

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Frederick Nester S1572

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State of Tennessee Campbell County: SS

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 1832 personally appeared Frederick Nester a resident of said County in the State aforesaid aged about Ninety three years before me Thomas Chambers a Justice of the peace for said County 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein Stated. Entered the service under Captain Mordecai Clark that he resided in Burke County North Carolina was drafted was in an engagement at the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] was attached to the regular troops at a place called the pine tree in South Carolina and there was put to drive a wagon for the regulars General Edmondson was wagon master, and General Green [Nathanael Greene] Commanded the Army that he got a discharge from General Edmondson in which he stated I had served my tour of time and had received no pay that he gave this discharge to John S Fulton for the purpose of collecting his pay that said Fulton went to the West and died and he has not since seen his discharge that he was born in the year 1740 in January that he was in the service from about the first of May 1781 until about the first of December of the same year and that he knows of no person acquainted with his service. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Frederick Nester, X his mark

[Wright Sertin and James Chitwood gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee, Campbell County

On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September One thousand Eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared in open court before the Court of pleas and quarter Sessions of said County of Campbell the same being a court of record Frederick Nester, Senior a resident of said County of Campbell and State of Tennessee, Aged Ninety three years who being first duly sworn according to law doth upon his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he entered the service of the United States in Captain Johnson's [James Johnson's] company of drafted Militia men from Rutherford County in the State of North Carolina in the Spring season of the year 1780. And in the month of February as well as this applicant recollects.

He well remembers that the buds of the trees were just putting out and making their appearance. He does not remember distinctly the names of the other company officers. Col Grimes [William Grimes, sic, more likely this was Col. William Graham] commanded the Regiment, all under the command Genl. Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford]. The campaign was directed against the hostile Cherokee Indians and Tories had no general engagement. He served three months and a half for which he obtained a discharge signed by Captain Johnson. A few days after he returned home he was called into service under Captain Jinkins[sic, Jenkins?] to go against the Cherokee Indians again. Nicholas Pick was the Lieutenant. He got killed by the Indians. General Rutherford and Col Grimes commanded as upon the first campaign. He served two months in this campaign. Captain Jinkins died upon the tour and he has no recollection of getting a discharge. Soon after his return home he moved about twenty miles which placed his residence in Burke County North Carolina. In the early part of the fall [sic, fall] of the same year he volunteered in Captain Pickerstaff's [sic, probably John Bickerstaff's?] company of Mounted Volunteers to go against the Tories. Col McDowel [sic, Joseph McDowell] commanded the Regiment and Genl. Charles McDowel [sic, Charles McDowell] was the Brigadier who command the whole of the troops. The service we performed was in ranging the Country to watch and suppress the Movements of the Tories who were numerous in that section of the Country. He served two months but has no recollection of getting a discharge.

He had been at home but a short time until he was drafted for three months under Captain Connally [John Connelly], Benjamin Bunt was Lieutenant does not remember the name of the Ensign. William Grimes was Colonel who commanded the Regiment. All under the command of Genl. McDowell. We were marched to McKahay's [?] fort and from there to Wauford's [sic, Wofford's] fort where we were stationed two months. A few days before the battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781], we were marched to join Genl. Morgan [sic, then Col Daniel Morgan] but did not arrive until the next day after the battle was fought. He then assisted in guarding the prisoners across the Catawba River to one Smith's where Genl Morgan was encamped. It was there he seen Col Washington [William Washington] for the first time. He states he served three months. Being the time for which he was drafted; has no recollection of receiving a discharge.

He returned home and in the month of May he with his wagon and team was drafted by Captain Clark [Mordecai Clark] to haul the baggage for his Company of drafted militia from Burke County North Carolina. Rendezvoused at the Creek three miles below what was then called the Pine tree, now called Camden in South Carolina. The troops were placed under the command of Col Marberry [sic, probably a reference to Francois Lellorquis Marquis de Malmedy] a Regular officer who was stationed at that place. He was then attached to the regular army. General Edmondston was wagon master. We joined General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] and marched across the Congaree River to Thompson's fort which place had been occupied by the British previous to that time, but upon the advance of the American troops under the command of Genl Greene evacuated the place and marched to the Eutaw Springs, at which place Genl Greene overtook them after a forced march of almost one whole night. The only part he took in the battle [September 8, 1781] was in removing the wounded to the hospital in his wagon. After the battle was over, from the Eutaw Springs he marched with his team to the High hills of Santee to which place the troops were marched after the battle and where they were stationed when the news arrived of the surrender of Lord Cornwallace [sic, Cornwallis, Yorktown, October 19, 1781]. He continued in the services until in the month of December, when he received a discharge from General Edmondston the Wagon Master for Seven months, which discharge specified that he had received no pay for himself or team. He states that he lost two of his horses belonging to the team while in service and that he never received any pay from the United States either for his services or the loss of his horses. He states that about the year he

gave the last mentioned discharge to John S. Fulton an attorney at law who he had employed to petition Congress for some special provision to remunerate him for the loss of his horses and pay for his services which he had never received. Shortly afterwards said Fulton removed to the State of Alabama and died. He states that he has never since seen his discharge nor does he know what has become of it. He states that he was born in Germany on the 24<sup>th</sup> April 1739. He states that he once had a record of his age but that it is lost. That he was living when called into service in Rutherford County in the State of North Carolina, from there removed to Burke County in the State aforesaid during the war. From there after the close of the war to Montgomery County, Virginia. From there to Tennessee and he is now a Citizen of Campbell County Tennessee. He was sometimes drafted and sometimes a volunteer as stated in his declaration. He recollects Genl Greene, Genl Morgan and Col Washington. He also recollects Genl Rutherford, Genl McDowell. The general circumstances of his services he states are set forth in the foregoing part of this declaration. He states that he received a discharge for a part of the service he performed and for a part he did not as before stated in his declaration. As to his character for veracity he refers to his acquaintances generally and particularly Thomas Wheeler, Daniel Martin, William Bridgman Col Joseph Hart, Col Joseph Peterson and to the Court now upon the bench. He states that he has no documentary evidence of his service nor does he know of any person living by whom he can prove all of his services, such as he can procure he will produce to the Court.

That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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 in open court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Frederick Nester, X his mark

Aforesaid sworn to in open Court this 10<sup>th</sup> day Sept 1833.

S/ William Casey Clk

We Thomas Wheeler and Rawlings James resident citizens of the County of Campbell and State of Tennessee hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Frederick Nester who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to be about ninety three years of age. That he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution and that we concur in that opinion said Thomas Wheeler further declares that he was present when said applicant gave his discharge to John S. Fulton an attorney at law for the purposes stated. In the foregoing declaration of said applicant said Rawlings James further states that he lived in the same neighborhood of Frederick Nester the present applicant about eight or ten miles distant from him during the time of the Revolutionary War and heard of said applicant being out in the service several different times but did not serve in the regiments with him. Sworn to and subscribed in open court this the date above written.

S/ Thos. Wheeler

S/ Rollins James

Sworn to in open court 10th Sept 1833

Test: S/ William Casey, Clerk

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$35 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 10 ½ months in the North Carolina militia.]