

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Provost Nelson VAS375

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I certify that Robert Russell Senior¹ aged about 73 & who is a credible witness and who is reputed & believed to have been a Revolutionary Soldier came before me & made oath that he knew Provis or Provost Nelson in the Army of the Revolution – that said Nelson enlisted in the 9th Regiment with the witness – that said Nelson & the witness were taken prisoners at Germantown [October 4, 1777] & confined a long time – that on being discharged from imprisonment said Nelson reenlisted to serve during the War, & as this Witness always understood did serve till the war ended – that it has been reputed that the said Nelson was killed after he reenlisted, but that the witness always understood that he served to the end of the late War & died on his way home – that in regard to this fact he cannot testify, but that he is certain that he reenlisted to serve during the War. Witness my hand & seal this 17th day of September 1832.

S/ Wm R. Custis, JP

I certify that Levin Hyslop² a Revolutionary pensioner of the United States aged about 77 years & who is a credible witness made oath before me that he was intimately acquainted with Provis or Provost Nelson during the Revolutionary War – that said Nelson enlisted in the early part of the War for a specific time (the length of it not recollected) & served out that time & then reenlisted to serve during the Whole of the War, & did serve until the war ended – that said Nelson was in the 9th Virginia Regiment when that was captured – & that said Nelson died on his way home after the war ended. Witness my hand & seal this 10th day of September 1832

S/ Wm R. Custis, JP

I certify that Smith of Martin aged about 76 years & a credible witness, made oath before me that he was intimately acquainted with Provis or Provost Nelson & that whilst a young man he (Nelson) lived with his (the witness') mother – that said Nelson enlisted in the 9th Virginia Regiment in the revolutionary War & marched to the North & never returned, it was said at that time that he died in the service or on his way home.

Witness my hand & seal 13th day of September 1832

S/ Wm Penmore [?], Ser.

¹ [Robert Russell W5753](#)

² FPA W7858

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 6th day of November 1784, in the name of Provost Nelson, as a soldier of infantry for £54.13.11, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Colonel Cropper and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
23rd day of November 1832.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR