

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nathan Joiner (Joyner) R5684

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State of North Carolina, Nash County: SS

On this 14th day of May A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Nash County aforesaid now sitting Nathan Joiner Senior aged Seventy-two years a resident Citizen of the County & State aforesaid, 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 in the year 1778 or 1779 (which is not now recollected) he was Drafted into the Militia service five months and was attached to the Company Commanded by Captain Edward Hall of Colonel Johnson's [sic, Jonas Johnston's] Regiment of North Carolina Militia in the County of Nash aforesaid, whence he was marched by the way of Cross Creek now Fayetteville North Carolina, thence to Pine Tree now Camden South Carolina thence to Augusta Georgia -- Head Quarters, where we joined the Main Army of the South under General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene]<sup>1</sup> and marched to Dorchester where we had a little brush with the Tories under Mac Girt [sic, Daniel McGirt]. Thence crossed Edisto River where we remained there for a little time near the River until the Battle [Battle of Stono, June 20, 1779]<sup>2</sup> with the British at the Fort down at the mouth of Edisto [River], after which we (the Company to which I belonged) our time being out were permitted to return to our respective homes and obtained my Discharge of my Captain at Tarborough North Carolina on 10th July 1779 of which said Discharge the following is a Copy To wit

"This is to Certify that Nathan Joyner has served his time as a faithful Soldier in the Southern expedition in my Company July 10, 1779.

S/ Edward Hall Capt."

which said Discharge is now in my possession --

That sometime in the year (January he believes) 1781 he volunteered into a Company of Militia under Captain Edward Gandy [Edward Gaudy] for a three months Tour (in Nash County) and marched to Halifax North Carolina where our Company was put under Major Reed [sic, Colonel James Read] but of what Regiment is not now recollected except that he was said to be a

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<sup>1</sup> In this recollection the applicant is clearly mistaken as Nathanael Greene did not assume command of the Southern Department until December 2, 1780. Benjamin Lincoln was the commander of the Southern Department of the Continental Army in 1779.

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_stono\\_ferry.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html)

Continental officer -- From Halifax we marched to Guilford Court House North Carolina where we joined Head Quarters under General Butler [John Butler] -- thence marched to Salisbury, thence to Charlotte thence to Guilford, thence to Ramsay's Mills [Ramsey's Mills] in Chatham County NC where and in the neighborhood of which place we remained during the bal[ance] of the term for which we had Volunteered: Reconnoitering the surrounding Country which was greatly infested with Tories, of which we took and Hung several in doing which we lost many of our men; and after having served out the full Term of three months on the 20th April 1781 obtained my Discharge of Captain Gandy of which the following is a Copy Viz.

"This may Certify that Nathan Joiner has served a Tour of duty agreeable to Law by Order of General Butler is Discharged April 20 1781.

S/ Edw'd Gandy, Capt."

which said Discharge is now in my possession.

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.

Interrogatories propounded by the Court

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Where and in what year were you born? And have you any Record of your age & if so where is it?

Ans: According to a Record of my name and age which is in an Old Testament now in my possession said to have been copied from an Old Testament formerly belonging to my Father which I believe to be correct I was Born the 15th of January 1761, and as I have always understood and believe was Born Maherrin River [Meherrin River] in the State of Virginia & also that he was brought to this County (which then formed a part of Edgecombe) when about 4 years old.

3. Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary War & where do you live now?

Ans: in Nash County No. Ca.

4. How were you called into service, were you Drafted, did you Volunteer or were you a Substitute? And if a substitute for whom?

Ans: Drafted in the first mentioned Tour and Volunteered in the Second.

5. State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the Troops where you served such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general Circumstances of your Services.

Ans: Besides those already mentioned, I recollect in the first Tour I recollect the names of Captain Jarvis -- Major Evans, Captain Rhodes, Colonel Mourning & Colonel Jonas Johnson [Jonas Johnston]<sup>3</sup> to whose Regiment he believes he belonged -- General Lincoln & Colonel McGivin which two latter Officers he thinks were Regular Officers -- in the second Tour, recollects Major Webb, and General Pink Eaton [Pinketham Eaton] which latter gentleman thinks was said to be a Regular Officer.

6. Did you ever receive a Discharge from the Service and if so by whom was it given & what has become of it?

Ans: I received two Discharges as before stated the first of which was signed by Captain Edward Hall & the second by Captain Edward Gandy of which copies are herein before given & both of which are now in my possession here exhibited.

7. State the names of Persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who

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<sup>3</sup> [Jonas Johnston \(Johnson\) W21470](#)

can testify as to your Character for Veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution

Ans: The Reverend Jordan Sherrod, William Baker Senior & George Cooper Esquire Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid

Attest:

S/ Benj. W. Blount, CCC

S/ Nathan Joiner

*sworn*  
*Nathan Joiner*

[Jordan Sherrod, a clergyman, William Baker and George Cooper gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 16: A power of attorney dated October 5, 1852 executed in Nash County North Carolina by Jonas Joyner, 64 & Matthew Joyner 70 in which they state they are the children of Nathan Joyner a revolutionary war soldier. They signed this document with their respective marks.]

