

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Moses Nunnally R21847

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The State of Alabama Shelby County: SS County Court August Term 1832

On this 21st day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Leonard Tarrent Judge of the County Court for the said County of Shelby and State of Alabama now sitting Moses Nunnally a resident Citizen of the said County of Shelby, aged Sixty nine 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.

That applicant during the Revolutionary War served three tours of duty as a common soldier of three months each as follows in the month of May 1778 he entered the service commanded by Captain Benjamin Moseley Major Ned Morrison [?]- at the time applicant entered the Service he was a resident Citizen of Pawhattan [Powhatan] County Virginia – that he volunteered when he entered this service applicant was in no engagement while in this Service that he was employed within the limits of Virginia and in the lower Counties of that state on the Sea board to keep the British from landing at the expiration of applicants three months he was discharged from the service verbally at Little York – applicant states that in the winter of 1779 he was called into the Service to perform a three months tour of duty – that he was commanded by the same Captain and attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Parker, who, left for some cause ^{not known} and was succeeded by Colonel Willis, the reason why Colonel Parker left his command here was never known to me, discharge of officers took place at Smithfield State of Virginia, Major Duval commanded in the same Regiment at the above stated time and until the expiration of applicants second term of service – Applicant was in no general engagement during this service he was in one little skirmish with the British, on the sea board during this last service applicant was employed as in the above and in the same section of Country and was discharged at the expiration of his second three months verbally at Smithfield State of Virginia. Applicant states that at the time he entered this second service he was taken from a class, it being one subject to join the Army but does not think that it was considered a draft, or called by that name – he went from Powhatan County State of Virginia – the third engagement, or tour of Military duty he restated was commenced by applicant in the month of March 1781. Applicant was called into the Service as Stated in the last engagement and was commanded by Captain Jacob Williamson Holcomb Major, and Colonel Tucker¹ applicant was marched from Powhatan County Virginia to Guilford forced march and joined General Green [Nathanael Greene] one day

¹ The veteran is evidently confused in that Colonel John Holcombe and Major St. George Tucker were in command of the Powhatan County militia at the battle at Guilford Court House

before the Battle at Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781] applicant was in that engagement the Battle commenced soon in the morning the British retreated and was pursued by our troops to deep River from which place the Militia returned to their respective homes (I mean the Virginia troops) and were dismissed from the service at Peyton Skippers Ferry on the Roan-Oak [Roanoke] River at the junction of Dan & Stanton rivers – applicant recollects that there was a great many Regular Soldiers and officers at Guilford Court-House but cannot recollect the name of the officers except General Green applicant states that he has no written vouchers in his possession by which he can prove his Service and that he knows of no living witness that can prove either of his several engagements –

He hereby relinquishes 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.

S/ Moses Nunnally

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Moses Nunnally". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. There is a small mark below the signature that appears to be the number "21".

[Leonard Tarrant and Charles Mundine [?] gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Answers to the Interrogatories contained in the pointed directions and instructions issued by the War Department, the same having first then propounded by the court

Answer to 1st Int. I was born in Chesterfield County State of Virginia in the year 1763.

Answer 2 Int. I had a record of my age it was recorded in the Bible I left in the State of Virginia

A 3 Int. I was living in Powhatan County Virginia when called into Service – Since the Revolutionary War I have lived in the States of Georgia, Tennessee and Shelby County Alabama where I now live

Ans. 4th Volunteered the first tour that I served the men in the company to which I belonged were classed and I went into service the two last tours because I was of agreeably to that arrangement required to go we did not call it drafting for frequently it occurred that the whole company had to go at the same time –

A 5 Int. I do not recollect any regular or Continental troops to have been in the service with applicant unless there was some at Guilford, indeed applicant is confident that there was regular troops in that engagement but had no acquaintance with either the troops or officers he recollects General Green to have been there and he believes had the command of the whole of the forces and has frequently heard it said that he was a regular officer

Answer 6th Int. I never received a discharge in writing from either of my officers.

Ans. 7th Int. The Court will call upon Charles Mundine & James W. Smith to procure my character in the opinion of my neighbors as to whether I served as a soldier of the Revolutionary [war].

[James W Smith and Charles Mundine Jur. Gave a supporting affidavit.]