

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Allen Sneed R9890

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State of Tennessee Marion County: SS

On this 16th day of November 1843, personally appeared before me Nicholas Smith, one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, Allen Sneed aged about 96 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 June 7th 1832, that by reason of extreme old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot state precisely as to the length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he entered the service, as a volunteer in the County of Orange North Carolina in Captain Cummings Company (the other company Officers' names not recollected) in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Taylor, in the month of August 1780. That they were occasionally and frequently marched through the Country on skirmishing expeditions, but Hillsboro was the place of which they were frequently returned, and quartered there and in that vicinity during the following winter, that in the month of February or March following, they were marched to join the American Army under General Green [Nathanael Greene] to suppress the invasions of the British and Tories under command of Lord Cornwallis. That they joined the American Army at Guilford C. H. N. C. [Guilford Courthouse North Carolina] where applicant fought under General Greene in the memorable Battle of Guilford fought in the month of March 1781, that he cannot remember the names of any of the General officers engaged in that battle, except that of General Greene of the American and Lord Cornwallis of the British Army that after the battle, Applicant was marched back (he thinks with his Regiment) to Hillsboro where they were stationed during the balance of the Spring and Summer and until sometime in the fall of the same season, when they were marched thence to York Town, Virginia, whether they did not arrive until after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis and his Army: that at York Town, Applicant remembers seeing a Great many of the American officers, but cannot distinctly remember the names or character of any save that of Washington, Greene & Lincoln; that he was there discharged from the service, he thinks about ten days after the surrender of the enemy by what Officer he is unable to remember, but thinks it was Colonel Taylor, having served he thinks fifteen months and perhaps a few days. Applicant states that he was an orphan and placed in charge of a widow, who withheld his age, but thinks he was 18 or 19 years old, when one day he was left alone at home, the widow being absent, a Gang of Tories came up to the house, and all with whom in a great

hurry, except one, who halted and demanded Applicant's horse which was at the place. Applicant refused and the Tory persisted, until Applicant ran upstairs and got his musket and shot the Tory dead and in a few minutes the widow with whom he lived returned and being a Tory also, took up a hand spike and knocked him down lifeless and would have killed him only for the interposition of a neighbor man, who was passing at the time. Applicant on recovery immediately took his horse and musket and fled to Hillsboro and joined the American Army. Applicant states that some years afterwards, he enlisted at Hillsboro North Carolina under Captain Carr the other officers of the company not remembered, and was marched thence to Salisbury, and from thence to Kingston & West Point Tennessee to guard the Frontier from the invasion of the Indians, where they were stationed about twelve months, and then marched to Knoxville Tennessee where they joined other regular troops, and stayed over twelve months, and was marched back to West Point (having staid a while at Campbell's Station) and back to Knoxville, where they were discharged having served three years the term for which Applicant enlisted. – Applicant would further state, that during the late war with Great Britain, he served a tour of four months in Captain McCamp's Company of Volunteers, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Brown, against the Nation of Creek Indians, that he was present and participated in that memorable Battle fought in March 1814 by General Jackson with the Creek Indians at the Horseshoe on the Tallapoosa River. – That more recently he served two Campaigns of six months each as a volunteer against the Seminole Indians under General Armstrong, and volunteered for a third service but would not be received on account of extreme old age. These latter statements are not made with the expectation of receiving remuneration from his Government therefore, but merely with the view to show his patriotism and loyalty to his Country. Applicant states that the reason he did not make an earlier application for a pension is that he is entirely illiterate, and having until within a short time past lived in a secluded condition, having but little intercourse with the intelligent part of the community, did not know of the existence of the law under which he now claims a pension. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any State.

S/ Allen Sneed, X his mark

Applicant states that he was born in Halifax County Virginia but is unable to state in what year: that he has no record of his age. – That he was living in Orange County North Carolina when he first volunteered in the service – lived there about 3 years after the War of the Revolution, then performed the Regular service named in the foregoing declaration, lived at West Point Tennessee 4 years, then in Bedford County, Tennessee 3 years, from there he removed to Shelby County Alabama where he lived several years, from there to the County of Tishomingo Mississippi where he lived for some time and from there to Marion County, Tennessee where he now lives. That he first volunteered in the service of his country & then enlisted as before stated. – Applicant states that he has a very indistinct memory of the General Officers with whom he was during the war, and can only state that he remembers those of General Greene and Morgan at Guilford, and those of Generals Washington, Lincoln and Lafayette at York Town. That he has been since regularly discharge from the service, but owing to the peculiar circumstances cannot now come at them and supposes they are lost. Applicant further states that he knows of no person living by whom he can prove his services.

Applicant refers to the following gentleman of his neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity, to wit, General William Stone, George Lewis, Benjamin Lewis, Amos Griffith Esquire – Applicant states that he has not now nor never did have a record of his age, for

reasons before set forth.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid

S/ Nicholas Smith, JP

S/ Allen Sneed, X his mark

[Michael Burkhalter, a clergyman, and Benjamin J Grayson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]