

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Ebenezer Flanagan R3595

NJ VA

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State of Virginia } Ss  
County of Randolph }

On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 1833 personally appeared before me the subscriber [Joseph Roy], one of the Commonwealths Justices of the peace in and for the said County of Randolph Ebenezer Flanagan a resident of the lower settlement on the dry fork of Cheat [sic: Cheat River] in the County of Randolph and State of Virginia aged 78 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. In Huntington [sic: Hunterdon] County, Lebanon Township in the State of New Jersey, in September in the year 1776 he was drafted as a private for a term of three months in the Militia of New Jersey, and was attached to a company of New Jersey Militia under command of Capt. Phillip Snook from Amewell Township in the said County, and marched to Boundbrook [Bound Brook], was there attacked by a party of the British, in the encounter his capt rec'd. a wound and one private was killed, being inferior in number they only returned the fire and retreated to Raraton [sic: Raritan], there joined a Regt. commanded by Col. Rittenhouse, then marched to Mount Holly, where he remained stationed untill some time in the month of Dec'r. 1776 when the time for which he was drafted expired and he was then discharged having served 3 months as a private in the Militia of New Jersey.

Then in the said County of Huntington in the State of New Jersey, in the month of May in the year 1777, he was again drafted as a private, and detailed into a company of N. J. Ma. commanded by Capt. William Haslet, from Lebanon Township in the said County, and marched to Amboy. there joined a Regt. under Col. Taylor, remained stationed here was employed in, cutting off foraging parties of the enemy and keeping Tories in Check, untill his term of service, he was discharged, in August 1777 having served as a private in the Militia of New Jersey three months this s'd. Tour.

Then, soon after his discharge, he believes about the first of September 1777 he volunteered as a private in the Militia of New Jersey for another Term of 3 months, under command of Capt. Henry Lane, marched under him to join the Main Army under command of Genl Washington, which was effected near Brandy Wine which he thinks was in the State of Delaware [sic: Brandywine PA], they were then attached to a Regt. of New Jersey Militia Commanded by Col. Bunnell[?] from Huntington County N.J. Marched with the Main Army to Brandy Wine River, there met Gen'l. [William] Smallwood retreating before the Brittish army under Genl. How [sic: William Howe], and on the next day he believes, the Battle of Brandy Wine was fought [11 Sep 1777], which resulted in a great loss to the American Army – he has forgotten the precise day on which this battle was fought, but things it was about the 13 or 14<sup>th</sup> of Sept. 1777 and the 3<sup>d</sup> day after he joined the army. A few days after this Battle another skirmish took place preparatory to a genl. Battle which was prevented by the falling of a heavy rain, the American army continued to retreat into Pennsylvania, pursued by the enemy, halted and encamped about one days march from Philadelphia, remained here untill Oct. he thinks near the first of the month, they then marched to Germantown, which was about 20 miles from their encampment and commenced an attack on the Brittish army and was repulsed with a considerable loss [Battle of Germantown, 4 Oct 1777]. after which retreated to Skipjack Creek. remained her some time then went into winter quarters at Valey forge which was in the month of Dec'r. 1777 at which time his term of service having expired he was discharged having served 3 mo more in the Militia of New Jersey as a private

In Huntington County in te State of New Jersey in June 1778 he was drafted for a term of 2 months as a private in a co. of New Jersey Militia under command of Capt. Lambert marched to Elizabeth, was there attached to Col. Firemans[?] Regt, remained stationed here untill his term of service expired in guarding the place and vicinity from the ravages of the enemy but was in no battle, was in August 1778 discharged

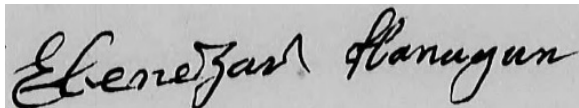
having performed the additional service of 2 months as a private in the Militia of New Jersey.

In Augusta County and State of Virginia in Sept. 1779 he was drafted as a private in the Virginia Militia for a term of 3 months in a company commanded by Capt. Bell, and marched through Rockingham County, crossing the South Mountain at Swift run gap, continued the march to Richmond Virginia was there stationed in a Regt. commanded by Col. Nyswonger, remained here in guarding and fortifying the place, and in watching over the Negroes and disaffected until his term expired, was then discharged in December 1779.

In Augusta County and State of Virginia in July 1780 he was drafted for 6 months as a Sergeant in a Company of Virginia Militia commanded by Capt. Paterson [Joseph Patterson], in a Regt. of Virginia Militia raised in Augusta under command of Col. [Sampson] Mathews, marched through Rockfish gap in the South Mountain, from thence to Charlottesville [sic: Charlottesville], from thence to Richmond from thence to Smithfield, from thence to Portsmouth, and from Portsmouth to Camp Carson, continued here until the time of his engagement expired, in guarding the country from the wanton and cruel rapacity of Gen'l. arnold [Benedict Arnold] who was at that time in this part of Virginia plundering and destroying property of every description without distinction, but during this campaign was in no Genl. Battle, or conflict with the enemy. was in June 1781 discharged, having performed the additional service of 6 months in the Virginia Militia in the Capacity of a Sergeant.

