

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Nay R7563

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Indiana to wit Johnson County

On this 22nd day of September A.D. 1835 personally appeared in open court before the Honorable, the Judges of the Johnson Circuit Court now sitting Samuel Nay a resident of Nineveh Township in said County and State aforesaid aged seventy-two 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 1832.

That in the spring (he knows in April) in the year 1781 he entered the service of the United States as a substitute at & in Culpeper County in the State of Virginia. That the officers of the company to which he belonged were Captain John Waugh and Lieutenant Jacob Coons the Commandant of the Regiment to which said company belonged was __ McArthur [interpreted by the war Department as a reference to Thomas Barbour]. That from the said point of enlistment, to wit, Culpeper County, the detachment to which this applicant belonged marched to the lower parts of the State near to the Bay; in the country adjoining which he was constantly kept in motion watching the motions of the enemy, and guarding and protecting the country from there predatory incursions: While engaged in these duties the company to which this applicant belonged had a skirmish with the British at Petersburg during which however this applicant was engaged in guarding the Baggage wagons: That after an active tour of not less than 3 months this applicant was discharged verbally at a place then called the Drinking Springs below Williamsburg.

That afterwards in the fall of the year 1781 (he thinks in October) he was drafted into the service of the United States in Culpeper County in the State of Virginia: That the officers of the Company in which this tour of duty was performed were Captain Kadd Slaughter [?] and Lieutenant John Triplett and regimental Commandant Colonel John Slaughter. That soon after the entry in to the service as aforesaid the company to which this applicant belonged was attached to a body of Continental troops the number & designation whereof is now unknown to applicant. That from the place of enlistment aforesaid this applicant marched with his company to James River low the junction of Pamunkey [River]. That in said March at a place called the "Burnt Ordinary" the picket guard of the detachment were attacked, and all killed or made prisoners except one. That afterwards together with his company he was stationed at Williamsburg to present as he believes the escape of the British from York: That during this tour he performed a term of service of not less than 3 months. That he was slightly acquainted with Major General Lafayette, Major De Cloman [Christian Charles de Klauman] and Adjutant Sill Welch Regular officers.

That he has no documentary evidence of his services; & that he knows of no person 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 that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State.

And in answer to the interrogatories here now propounded to him by the Court the said applicant saith

1. That he was born in Culpepper County Virginia in 1763
2. That he has no record of his age
3. That for the periods when he was called into the service of the United States during the war of the Revolution he resided in Culpepper County in the State of Virginia. Since which periods he has lived in Kentucky Mercer County and now and for the last 2 years resided in Johnson County Indiana
4. That at the first term of service he entered as a substitute for one John Navy and at the 2nd he was drafted
7. That he is known to Asa B. Nay and Martin Whitesides who will testify to his character for truth & veracity and their belief of his services as stated in his said declaration.

S/ Samuel Nay, X his mark

Sworn in open court September 22nd 1835

S/ Samuel Harriott, Clerk

[Asa B. Nay, a clergyman, and Martin Whitesides gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Indiana Johnson County: to wit

Personally appeared before me the undersigned one of the Justices of the Peace in and for said County James Nay and him duly sworn according to law says that he is a resident of Jefferson County and State of Indiana: that he is a brother of the said Samuel Nay who filed his declaration for a pension and that he is acquainted with Zedie McQun and has been since they were boys before and during and since the Revolution War, that the facts and circumstances stated by him all correct as far as he is concerned and that his brother Samuel Nay Senior entered the Army of the revolution in the place of my brother William Nay in the year 1777 or 1778, that after his time was out for him he served in his own place 6 months I went to see him twice while in the Army I think that he was the most of the time in Virginia, I have a brother I think is yet living in Grandview Illinois who will testify to the same overt [?]

Given under my hand this the 8th day of March 1848

S/ David Durbin, JP

State of Indiana Johnson County: to wit

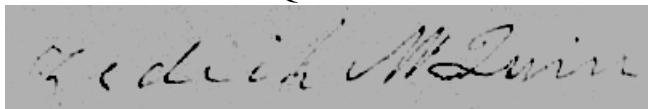
I Zedie McQuin do hereby testify that I was acquainted with Samuel Nay Senior of Johnson County and State of Indiana but formerly of Culpeper County and State of Virginia during the time and since the Revolutionary War. I know him to have been a soldier of the Revolution war and served two years eighteen months in the place of William Nay and six months in his own place. I heard him and William Nay make a contract, William Nay was to pay Samuel Nay one black mare and \$75 for the eighteen months service. I cannot state precisely the year he went but recollect that I was in the sixteenth year of my age for it was the first year that I had to muster and sixteen was the age that we commenced mustering.

