

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Mills¹ R7247

Nancy Mills

f68VA

Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of Kentucky County of Spencer: Sct.

On this 3rd day of March 1845 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Spencer County now sitting James Mills a resident of Spencer County and State of Kentucky aged 86 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 he entered the service of the United States of America in the month of February 1781, he served in the 3rd Regiment of the Virginia Militia under Major Armistead in Captain Little's Company, that when called into service he resided in Prince William County Virginia, that the company which he joined marched to Lord Dunmore's Palace and were stationed there 2 or 3 months whilst there stationed Lord Cornwallis came upon them and pursued them down to Yorktown, thence he, with the Regiment, marched up James River, and was pursued by the enemy to Richmond – They were so closely followed up the River that the guards of the two armies were always constantly firing. Whilst they remained at Richmond the British set fire to Manchester [April 30 1781]; Arnold [Benedict Arnold], at the same time, was stationed on the opposite of the River in plain the of the Americans. At Richmond they were joined by Lafayette with twelve hundred picked men as they were called. When they were reinforced by Lafayette all retreated and they pursued him back to Yorktown and guarding their retreat until count De Grasse arrived with the French Fleet in the Chesapeake Bay. That he continued in the service of his country for some time after the arrival of the French Fleet commanded by De Grasse and left the service a week or perhaps 2 weeks before General Washington came with his Army from Philadelphia he cannot remember the day of the month on which he quit the service, but believes it to have been during the first or 2nd week of September 1781. That he, the said James Mills was drafted and remained in service 7 or 8 months. That he was born in the year 1759. He has no record of his age. He was born and raised in Prince William's County Virginia and was living in said County when called into service. He moved in the year 1796 to Nelson County and State of Kentucky and lived in Nelson County Kentucky until about the year 1840 [last digit unclear] when he again moved to Spencer County Kentucky where he now lives. He knew General Lafayette, General Green, General Wayne [Anthony Wayne], &c He never received a discharge from service.

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.

¹ BLWt73537-160-55

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.
S/ James Mills



[William Stout, a clergyman, and Innis Wootton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

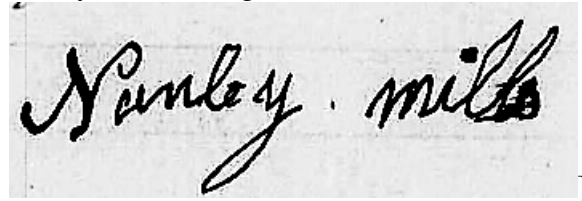
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State of Kentucky County of Hardin: SS

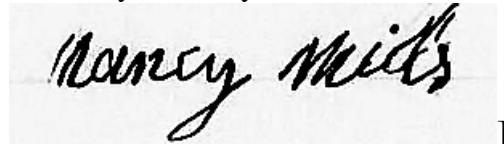
On this 20th day of February 1845, personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for said County Patrick Murvin² who first being duly qualified and sworn according to law deposeth and saith – That he was acquainted with James Mills of Prince William County Virginia who afterwards moved to Kentucky. That he saw him in the service of the Army of the United States in the year 1781 under Major or Colonel Armistead. That he was in the service with James Mills at the same time. That he continued in the service until or near the time when Lord Cornwallis surrendered [October 19, 1781], and that he is willing to be qualified that he served 6 or 9 months, and further saith not

S/ Patrick Murvin, X his mark

[p 6: on a document apparently attested on April 17, 1857 in Jefferson County Kentucky, Nancy Mills, 70 [or 60, first digit written over]³, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of James Mills; that she married him in Jefferson County Kentucky the 18th day of August 1836; that they were married by James Hawthorne a preacher; that her name prior to her marriage was Nancy Hansborough; that her husband died in Spencer County Kentucky February 8, 1853.



[p 17: On August 8, 1758 in Jefferson County Kentucky, Nancy Mills, 70, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of James Mills, a claimant for a pension under the 1832 act for his service during the revolution; that she married him August 15, 1836; that they were married by James Hawthorne a preacher of the gospel; that her name prior to her marriage was Nancy Hansborough or Hansberry; that her husband died in Spencer County Kentucky February 22, 1853. That she remains his widow.



² FPA S1239

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This is to certify, that it appears from a list in this office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line as settled their accounts and received certificates for the balance of their full pay, according to an act of assembly, passed the November session 1781, directing the Auditors of Public Accounts to settle and adjust the pay and accounts of said Officers and Soldiers from the first January 1777 to 31st December 1781, (see Hening's Statutes at Large, vol. 10, p. 462,) that a settlement was made on the 18th day of November 1783 in the name of James Mills as Sol. Inf. [Soldier of infantry] and evidence of the indebtedness of the State to him was £16.0.0, delivered to head Pendleton, Junior but as the original settlements or copies thereof or not to be found in this office, the term of service embraced therein cannot be stated.

Given under my hand at the First Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
29th day of May 1857.

S/ E. L. Hewtt, Act'g Auditor of Public Accounts

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First Auditor

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Given under my hand at the First Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
29th day of May 1857.

S/ E. L. Hewtt, Act'g Auditor of Public Accounts

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