In Augusta County and State of Virginia in April in the year 1781 he volunteered for a term of 6 months in a company of Riflemen commanded by Capt Campbell, raised in Augusta County, was himself orderly Sergeant. Marched to Richmond, and there joined a Regt. commanded by Col. [Benjamin] Harrison in genl. Campbells [William Campbell's] Brigade, remained at Rich'd some time, then marched to Jamestown, from thence retreated to Muddy Run Camp, from thence to Rich'd was here Transferred to Col. Hugarts [Thomas Hugart's] Regt. of Militia from Richmond marched up James River 5 miles crossing the same marched through Chesterfield to the Appamattox [sic: Appomattox] River lay a few weeks at Goods Bridge on the North side of the Appamattox [sic: Goode's Bridge at Goode Creek] Genl. [Anthony] Wayne at the same time on the South side at the same place, from Goods Bridge marched to Petersburg, lay here a short time then marched to Blanford [sic: Blandford near Petersburg] – from thence to Eastham on the James River there crossing the same, marched to New Kent C.H. from thence to Williamsburg where they joined La Fayette's [sic: Lafayette's] Army, lay here some time then pursued the enemy under Lord Cornwallis [sic: Cornwallis] to Yorktown where they arrived in Sept. 1781. Joined the main army under Genl. Washington, lay here with the besieging army until the Surrender of the British Army which took place about the middle of Oct 1781 [19 Oct 1781]. he soon after this event was discharged having served out the time for which he engaged which was 6 months in the capacity of a Sergeant in the Virginia Militia. this terminated his services in the War of the Revolution. He was born in the County of Huntington Lebanon Township, in the State of New Jersey on the 5<sup>th</sup> May 1755, resided there until the winter of 1778 when he moved to Augusta County Virginia, in that part of it which is now Pendleton, where he continued to reside until the year 1796 when he moved Randolph County Va.

He has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person living whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services, He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to, and subscribed, the day and year aforesid.

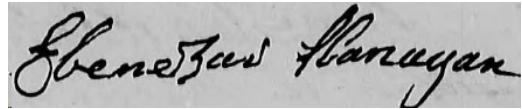
A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ebenezer Stanagan". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

The said Justice of the peace then proceeded to propound the seven several interrogatores prescribed by the War Department to which he made the following answers. To the

1<sup>st</sup> He saith he was born in Huntington County, Lebanon Township in the State of New Jersey on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 1755.

2<sup>d</sup> He saith he has not [a record of his age], but has seen it recorded in his fathers Bible.

- 3<sup>d</sup> He saith, he was living in Huntington County and State of New Jersey when first called into service, afterwards in Augusta County Virginia in that part thereof which is now Pendleton, he has since the year 1776 lived in Randolph County where he now lives.
- 4<sup>th</sup> He saith in the 3<sup>d</sup> and in the last engagement he volunteered – and that in all the other terms of service he was drafted.
5. He saith he does not recollect, the number of any of the Regiments with which he served – that the circumstances of his service are as detailed in his declaration, at Mount Holly in Jersey he knew Col. Rittenhouse. at the Battle of Brandywine knew Genls. Washington [Henry] Knox. at Yorktown, Fayette, Clinton and wayne
- 6<sup>th</sup> He saith he did [receive discharges] but does not remember by whom they were signed, they are all lost.
- 7<sup>th</sup> He saith he is known to Saml. S. Wiet and Wm. Bonner who reside in his neighborhood, and can testify as to his character &c.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ebenezer Flanagan". The ink is dark and the paper appears slightly aged or off-white.

The certificate when issued will be directed to Johnson F. Newlon Weston Lewis County Virginia [see endnote]

[The following report is by US District Attorney Washington G. Singleton, who investigated hundreds of pension applications from present West Virginia. For details see my appendix to the pension application of David W. Sleeth S6111. Singleton wrote on Flanagan's report, "Not entitled."]  
Ebenezer Flanagan Applicant.

Henry Farnsler [pension application S15829] says he has known Flanagan for thirty years – he has always understood that Flanagan was a tory during the Revolutionary War.

John Long says he has known Flanagan for many years, that Flanagan has always been called a tory and it is a matter of general notariety that he was a tory during the war of the Revo'n

Job Parsons states the same facts, that Long has stated.

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NOTE: Johnson F. Newlon was one of the "Lewis Speculating Gentry" responsible for numerous fraudulent pension applications. For details see my appendix to the pension application of David W. Sleeth S6111.