and took place at the old barracks in Elbemarle county and that he Served to the end of the war and was discharged at York in Pennsylvania; that he was in service about five years and was in no battle of any consequence except at the taking of Cornwallis at York [Yorktown VA, 19 Oct 1781] and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has lost his discharge, and has no evidence in his power, of his services and discharge, other than that which is here transmitted.

James Chasteen [pension application W2917] aged about 57 years being first sworn states that was four years and six months a soldier in the war of the revolution that he belonged to the Reg't of the Virginia line commanded by Colo Frances Taylor and was the same Regement in which the within named Abney served That the said Abney enlisted a short time before this deponant and he knows of his his own knowledge that the said Abney served for about three years ans was regularly discharged as he has stated in his within declaration that he served in the same Reg't with him nearly the whole three years and was during that time well acquainted with him

James hisXmark Chasteen

State of Kentucky 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial district and Circuit Court for Rockcastle County Sct.

On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 1820 Personally appeared in open Court before the Court above mentioned it being a Court of Record by act of assembly and proceeding according to the course of the common Law, William Abney aged about sixty four years resident of Rockcastle County in the district aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath declare that he enlisted in the regular servis of the United States for the Term of three years in the Company of Captain John Roberts about six or seven days days after his enlistment Captain John Roberts was promoted to major [5 Mar 1779] and James Pervis was promoted to Captain of the same Company in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Francis Taylor, that his Regiment belonged to the Virginia line upon Continental establishment, which term the said William Abney sayeth on his oath that he served the term of his enlistment and obtained a legal discharge. He states further on his oath that after he obtained his discharge, that he



in 1779 to guard the British and Hessian soldiers who were surrendered by Burgoyne at Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777 and housed at the barracks constructed for them in Albemarle County. John Roberts was captain from 11 Jan 1779 until 5 Mar of that year, the interval when Abney may actually have enlisted.

On 10 Feb 1853 Judith Abney, 79, applied for a pension stating that as Judith Clark she married William Abney in Aug 1811, and he died 31 Jan 1845. In the file is a copy of the marriage bond signed in Estill County KY on 29 July 1811 by William Abney and Zachariah King.