

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Nelson R21891

Martha Nelson f44NC

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State of Mississippi, Monroe County: Circuit Court May Term 1824

On this 5th day of May 1824 personally appeared in open court George Nelson Senior aged Sixty-Eight years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the first of May 1820 that he the said George Nelson enlisted for the term of one year on the 15th day of May 1776 in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain Arter Counsel [sic, Arthur Council] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thaxton [sic, James Thackston] in the line of the State of North Carolina Continental Establishment that he continued to serve in said Corps during one year when he was discharged from said service at Hillsborough in the said State of North Carolina and this declarant further states that he immediately at Hillsboro and the State aforesaid enlisted during the war in the company commanded by Captain Matthew Ramsay [Matthew Ramsey] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Archibald Litle [sic, Archibald Lytle] in the line of the said Continental Establishment that he continued to serve in said Corps until the end of the war when he was regularly discharged by the said Colonel Lytle and this Declarant further saith that he was in the battles at Stono [June 20, 1779] in said State of North Carolina [sic, South Carolina] and at the battle of the Hanging Rock [August 6, 1780] that he has none other evidence in his power of the said services except the testimony of Jesse Dees who was there serving in the same Regiment whose affidavit is hereunto annexed. And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or other wise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

Schedule of this declarant's property to wit

one Mare	\$40
one Cow	<u>12</u>
	\$52

And this Declarant further states that he is by occupation a farmer that his ability to pursue his said occupation consisted entirely of his own personal strength which is very feeble that the members of his family resident with him consist of Martha his wife aged 65 years for whom he has almost entirely to provide a support.

S/ Geo. Nelson, X his mark

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Jesse Dees¹ being duly Sworn deposes and saith that he knows that the said George Nelson was serving [?] some years in the Regiment under the Colonel mentioned in his above declaration and that he the said Dees was also serving at the same time in said Regiment.

S/ Jesse Dees, X his mark

Sworn to in open Court

S/ Stephen Cocke, Clerk

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State of North Carolina Secretary's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify that the name of George Nelson does not appear on the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary War.

Given under my hand this 27 June 1825

S/ Wm Hill

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State of Mississippi, Monroe County: Circuit Court Make Term 1826

The State of Mississippi Monroe County on this ninth day of May in the year of our Lord 1826 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the fourth Circuit of said State of Mississippi George Nelson resident of said County of Monroe aged sixty-nine years last November who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the first of May 1820 that he the said George Nelson enlisted for one year on the 15th day of May in the year of our Lord 1776 in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain Arthur Counsel [sic, Arthur Council] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel ___ Sarton in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in said Corps until the 19th day of May in the year 1777 when he was discharged from the service in 1777 in the State of North Carolina and the said George Nelson further doth state on his oath and make the following declaration that after the expiration of said period of service that he the said George Nelson also enlisted for the term of five years or during the war on the ___ day of ___ in the year of our Lord 1777 in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain Matthew Ramsey in the Regiment commanded by Col. Archibald Lytle in the line of the State of North Carolina Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in said Corps until the peace of 1782. This affiant states that he received no regular discharge in his much as he was one appointed to take care of the sick and left in the rear and having received orders from said Colonel Archibald Lytle that as peace was concluded he this affiant with other soldiers might return home. This order being given in order to save government from further expenses, and being at the time young and inexperienced he deemed this a sufficient discharge which order as aforesaid from the said Colonel Archibald Lytle as aforesaid in the year 1777 in the State of North Carolina [sic] – That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present that his name is not on the roll of any State except that of North Carolina and that the following are the reasons for not making an earlier application for a pension first that he did not know that he could prove his discharge from the first time of service and which discharge this affiant had lost as herein before stated that as soon

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as he could establish this fact by a certain Jesse Dees he applied about four years antecedent to this period to a certain William Cocke an attorney at law to obtain his pension for him which he remembers the said William Cocke undertook for this affiant and this affiant made as he supposed the requisite affidavit as contemplated by the statutes of the United States of the 18th of March 1818 and the first of May 1820 But whether the said William Cocke Esq. ever forwarded said papers on to the department of war this affiant does not know. Sometime after this affiant applied to other attorneys to assist and enable him to procure his pension, and from causes unknown to this affiant his papers were sent on to the department of war have been uniformly neglected. And an pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts you to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed which is as follows to wit

One mare worth \$50

One bed worth \$20

Two Cows worth \$20

together with other household furniture worth \$30 – I do further solemnly swear that I am a husbandman and have daily to labor for my bread which I am illy able to do it my advanced age that I have only my wife residing with me who is very old and infirm and no means of able to assist me and that I have no other of my family residing with me and further this affiant saith not.

S/ George Nelson, X his mark

Sworn to in open Court

S/ Stephen Cocke, Clerk

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The State of Alabama, Tuscaloosa County

This day Jacob Hardy² appeared personally before me, Levin Powell, one of the acting Justices of the peace of and for the County and State aforesaid and made oath in due form of law, that George Nelson, was a Regular Soldier on the Continental Establishment, North Carolina line, in the Regiment commanded by Col. Archibald Lytle, and that this Deponent was intimately acquainted with the said George Nelson, and that he was engaged in the said service several years, and for the greater part of the Revolutionary War. This Deponent believes that the said George Nelson was honorably discharged from the said service.

Subscribed & sworn to this 7th day of November 1828.

S/ Levin Powell, JP

S/ Jacob Hardy

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jacob Hardy". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with some ink bleed-through visible from the reverse side of the page.

[p 36-- is a petition George Nelson filed with the US Congress to try to override the decision of the pension office not to allow him a pension.]

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