

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Nelson R7592

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State of Georgia, County of Pike

On this the eighth day of January 1845, personally appeared before the Inferior Court of Pike County State of Georgia, Thomas Nelson, a resident of said State & County, aged Ninety-Nine 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 the 7th day of June 1832. That to the best of his recollection part of the year (in the spring of) 1782 he was drafted in Fairfield district South Carolina under Captain Thomas Parrott, and marched from Fairfield district Under Captain Parrott to Congaree Fort, which was then in the possession of Maxfield a British officer, and a parcel of Tories, in the neighborhood of the Fort we joined General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter], and on our approach the British & Tories surrendered the Fort, and we took them all prisoners, and got possession of the Fort ourselves. From Congaree Fort we marched to Ancrum's Ferry on the Congaree River, from the Ferry we were kept constantly on the march and Scout, after the Tories until our tour of three months Tour expired this was a three months Tour of service to the best of his recollection – we were discharged on the Congaree River, and that this deponent never received a written discharge; --

The Second Tour of duty this deponent served was as a drafted militia man in Fairfield district South Carolina in the latter part of the year 1782 under Captain John Pearson, marched from Fairfield district South Carolina to near Orangeburg Jail, and joined General Sumter, the Jail in Orangeburg was at that time occupied by the Tories and British as a Fort, on our arrival the Tories and British evacuated the Jail and we took some of them prisoners and also took possession of the Jail and occupied it as a Fort, for some time; Had an engagement about 10 miles below Orangeburg with the Tories, under Cunningham [probably William "Bloody Bill" Cunningham]; after we left the Jail in Orangeburg, were kept constantly Scouting through the Orangeburg district, in pursuit of Tories, and sometimes, when too weak, in evading them until our term of service expired, it expired in Orangeburg District, and was also a three months Tour of duty; we were discharged in Orangeburg District South Carolina and received no written discharge. In the spring of the year 1783, this applicant was again drafted in Fairfield district South Carolina and to the best of his recollection Captain William Hughs [William Hughes] was the Captain of the company, from Fairfield district marched under Captain Hughs to the Forks of the Edisto River, South Carolina, where we were stationed we remained stationed at the Forks of the Edisto this Tour of Service, and did very little active service, but kept a well regulated station there which was thought to be an important point for one. Our term of service expired at the Forks of the Edisto and were discharged there by Captain Hughs, but got no written discharge.

The next Tour of service performed by this applicant was also as a drafted man in the latter part of the year 1783, from Fairfield district South Carolina, marched from Fairfield district

under Captain James Davis down to Manigault's Ferry¹ on the Santee River, where we were stationed there we Heard that peace was made with England, this applicant states that he cannot recollect whether the whole of this Tour of service was performed or not before they were discharged, but he knows the greater part of it was performed, this applicant was discharged at Manigault's Ferry on the Santee River and received no written discharge. This applicant hereby relinquishes his claim to all other, or any other pension, except the one which he is now seeking to establish and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll or agency of any State or Territory except the State of South Carolina in which State he was allowed \$60 a year for four years for his Revolutionary Services, when the Law of Carolina was repealed.

I was born in North Carolina on the 25th of November 1745, as I learned from my parents.

I have no record of my age.

I have lived in North Carolina when a child, and the balance of my life in South Carolina, until 1831, when I moved to Pike County Georgia, where I now live.

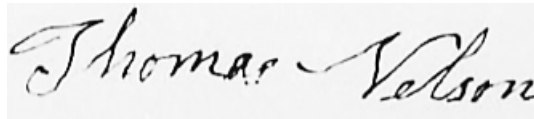
I can name Hiram Brown and Thomas J. Allen who reside in my neighborhood and who can testify as to their belief of my services as a Revolutionary Soldier.

I can name Captains Parrott, Hughes, Davis and Pearson, and General Sumter and Colonel Hopkins, as the officers under whom I served during the Revolutionary War, and I was personally acquainted with them.

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court this eight th January 1845.

S/ Wiley B. Maugham, C. I. C.

S/ Thomas Nelson

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[Hiram Brown and Thomas J. Allen gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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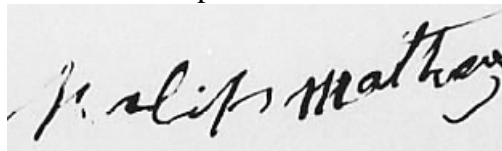
Georgia, Crawford County

Before me William H. Brooks a Justice of the Peace for said County personally came Philip Mathews² who being duly Sworn Deposeth and saith that he is acquainted with Thomas Nelson originally of the State of South Carolina but now living in the County of Pike in said State of Georgia and knew the said Thomas Nelson in Winn's Regiment – in the Revolutionary War and the said Thomas fought on the side of the Republican cause and was with said Nelson in part of the war and the said Thomas Nelson always bore the name of a Revolutionary Soldier in the State of South Carolina.

Sworn to and subscribed Before me this 20th day of December 1844.

S/ W. H. Brooks, JP

S/ Philip Mathews

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Philip Mathews". The ink is dark and the background is a light, slightly textured paper.

[Veteran died on March 27, 1846 “without completing said claim.” The file contains reference to children named William D., Nancy and Mary Ann, wife of Adam Simmerly.]

1 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/manigault.htm>

2 [Philip Mathews R7031](#)