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Mr. Samuel M. Knight, Esquire

Washington DC N. Ca. Nash County Nashville Jany 29<sup>th</sup> 1853

Dear Sir-- I have received your letter in reply to mine, and was at the point of forwarding you the power of returning when I read it, but, after examining it, I found that it was essential to make some inquiry relative to the case before sending it. I have therefore detained it a few days for that purpose, and now take the liberty to answer the particulars of your letter to the best of my ability at present, as follows --

There has been no record kept, by my Father, relative to his service in the revolutionary war, that I can find as yet for my Father was a man of no education, and never expected to get any pay for his services, as a soldier -- as I have heard him repeatedly say -- My Mother died on the 20th of March A.D. 1795. Which can be Established by a neighbor woman of mine by the name of Annis Joyner, who says that she knew my Mother to be dead, two years and one month to a day when her first child was born, and says that her first child was born the 20th of April A.D. 1795. My Father died on the 17th of August A.D. 1825 -- Which can be satisfactorily established by the date of making, and probate of his will, and other corroborative evidence. -- My Father and Mother were both residents of Nash County (NC) and died in Nash seven miles south east of Nashville --

I have made search amongst the old papers of my Father, but have not succeeded in finding any letters, documents or discharge -- as yet, tending to prove his service as a soldier -- but I would state that, from the best of my recollection he did have a discharge, which I expect has been destroyed carelessly, not knowing that it would ever be any service to him, I would further state that there has been so many years past since his service that I have not got possession of all the [indecipherable word]<sup>4</sup> events -- There is not the least doubt under the canopies of heaven, but that he did serve as a soldier in the revolutionary war at the least six months at one term if not more, for I have heard him repeatedly speaking of his services as a

soldier of the revolution -- I will have the records in Raleigh (NC) searched in a few days to see if I can find any proof of his service -- and report to you immediately

There is no living person of this Country within my knowledge at present who could be qualified to the facts of his service or the precise date of his marriage. The nearest that I could come to his marriage would be to send you a certificate from the Clerk from whom the license were granted state the date -- month and year -- and then introduce several credible witnesses who would qualified to the facts thus, they, did, live together as man and wife since the date of the license -- till separated by death --


I will here give you a positive and correct statement of the names, ages, and residence of all the living children of Nathan Joiner's and as is ascertained from the old record Mary Joiner (Daughter of Nathan Joiner and Delilah Joiner his wife) was born the 24th of February A.D. 1775 -- Matthew Joiner (son of Nathan Joiner and Delilah Joiner his wife) was born September the 4th A.D. 1776 -- Jonas Joiner (son of Nathan Joiner & Delilah Joiner his wife) was born June 23rd AD 1784 -- I am a resident of Nash County (NC) Eight miles south of Nashville -- Mary Joiner and Jonas Joiner are residents of Nash County (NC) seven miles South East of Nashville - - neither, my Father or Mother never did receive any, Pension, nor, Bounty Land, from any state nor from the United States. My Father made a will which was probated the second Monday of November 1825 A copy of which I will send you at any time when called for if it be necessary, -- on receipt of this and the Power of attorney executed, and enclosed herewith you will please make a full examination of the case on file and keep me fully advised of the progress of the case

Yours most Obt. Servt. &c

S/ Matthew Joiner, son of Nathan Joiner

*Matthew Joiner*  
*son of Nathan Joiner*

[p 3: In a power of attorney dated May 7, 1853 and executed in Nash County North Carolina, Nathan G Joiner states that he is a son of Nathan Joiner, a revolutionary war soldier.

*Nathan G. Joiner*  


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State of North Carolina, Nash County

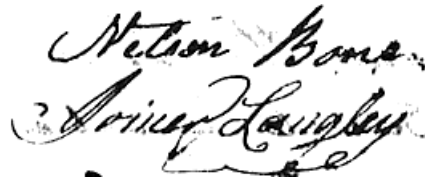
On this day personally appeared before me J. J. Q. Taylor [Joshua John Quincy Taylor] one of the acting Justices of the Peace in and for said County Nelson Bone & Joyner Langley two credible witnesses & depose and saith that they were well acquainted with Nathan Joiner a revolutionary soldier & his wife Nancy before their deaths and that they lived together as man and wife and continued to live so as long as they both lived, they further depose and saith that the said Nathan Joiner & his wife Nancy are both dead, to their knowledge and that Nathan G. Joiner is the only surviving child within their knowledge.

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the 11th of October 1853.

