

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Moses Nelson <sup>1</sup> R7585

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State of Kentucky, Bath County

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Honorable Judge of the Circuit Court in the County of Bath, now sitting, Moses Nelson a resident of the County of Bath and State of Kentucky aged 74 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<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated (to wit)

About the first of June 1778, I enlisted in Captain John Holder's Company in Roann [sic, Rowan] County in the State of North Carolina and marched to Kentucky, on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 1778 we arrived at Boonesboro Kentucky where we found the people in the garrison, in a most distressful situation, in want of almost every thing within besides the danger they were constantly exposed to from the Indians without lurking in the cane watching an opportunity to take a prisoner or a scalp-- in this situation we continued until the month of August ensuing when ten Frenchmen and Captain Blackfish the Shawnee's Chief with 340 warriors appeared in sight of the Fort, and professed friendship upon condition that Colonel Boone would surrender the fort into their possession, Colonel Boone and his men declined to accede to this proposition, and Captain Blackfish proposed a treaty, which was agreed to – the next day Colonel Boone and his officers were met by Blackfish and his Chiefs at a Spring about 60 yards from the Fort. Accordingly they proceeded to the appointed place, at the conclusion of said treaty, Blackfish said the custom among them was for two Indians to take hold of one white man, and shake hands strong to make a lasting treaty, when the Indians had got hold of the white men's hands they attempted to take prisoners of them, the men from the Fort fired on the Indians, they ran and all our men got into the Fort safe and unhurt, except one man who received a slight wound. The Indians then attacked the Fort and besieged the Fort for 9 days & nights without a cessation of hostilities, they then raised the siege, the Indians continued very troublesome throughout the whole Country, there were at that time only four garrisons in the Country (to wit) one at Boonesborough, one called Logan's Station, the falls of the Ohio, and at Harrodsburgh [Harrodsburg], we were kept in constant service, about the last of May 1779, Colonel Boman [sic, John Bowman?] raised a Company of volunteers from the Garrison to march against the Shawnee Town called Chilicothe. I belonged to Captain Holder's [John Holder's] Company – we arrived about day break at the town whereupon a battle ensued, and continued until about nine o'clock when a Negro woman came out and told our officers that they had sent runners to

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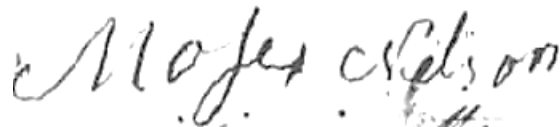
<sup>1</sup> BLWt40925-160-55

Pleaway [Pickaway?]<sup>2</sup> for Simon Gurtey, and a Strong party of Indians – Colonel Boman upon this information ordered a retreat, we left the town, the Indians pursued us and about one or two o'clock they came up with us in the woods, they attacked us, we formed and gave them battle, each party took shelter behind trees, we remained on the ground until late in the day when we charged them and drove them off the ground – we lost 9 men killed and got two scalps – we then returned to Kentucky, I went to Boonesboro and remained there till the spring 1781 I then went to the falls of the Ohio, and I think about the first of May 1780, I enlisted in the regular service under Captain Weatherton in the Illinois Regiment for two years. I marched immediately to the Iron banks on the Mississippi under the command of General George Rogers Clark, continued there until my term of service expired, marched back to Kentucky and was then discharged.

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 that he has so lost or mislaid his discharge so that he cannot get it but can prove his services partly by Josiah Collins<sup>3</sup> and partly by Edward Parker.<sup>4</sup>

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Moses Nelson



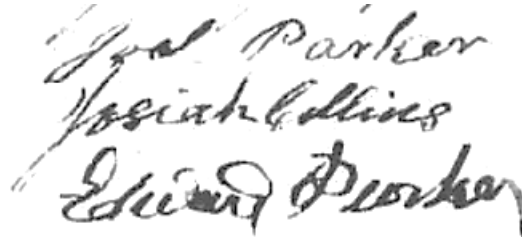
We Joel Parker, a clergyman, and resident of County of Bath, and Josiah Collins and Edward Parker residing in said County of Bath, hereby certify, the said Collins & Parker that we are well acquainted with Moses Nelson who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration: that we believe him to be 74 years of age that we have served with him in the revolutionary war the said Collins in one campaign and knew him afterwards and believed him to be a soldier of said war then, and the said Parker served with him in the revolutionary war some thing like two years, both know that this applicant is the same Moses Nelson, and the said Joel Parker a clergyman hereby certifies that he is well acquainted with Moses Nelson who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood to have been a soldier of the revolutionary war and that I concur in that opinion.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Joel Parker

S/ Josiah Collins

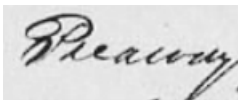
S/ Edward Parker



Interrogatories passed Moses Nelson and to be annexed to his Statement

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

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3 Probably [Josiah Collins S30336](#) (who filed in Bath County, Ky, for services rendered in the Virginia service.)

4 Probably [Edward Parker S31292](#) who filed for a pension claiming service in Virginia.

Answer: I was born in Lancaster County State of Pennsylvania, the 10<sup>th</sup> of March 1758.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer: I have no record of my age, but well remember the record as kept by Father and I have stated my age accordingly.

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

Answer: I was living in Roann [sic] County North Carolina, I have lived since I was discharged in the Counties of Montgomery, Bourbon & Bath and now live in Bath County.

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer: I enlisted and served in that capacity until I was discharged.

5<sup>th</sup> 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: General George Rogers Clark, Colonel John Montgomery who was Lieutenant Colonel. I was acquainted with the Illinois Regiment, and for the general circumstances of my service, as my services were of a changeable nature first one place and then another, so that I must refer to my statement.

6<sup>th</sup> 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 did receive a discharge from Colonel John Montgomery, but it is lost or mislaid so that I can't produce it.

7<sup>th</sup> 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: Josiah Collins, Edward Parker, Francis Hopkins, Jeremiah Eaton.

[p 16: On August 18, 1855 in Rush County Indiana, Catherine Nelson, aged 69, a resident of Hendrix County filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war soldier; she states that she was married to the veteran in Nicholas County Kentucky in 1806 by Daniel Anderson, a minister of the gospel and that her name prior to her marriage was Catherine Shubart. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 13: In Rush County, Indiana, on October 29<sup>th</sup>, 1855 Catherine Nelson, age 69, a resident of Rush County Indiana filed a pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Moses Nelson, a private in the North Carolina line in a pensioner under the 1832 act at the rate of \$80 per annum; that her maiden name was Catherine Shubart; that she married her husband April 5, 1813 in Nicholas County Kentucky; that they were married by \_\_\_ Anderson, a clergyman; that her husband died in Bath County Kentucky on June 12, 1833. She signed this document with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the North Carolina and Virginia militia.]