I went to see Samuel Nay Senior when he was encamped near James River in the State of Virginia. While I knew where he was, he was principally along the coast and on James River. I only saw said Samuel Nay once while he was in the Army and that was when he was stationed on James River in the State of Virginia. I went to take him some money and to see the French

Army, that was commanded by Lafayette which was in sight of where Samuel Nay was. I went with James Nay a brother of Samuel Nay Senior who is still living in the County of Jefferson and State of Indiana. We were all then citizens of Culpeper County and State of Virginia. To the best of my knowledge I am now 84 years of age. I am now a citizen of the County of Johnson and state of Indiana.

Signed this the 8th day of March in the year 1848

S/ Zedick McQuin



State of Indiana Johnson County: SS

On this 16th day of August 1844 personally appeared in open court before the Probate court in and for the County aforesaid now sitting at Franklin in the said County Samuel Nay a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged eighty-one years past 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 June 7, 1832 that he entered the service of the United States as a private under the following named officers and served as herein stated in Culpeper County Virginia that he was drafted for the period of he supposes six months that he was drafted in the spring of the year 1781 that he served from the first of March of that year to the middle of September of the same year he was first under Captain John Waugh and Colonel Thomas Barber then under Captain Kad Slaughter and Colonel John slaughter that at the Battle at Petersburg [April 25, 1781] he was sent as a guard over the Wagons in the sight of the Battle but was not in it. Says he was well acquainted with Lafayette. 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

Clerk

He further says that the reason why he did not make application at an earlier period is that he was able to live without it till his present old age and infirmity makes it necessary that he should have assistance.

S/ Samuel Nay, X his mark

[David Parkhurst, a clergyman, and Henry Woodward gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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The said Court then propounded to the said Samuel Nay the following interrogatories to which the following Answers were made by the said Samuel Nay.

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer I was born in the County of Culpeper in the State of Virginia in the year 1763

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer his age was recorded in a family Bible but the Book was some years ago destroyed

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

Answer when called into the service I was living in Culpeper County in the State of Virginia that in the year 1788 he moved to Kentucky and lived there 46 years then moved to Indiana and now resides in the State of Indiana.

4th How were you called into service?

Answer I was drafted as aforesaid

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of

your service.

Answer Lafayette and his men were with us part of the time that I was in service I recollect one of his Officers whose name was Decloman A Major

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer I received no Discharge but was relieved and dismissed and went home

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer David Parkhurst Ezekiel McGuire David Forsyth John Forsyth Clark Tucker James Mulikin Arthur Mulikin George Tucker.

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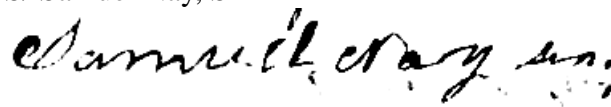
Questions by the Court

Where and in what year were you born? I was born in the year 1760. Have you any record of it? I have one that I kept myself from what my parents told me, written in a Bible 60 years ago. Where were you living when called into service? In the state of Virginia Culpeper County. Where have you been living since; about 40 [years] I lived in Jefferson County Kentucky and the last 14 years in this County. How were you called into service? My brother William Nay was drafted and I served in his place 18 months and then I served in my own place 6 months. State 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 service? I can recollect of seeing Colonel Stevens, current Colonel Monroe who I believe was afterwards President I saw Lafayette often when he was on James River. I saw Washington several times Captain Waugh and slaughter. I was in a skirmish at Petersburg Virginia. I recollect I will was set my at a ferry on James River when we had to watch the Tidewater so as to watch the movements of Lord Cornwallis. I cannot tell now what they watched the tide for. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution? I can refer to Zedic McQuin who has known me for 80 years, Joab Woodruff, William Bridges, John Hamner and I have 2 brothers living who can testify to my being a soldier in the Revolution, James Nay of Jefferson County Indiana and Joseph Nay near Grandview Illinois

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Indiana to wit Johnson County: On this day the 9th of March in the year 1848 personally appeared in open Court before the circuit Court of Johnson County now sitting Samuel Nay Senior resident of the County of Johnson and State of Indiana aged eighty-seven 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 law of Congress passed June the 7th 1832: That he entered the service of the United States in the year 1778: That he has forgot most of his officers' names. He recollects the name of Captain Slaughter and Captain John Waugh: That he served eighteen months in the place of his brother William Nay and six months in his own place. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever 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.

S/ Samuel Nay, Sr

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samuel Nay, Sr." The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

[Asa B. Nay, a clergyman, and Joab Woodruff gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Facts in file: veteran died October 1, 1848; Samuel Nay, Junior, son of the soldier and his wife, Nancy, was living in Franklin, Johnson County Indiana in 1852 and then referred to other heirs of the veteran – Asa Nay, Presly Nay and Lucy McQuin, but their relationship is not stated