

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Peter Nance R7553

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State of North Carolina, Yadkin County

On this 5th day of July 1852 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pleas and Common Sessions now sitting, Peter Nance a resident of the said County and State aged 90 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 provision made by 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 substituted in the place of his Brother John Nance who was a Volunteer in the Army of the United States in the year 1780 and served in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] of the South Carolina Troops. That his Brother John returned home sick about the first of March 1780 and continuing unwell he the said Peter went in his place and joined Colonel afterwards General Sumter about the 10th of March of that year and a part of the time he was under the command of Colonel Lacy [Edward Lacey] his Captain's name was Frost [Robert Frost], Lieutenant John Mayfield. That he entered the service about the 10th of March 1780 that he joined the Troops near Camden South Carolina and was discharged at Orangeburg about the 20th of December following by Captain Frost discharge being written by Lieutenant Mayfield. That he resided at the time of his service in the then Camden now Chester District that he placed his discharge on his return home in his Father's trunk which trunk was afterwards stolen by the Tories and the discharge lost that his mess while in the Army were Henry Hardin, James and Michael Gore, James Saunders and John Walker, when he first entered the Army he answered to the name of John Nance whose place he took and who soon afterwards died that afterwards he answered to the name of Peter Nance, he was at Fishing Creek [August 18, 1780] with Sumter when he was surprised by a charge from Tarleton [Banastre Tarleton] and a number of prisoners which he had taken rescued, he was also at the Battle of Hanging Rock [August 6, 1780] which was fought in August 1780 where the Americans were victorious and where as well he recollects were the following Officers General Sumter Colonels Lacey, Hill [William Hill] and Irwin [Robert Irwin] Major Davie [William Richardson Davie] and others from which place the Troops were marched to the fork of Broad and Tyger Rivers where they had another brush with the British and Tories and Sumter<sup>1</sup> was wounded, during their march they passed through Winnsboro, that he has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service that the reason he has not made this application before is that he was ignorant of his rights having been a

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<sup>1</sup> Sumter was wounded at the Battle of Blackstocks on the Tyger River in SC.

substitute he did not know that he was entitled. He hereby relinquishes all 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 or Territory.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Test: S/ T. S. Martin, CCC

S/ Peter Nance

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Peter Nance". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted and fluid.

[Denson A. Poindexter, a clergyman, and James Sheek gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

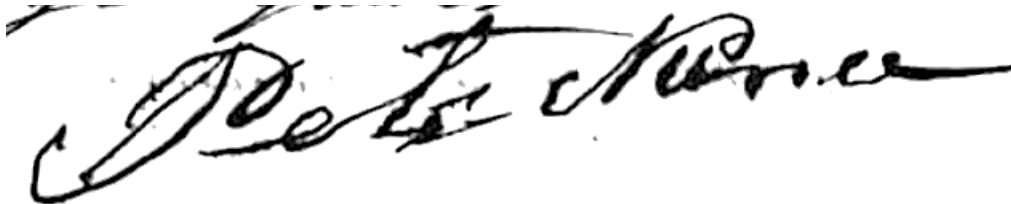
North Carolina Yadkin County December 3<sup>rd</sup> 1832 [?]

To the pension agent City Washington DC

Dear Sir I employed Mr. Josiah Cowls of Hamptonville in this county (as my agent to draw my pension[]) I served nine months as a soldier in the revolution war under General Sumter and Colonels Lee and Macy and Captain Frost I got my discharge at Orangeburg South Carolina carried it home to my Father's and put it in a trunk That the Tories came and broke open the house carried off the trunk which contained three hundred dollars in cash and all my father's papers and my discharge the legal certificates have been made here in this county and forwarded on to your office and I have not received anything yet please write to me and direct your letter to Doweltown [?]<sup>2</sup> Yadkin County NC whether there is any possible chance for me to get anything or whether anything has been done if the information is not Satisfactory to you please write what you want information you want and I will try to procure it for you and if there is no chance for me to receive anything I want you to send me my papers that Mr. Cowls sent to you direct them to Doweltown Yadkin County NC please send all the certificates and papers that have been forwarded to your office.

And oblige yours

Peter Nance

A large, stylized handwritten signature in cursive script, clearly legible as "Peter Nance". The ink is dark and the handwriting is very fluid and expressive.