

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nelson Largent (Sargent) R1666

f14VA

Transcribed by Will Graves

9/1/13

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of Indiana Montgomery County to wit

On this 22nd day of September A.D. 1834 personally appeared in open Court (to wit, the Circuit Court of Montgomery County State of Indiana) being a Court of Record now in session, Nelson Largent aged seventy-one years, a resident citizen of Union Township, County and State aforesaid, who being 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 and served as hereinafter stated, to wit:

The said deponent saith that he was born in Hampshire County, State of Virginia, about eighteen miles from Romney, the County seat of said County, on the 27th day of September, but that he cannot recollect the year. Deponent recollects, however, that he was 19 years old when Lord Cornwallis was defeated at York [October 19, 1781]. That he lived in the same place in the summer of 1781 during which he was drafted into the company of Captain __Miller. Deponent cannot recollect the day or the month on which he entered the service. He recollects, however, that on the march to join his company he saw apples in the fields. This Company was lying with the main body of the American troops when he was drafted. Deponent & six other persons, (Amos Crutchfield, John Buck, William Watkins, __Fields, names of the others not recollected) joined Captain Miller's Company at the same time. Deponent says it was either the morning before or the one after the surrender of Cornwallis that he and his companions joined Captain Miller's Company, Major Booth belonged to the same body of Militia with Deponent. He cannot recollect the names of any of the other officers. After the surrender of Cornwallis the prisoners were escorted to different places some to Albemarle Barracks, some to Knowlands Ferry [Noland's Ferry], some to Winchester Barracks, others elsewhere. Deponent with his Company escorted some to Winchester Barracks, & kept guard over them there for several days when they (deponent & his company) were relieved by other militia. Deponent was never in any battles. He recollects the names of no regular officers with whom he served. He ascribes his loss of memory to sickness and old age. In answer to the questions prescribed by the War Department, Deponent says he was born in Hampshire County State of Virginia on the 27th of September 19 years before the defeat of Cornwallis. Deponent further says that he has no record of his age. That he lived in the same place when drafted into the service of the United States stated before. That he recollects the names of no regular officers with whom he served. Deponent says that he received a written discharge from Captain Miller. He gave it to his father, and supposes it was consumed by fire (the house being burnt in which his father lived). Deponent cannot recollect the time he served, but was drafted for three months, certain – six months if needed. He thinks

he served out the whole time for which he was drafted to wit, six months. Deponent further says that since the Revolution he has lived in Fleming County State of Kentucky, about 15 years – next in Champaign County, State of Ohio, about 10 or 12 years – and in October 18 [last 2 digits written through and illegible] he removed from thence to Montgomery County State of Indiana, his present residence. He knows of no person whose testimony he can procure that can testify to his actual service except Catharine Largent, his step-mother, whose deposition is enclosed. He mentions Randall Largent, his half-brother, and George Conrad, who can testify to his character, and their belief of his services. Deponent says that he has never received any pay for his services. Deponent says there is no clergyman residing in his neighborhood with whom he is acquainted.

He hereby relinquishes all claim to every & any pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of any Agency in this or any other State.

S/ Nelson Largent, X his mark

[Randall Largent and George B. Conrad gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Deposition of Catharine Largent of the Township of Jackson in the County of Champaign and State of Ohio Taken on the first day of March in the year 1834 to be read in Evidence in the Court of Common Pleas in the County of Montgomery in the town of Crawfordsville and State of Indiana relative to the application of Nelson Largent to said Court for the purpose of obtaining the Benefit of the Law for the relief of Soldiers of the Revolutionary war as follows. The said Catharine Largent doth depose and say that the above Nelson Largent was drafted and taken into the Service in the United States in the summer of the year 1781 and that he the said Nelson Largent served out his time the time of his service not recollected But thought to be 6 or 9 months and that he returned home shortly after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis the said Nelson Largent was drafted in Hampshire County and State of Virginia.

S/ Catharine Largent, X her mark