S/ J. J. V. Taylor, JP

S/ Nelson Bone

S/ Joiner Langley



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State of North Carolina, Nash County: SS

This day personally appeared before me J. J. Q. Taylor one of the acting Justices of the Peace in and for said County Matthew Joyner a credible witness who says that he was well acquainted with Nathan Joiner a revolutionary soldier & his wife Nancy and that he has heard him speaking several times of being in the revolutionary war, and about many things that occurred while there, he was acquainted with him many years before his death, he and Nancy his wife lived together as man & wife as long as they both live & his wife died several years before he did and he has been dead in the neighborhood of 17 years and that he has no other children living within my knowledge but Nathan G. Joiner.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22 October 1853.

S/ J. J. V. Taylor, JP

S/ Matthew Joyner, X his mark

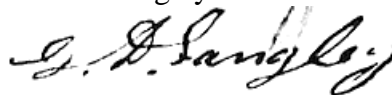
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This day personally appeared before me J. J. Q. Taylor one of the acting Justices of the Peace in and for said County Germon D. Langley a credible witness and says that he was acquainted with Nathan Joiner a revolutionary soldier and have heard him speaking several times of being in the War and about a good many circumstances that occurred while in the War, and he further says that he carried the original discharges of Nathan Joiner to the Post Office at Nashville and one Henry Blount -- sealed them up in a letter and called on him to see the letter that contained the discharges go into the mail bag and I saw the letter put in the mail bag and left the Office on its way to Washington City he further says that the said Nathan Joiner a revolutionary soldier is dead and he died in the years 1834.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd of October 1853.

S/ G. D. Langley



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Nashville North Carolina December 12<sup>th</sup> 1853

Mr. M. Thompson

Sir I rec'd yours of the 19<sup>th</sup> ult. accompanied by the Commissioners report to you which was surprising to me for him to think that the claim that you presented for me was fraud which is not so to my knowledge, I wrote you when I first sent you this claim that you would find another claim on file by Matthew Joiner Jonas Joiner & Mary Joiner who claimed as heirs of Nathan Joiner filed some time in the first part of the present year that is a different claim from the one that you have in hand for the Nathan Joiner that Matthew, Jonas & Mary Joyner claimed under died in 1825 and the one that is now in question died in 1834 I think that I proved that to your

satisfaction and also proved that his discharges was sent to the office, they have gotten under a mistake they [indecipherable word] examine to see if they are mistaken I gave you all the testimony that you required of me except the marriage ceremony that I wrote you I could not get -- the claim that I am after Nathan Joiner filed his own declaration and soon after he died I think in 1834 the application that I made in this case is a just claim if there ever was any in the world for far be it from me to make a false application these are facts to my knowledge and I want you to see into the case and open their eyes upon the subject and write me in so doing you will oblige me.

S/ J. J. Q. Taylor

P. S. upon what term would you obtain a land warrant for a applicant in the war of 1812.

S/ J. J. Q. Taylor

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Washington City DC January 7th A.D. 1854

Mr. M. Thompson Esq.

Dear Sir I have received your second Official report relative to Joiner's case, & I am very sorry that I have to trouble you & the Commissioner with another letter as Explanation of as plain a case as Joiner's for I am sure that it is wrong & very wrong for a man in contending for his just rights, to be censored & pronounced as acting the part of an imposter, when at the same time the claim is as just a claim as ever was in existence,

I cannot imagine how the claim can be pronounced fraudulent, unless the testimony of Nelson Bone, Joyner Langley, Matthew Joiner & G. D. Langley is considered as false from beginning to end: all that we ask, is Justice, and nothing short of the allowance of the claim will ever be considered justice in this case: In my first, correspondence I merely wrote that there were two parties Claimants as Revolutionary soldiers from Nash County, NC Claimed by the heirs of Nathan Joiner I did not intend to say that there were two claims entered on the suspended files, I merely stated that fact, so that you might not be under any surprise, if you should cross any proceedings of three persons from Nash County claiming in right of their Father (Nathan Joiner) which case has no connection, whatever with the case of Nathan G. Joiner in right of his Father (Nathan Joiner a revolutionary soldier from this vicinity) If you will refer to the affidavit of Nelson Bone, Joiner Langley, Matthew Joiner & G. D. Langley you will find that Nathan G. Joiner is the only Legal Representative of the Nathan Joiner that made his services as a revolutionary soldier, before his death, you will also find That, he the said Nathan Joiner died in the year 1834 and that his wife died many years before he died, I deem it unnecessary to say further, relative to the above named testimony only I can assure you upon the honor of an honest man, that the said testimony is given by as credible men for truth as there is in the United States of America I hope the case will be reconsidered & evidence further Examined, we contend for the claim that was made out & signed by the Nathan Joiner before his death, If you will refer to the testimony submitted in the case & have it thoroughly Examined, you will find that, Nathan G. Joiner is justly entitled to the claim, in right, of, his Father, you will please have the case reconsidered if possible, for the child of the said soldier has no thought of stopping the case until further steps are taken in the case. Please let me hear from you soon.

Yours, Obt Servant, &c

S/ J. J. Q. Taylor

Mr. M. Thompson, Esq.