

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benejah Nordyke R7691

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State of Kentucky County of Rockcastle

On the 15th day of November 1852 personally appeared before me the undersigned, an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County and State above mentioned: Benejah Nordyke aged 87 a resident of the County of Lincoln and State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law -- doth on his oath subscribe to the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832 or such acts as will Govern the case.

That he entered the service of the United States in the war of the Revolution under the following named officers -- and served as herein stated while he was a resident of the County of Wilkes in the State of Georgia -- in the year 1779 -- 1780 -- 1781 -- 1782 -- a volunteer soldier and served in all at different periods the rise of 18 months -- that from loss of memory and old age he may mistake in the exact name of some of his officers -- he served under Capt. Phillips of Col. Philips or Phelps Regiment was also under Col. William Downes -- was under Capt. Dunn - - & Capt. Haggans or Higgins -- was under Capt. Kerr [?] was also in Col. Few's [Benjamin Few's] Regiment (during said service was in the engagement at the Battle of Kittle [sic, Kettle] Creek¹ was at the engagement at the Siege of Augusta -- at the time Col. Brown a British officer was besieged by Col. Lee),² the name of some of his companions in arms was Isaac Stuart -- James Philips, Grarinure [?] Stuart, Daniel McKoy -- was a Drum Major (Capt. Josiah Dunn was killed at the battle of Kettle Creek -- that after serving out the full terms for which he volunteered was honorably discharged at Philips Forest in Georgia -- that his discharges have long since been lost -- so they cannot be found -- that the reason he makes this declaration in Rockcastle County it is more convenient for him and from old age and infirmity -- is not well able to attend court -- it being some 10 miles distant to the courthouse -- from his residence in Lincoln County Kentucky -- the reason he has not before applied for a pension, that he thought every man ought to labor for his living -- while he was able -- that Freedom was sufficient pay for him while he could work, and now he has grown old -- have concluded to avail himself of the benefit of the pension laws -- that he has never before applied for a pension -- that his name is on no pension List -- and knows of no living witness who served with him by which he can prove his service -- and most respectfully refers the department of the U.S. to the rolls on file in said department for

¹ Kettle Creek February 14, 1779 <https://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790214-kettle-creek/>

² Siege of Augusta (second/Clarke) [May 22-June 6, 1781] <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/810522-augusta/>

his name being involved under the different officers, companies under whom he served -- and to the proof hereto annexed and that he is the identical man that served as before stated -- all of which is herewith submitted.

S/ Benejah Nordyke, X his mark

[p 9: on December __, 1852 in Lincoln County Kentucky, Moses Foley,73, a clergyman, gave a supporting affidavit as to the reputation of the veteran as such. The affiant states he has known the veteran for 50 years.]

[p 13: December 13, 1852 and Rockcastle County Kentucky, Elizabeth Pitts, 62, gave a supporting affidavit.]

[p 16: On November 15, 1852 in Rockcastle County Kentucky, Nathan Smith, 60, gave a supporting affidavit.]