

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Enoch Nelson R7588

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Territory of Arkansas Miller County: SS

On this 22nd day of October A.D. 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Circuit Court of said County now sitting Enoch Nelson a resident of the Country west of the Mississippi now occupied and owned by the Choctaw Indians, and within a mile and a half of Fort Towson on Red River, age sixty-eight 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 he entered the service of the United States under the officers in the manner and served as stated in the memorandum of Questions and answers following.

Memorandum of Questions and Answers made by Enoch Nelson who represents himself as having claims on the United States Government for services rendered as a Soldier in the Revolutionary War

Question 1st Where were you born?

Answer – I was born in York County (Pennsylvania) near Little York –

Question 2nd. In what year were you born?

Answer – I was born in the year 1766.

Question 3rd. Where were you living when called into service?

Answer – I was living in Louisville (Kentucky).

Question 4th – How were you called into service?

Answer – I was under age – my Father enlisted me into the service –

Question 5th – Did your Father serve in the Revolution?

Answer – He did – He commanded a Rifle Company under Colonel Morgan – After this he moved to Kentucky and enlisted as a Private Soldier. I believe under Captain Worthington or Captain Brashears, which of the two I am not positive –

Question 6. Did you serve in the same Company with your Father?

Answer – I did –

Question 7th – In what campaign did you served, and who was your Commanding Officer?

Answer – Colonel George Rogers Clark commanded the Troops and Colonel Logan [Benjamin Logan] commanded the Militia – Our first march was from global to the mouth of the Muskingum [River] or the Miami [River], to which point I do not recollect – There we deposited our stores; from thence we marched to Chillicothe, from thence to Pickaway in search of the Hostile Indians – On reaching this point we had an engagement with the Indians – Eighteen of our people were killed in the Action, and we found nineteen of the Indians killed. The Indians were driven from their Village late in the evening, and we occupied the Town during the night. We then returned to Louisville by the way of our Deposits – I do not recollect the time occupied

in this Campaign; but we returned before cold weather –

Question 8 – In what year did this campaign take place?

Answer – I do not recollect, but I am sure it was before the close of the Revolution –

Question 9th. For how long were you enlisted?

Answer – For three years or during the War –

Question 10th – Were you regularly discharged?

Answer – Yes I was, by Major Wales a Regular officer – My discharge was left with by Parents at the time of my leaving the Army, they are now deceased and I know not what has become of it

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Question 11th – How long did you serve?

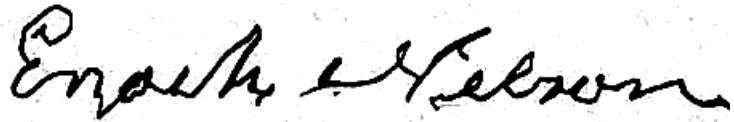
Answer – I served more than two years – My discharge was obtained by my Father, how what reason I do not recollect –

Question 12th – Is there anyone living who is knowing to your having served in the Army during the Revolutionary War?

Answer – Yes, Mr. Lewis Ward who now resides with the Choctaws in their new Country – Lewis Ward was a Soldier of the Army at the same time with me at Louisville Kentucky, the officers he served under I do not recollect neither do I recollect if he served in the Campaign –

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 or Territory – Sworn to and subscribed the day and year first above written

S/ Enoch Nelson



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Lewis Ward on the 22nd of October 1834 personally appeared before the Judge of the Circuit Court of said County now sitting and being first sworn in due form according to law, states, that he was acquainted with Enoch Nelson above mentioned in his boyhood – that he knew him in the year 1781 & 82 when he was in the service of the United States as an enlisted soldier that he and his father belonged to the Troops commanded by Colonel George Rogers Clark but where he entered the service affiant don't know with certainty. This affiant cannot say precisely how long Mr. Nelson continued in the service, but recollects distinctly to have understood at the time that he had enlisted to serve during the war. Affiant further states that his impression is that Mr. Nelson and his father came to the Falls of the Ohio with Colonel Clark, when he was quite a youth.

Sworn & subscribed in open Court

S/ L. Ward

