

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Nease [Neese] R7570

Molly Nease

f45NC

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State of North Carolina, Orange County } SS Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions November  
Term A.D. 1832

On this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Orange aforesaid, now sitting, George Nease, a resident of the County of Orange and State aforesaid now in the 73<sup>rd</sup> year of his age, 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 the seventh 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That sometime in the month of December 1779 this applicant was drafted for a three months Tour as a private in the militia in the Service of the United States, the Company to which he was attached was commanded by Captain William Oneal [William O'Neal] and rendezvoused at Hillsborough in the aforesaid County of Orange, and was marched to the South, passing through Salisbury, Charlotte &c to Camden in South Carolina, and whilst at this latter Town our Captain was promoted to a Major and James Trousdale took Command of our Company. From Camden we marched to the City of Charleston and whilst on this Tour our Company was in General Lillington's [John Alexander Lillington's] Brigade at the expiration of said Tour this applicant received a discharge therefore and returned home.

This applicant further states that sometime in the month of January 1781, he was drafted as a private in the Service of the United States; the Company to which he belonged was commanded by Captain Gwenn [Edward Gwinn], and joined General Green's [Nathanael Greene's] Army, a short time previous to the Guilford Battle, was not in the engagement at that place on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 1781, but was appointed and acted as one of the Guard under Captain Whitesell [Henry Whitesell], after the engagement went on with General Greene's Army to Ramsay's Mill on Deep River – Thence to Camden in South Carolina, where after remaining a few days his Tour of three months (for which he was drafted) expired and he returned home, after first having received a discharge therefore from Lieut Col Dudley [Guilford Dudley].

This applicant again entered the Service of the United States in August or September 1781, having volunteered in a company of Cavalry commanded by Captain John Clendenin [John Clendenan], and with said Captain and others was made prisoner in Hillsboro on or about the 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 1781, when that Town was taken by certain Tories under the command of Col Fanning [David Fanning] and that this applicant with other prisoners then and there made was taken to Wilmington in this State, and after being there confined on board of a British brig for some weeks as prisoners of war, from thence were conveyed to Charleston in S. Carolina, and there put on board of a British prison ship called the "Eske" and there was closely imprisoned till some time (he thinks) in July following when he was regularly exchanged being

as correctly as he can Compute eleven months from the time he joined Captain Clendenin's Company till he returned home, which with the two three months tours made in all seventeen months.

This applicant adduces as documentary evidence a discharge for each of his three months Tours which accompany this Declaration.

And as to his third and last Tour he has the Affidavit of Henry Albright, Sr. of the County of Orange aforesaid, also accompanying this Declaration.

This applicant is known to James A. Craig, Dr. James J. Smith.

That he was born in the State Pennsylvania, on the 26<sup>th</sup> of December 1759 & was removed to this County when about 14 years of age and was living in Orange when called into Service of the United States, and has been living here ever cence the war of the revolution – That he entered the service of the United States by draft, and likewise volunteered.

That during the said or of the revolution he knew General Butler, Col. Dudley, Colonel Hampton, Col. Lytle & others.

That for his two first Tours he received regular discharges, signed by Col Hinton and Col Dudley, both of which accompany this Declaration.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court the day and year first above written.

