

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Nay S11128

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State of Virginia     }

County of Harrison }

On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August in the year 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the justices of said County of Harrison in court now sitting John Nay aged eight two 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<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he resided in the county of Culpeper Virginia during the time of the Revolution, that in the year 1778 or 9 he was drafted into a Company commanded by Capt. [name illegible] of the County of Culpeper Va. That he marched to James River above Richmond remained there some time and marched back to Culpeper and discharged having served three months.

Some time in the following year he was again ordered to service under the above named Capt. Reed [Hank Read] was marched to Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] where he joined the main army he was there placed under strange officers whos names he cannot now recollect except General Washington and the Marquis De Lafaette [sic: Lafayette]. From thence he marched to York. That he was present at the taking of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781]. From thence he marched as one of the guard of the Prisoners to Winchester. That he was discharged at the barracks near the latter place having served six months. he did not receive a discharge in writing and thinks it was not usual among the Militia as they were closed numbered and caled out by turns.

That he has no documentary evidence in his possession by which he can prove the above servises but refers to the testimony of his Brother herewith subjoined. He hereby relinquishes every claim 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. John hisXmark Nay  
[Certified by David B. Denham and Anderson Corbin (pension application W6739)].

Harrison County Virginia

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December 1833 John Nay the within applicant for a pension personally appeared before me one of the commonwealth Justices of the peace for the County of Harrison and State of Virginia who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following additional statement and explanation relative to the services rendered by him as a soldier of the war of the revolution —

That he was born in the County of Culpeper in the State of Virginia in the year 1750 & continued to reside in sd County untill the close of the war —

He has no record of his age & doese not know the month in which he was born. That upon mature reflection & a conversation with his Brother Wm Nay he finds that he commenced his second tour of duty under Capt. Reed in the Spring of 1781. He further states that he was drafted & served as a private soldier & that during s'd service he was not engaged in any civil pursuit. He also states that Capt Reed was a commissioned officer & regurally in the service of the State as he understood & verally believes —

He knows of no living witness except his Brother Wm Nay by whom he can prove the above service

He is acquainted with Benj. J Brice Esqr, Col. Benj. Reeder, Joseph Campbell Esq'r. &c to whom reference may be had. From Culpepper he removed to Harrison County where he now resides —

Sworn and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid Joseph Johnson J.P.

Harrison County Va. March 21 1833

Personally appeared before me one of the commonwealth Justices of the peace for the count & state aforesaid William Nay who being sworn saith that he is the Brother of John Nay who is an

applicant for a pension. that he is 69 years of age. that he was raised in Culpeper county Va. & resided there untill the close of the Revolutionary War. that he well recollects that his Brother John Nay was drafted in a company under the command of Henry Reed that he saw him march with said company & that he again saw his Brother on his return at the end of three months. he further states that some time after his Brother was cald out again under the same officers & marched to Williamsburg thence to yorktown that he was present at the taking of cornwallace as he deponent has at all times understood & that he was one of the guard of Prisoners to winchester after which he returned to culpeper county having served 6 months. this deponent states that he himself was in the service at the close of the war  
Sworn & subscribed before me  
J. Johnson J.P.

[The following report is by District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated many pensioners from Harrison and other counties of present West Virginia. For details see pension application S6111 of David W. Sleeth.]

John Nay draws \$20—

On the 23<sup>d</sup> July 1834 the Pensioner gave the following narative - is in his 85<sup>th</sup> year of age - raised in Culpepper County. Came to Harrison about 30 years ago - during the Rev war, cant say in what year, he was drafted for a three months tour and marched from Culpepper Cty. under Capt. Hanky Reed, to Richmond and below Richmond at a place the name of which he cant tell - got his discharge there. Cant tell how many men there were in service with him - nor how many companies there were - thinks there were two or three colonels - but dont recollect their names - thinks there was one General, but dont recollect his name - not long after the above tour, he was drafted again for three months, and marched from the same place (under a captain, who was a straine man, cant tell his name, nor can he tell the names of the Lieut or Ensign -) "to the same place but lower down" dont know how many men were along. thinks their colonels along and a general too. but he cant tell their names.

Shortly after the last mentioned tour he was drafted again for 3 months - went from some place under his first Captain Hanky Reed who was sent from Yorktown. on getting to York town was put under another captain whose name he cant tell. nor can he tell the names of any of the colonels, Majors or Generals under whom he served in this tour - the forgoing statement was given in the presence of Nathan Goff [pension agent at Clarksburg] was read to Nay in his presence and hearing and acknowledged to be correctly taken down.

A Copy. W. G Singleton

Note - this man is frail in body - and exceedingly weak in mind. I dont think the latter is impaired.

W. G Singleton Nov. 20, 1834