

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Nelson R7594

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South Carolina Spartanburg District} SS

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the act entitled "an Act for the Relief of certain Surviving officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution" approved on the 15th day of May 1828 I William Nelson of the District of Spartanburg in the State of South Carolina, [declare] that I enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution for and during the War, and continued in its service until the termination, at which period I was a private in Capt. Felix Warley's Company in the 2nd Regiment of the South Carolina line. And I also declare that I afterwards received certificates for the reward of \$80 to which I was entitled under the Resolve of Congress passed the 15th May 1778. And I further declare that on the 15th day of May 1828 I was not on the pension List of the United States.

Witness my hand this 6th day of July 1829

S/ William Nelson, X his mark

[William Trimmier, JP attested the above declaration and Stephen Sizemore and Ephraim Sizemore gave testimony as to the reputation of Nelson as a soldier of the Revolution.]

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Revolutionary Claims

Treasury Department,
4 August 1829

William Nelson of ___ in the ~~County~~ of District of Spartanburg in the State of South Carolina has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that he enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued until its termination, at which period he was a Private in Captain ___ 's Company, in the Second regiment of the South Carolina line; and that he received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars, provided by the resolve of the 15th of May, 1778; and further, that he was not on the 15th of May, 1828, on the pension list of the United States, and that he has received as a pensioner since the 3rd of March, 1826, nothing.

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records in his Office.

By order of the Secretary
S/ F. A. Dickins

Treasury Department,
Third Auditor's Office,
5 August 1829

~~It appears by the records of this office, that a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars has been issued to ___ in the ___~~

It further appears that William Nelson is not now on the pension list of any agency, and has not been so since the 3rd March 1826—~~at the rate of ___ dollars per month.~~

The name of William Nelson cannot be found among those of the South Carolina line to whom Certificates for the gratuity of Eighty Dollars were issued.

S/ Peter Hagner, Aud.

Bounty land office
August 8, 1829

the name of William Nelson is not returned on the Records of this Office, as entitled to Bounty Land, nor has a Warrant ever issued in his name.

S/ Wm Gordon

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South Carolina Spartanburg district} SS

On this 7th day of March 1833, personally appeared in open Court to wit the Court of Sessions and Common Pleas held for the said District before the Judge of the said Court now sitting, William Nelson, a resident of the said District aged Seventy-five 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 following named officers and served as herein stated "I entered the service of the United States, at the Cherokee Ponds in South Carolina, under command of Capt. Hammond, as a draft 2 months but cannot recollect the time. -- we marched to the two sisters ferry on Savannah River where we remained until my time expired -- some time near the close of the War, I enlisted in the Regular Army of the United States for and during the War in Capt. Warley's company in the 2nd Regiment under command of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], and continued in this service until the end of the War but cannot recollect the term of service -- I never was regularly discharged, having been furloughed for a while, and the troops disbanded before I again joined the Army -- I have no documentary evidence of my services -- And know of no one now living in the District or State who served with me. I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State. -- In answer to the questions put by the Court, I answer:

1 & 2 I have no evidence or information of my age --

3 I resided near the Cherokee Ponds when I entered the service, and have resided in South Carolina ever since the war.

4 See within 5. See within. 6. See within. 7. I refer to the Rev. ___ and ___ and ___ to prove my character for truth and variety.

Sworn to & subscribed the date aforesaid.

S/ R. Gantt

S/ William Nelson, X his mark

[Gabriel Philip, a clergyman, James Ford and Stephen Sizemore gave the standard supporting affidavit.]