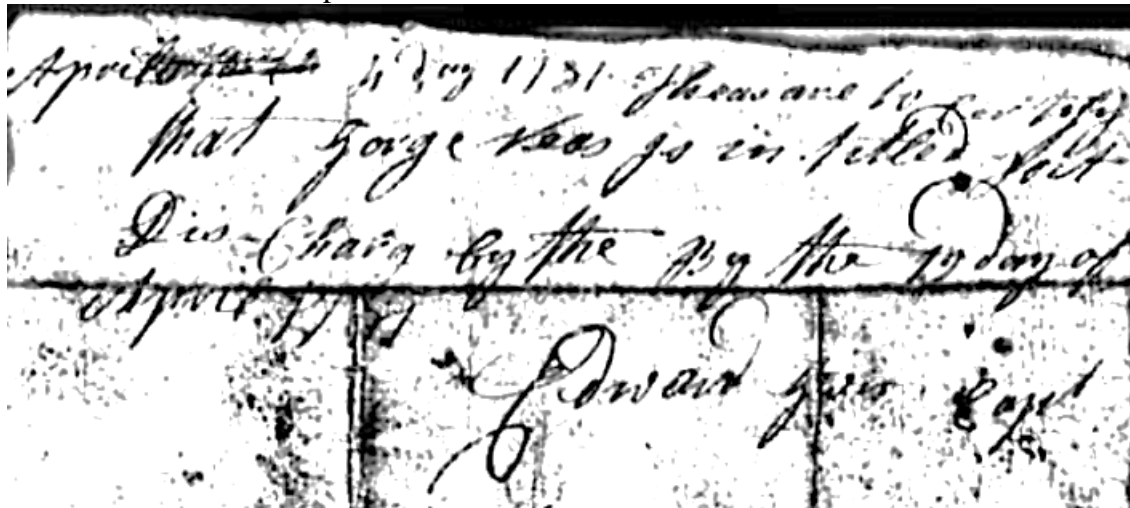
Sworn to in open Court 27<sup>th</sup> of November 1832.

S/ George Neese, X his mark

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April 4 day 1781 These are to certify  
That Gorge Neas Is in titled [entitled] fort [for]  
Dis Charg [discharge] by the By the 12 day of  
April 1781

Edward Gwin Capt.



April 4 day 1781 These are to certify  
That Gorge Nease is in titled fort  
Dis-Charg by the By the 12 day of  
April 1781  
Edward Gwin Capt.

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Camp Little Lynches Creek 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1781  
This may certify that George Neas of  
Capt. Gwin's company has served his  
Tour of duty of three months and  
Is therefore discharged accordingly

Guilford Dudley Lt. Col.  
1<sup>st</sup> Regt. N. C. Militia

Camp Little Lynches Creek 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1781  
This may certify that George Nease of  
Capt. Guinn's company has served his  
Tour of duty of three months, and  
is therefore discharged accordingly.  
Guilford Dudley Lt. Col.  
1<sup>st</sup> Regt. N. C. Militia

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This is to Certify,

AT George Nease —has faithfully served out  
...e Southward.

...wn,

1780

S/ Jas. Hinton, Lt. Col. [James Hinton]

This is to Certify,  
AT George Nease — has faithfully served out  
Tour of Duty of three Months, in General Lillington's Bri-  
...e Southward,  
...wn,  
1780

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State of North Carolina Orange County }

On this day personally appeared before me James A Craig one of the Justices of the peace for the County of Orange and State aforesaid, and Henry Albright, Senior, of the County & State aforesaid who being first qualified in due form maketh oath, that during the war of the Revolution, he was well acquainted with George Nease, and that said Nease was attached to a Company of Cavalry commanded by Captain Clendennin and was made prisoner at Hillsborough<sup>1</sup> on the day that town was taken by Colonels Fanning [David Fanning] & McNeill [Hector McNeill] in September 1781 and that said Nease with the other prisoners made in town at that time was carried first to Wilmington and then to Charleston in South Carolina where he was detained as prisoner of war on board of a prison ship till sometime in July following, when said Nease with this deponent was exchanged and reached home in the above County & State

<sup>1</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_hillsborough.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hillsborough.html)

after being absent eleven months –

And this deponent further saith that the said George Nease was a good Soldier and warmly attached throughout the war to the cause of Liberty. –

Sworn to and subscribed on this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 1832

S/ Henry Albright,<sup>2</sup> X his mark

[p 10: On August 20, 1840 in Orange County North Carolina, Molly Nease, 74, applied for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of George Nease, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him sometime in the month of January 1785; that she has a family record in the German language but she is unable to say whether or not it shows the date of her marriage; to the best of her recollection the record shows following regarding the births of her children:

Sally was born the 26<sup>th</sup> day of \_\_ 1786

Polly was born 18 October 1788

Jacob was born 20 June 1790

Sampson was born 16 October 1794

Anna was born 14 February 1797

George was born 13 June 1800;

that her husband died June 10, 1840; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$65.84 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private in both the infantry and cavalry, all in the North Carolina militia.]

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<sup>2</sup> [Henry Albright S6485](#)