

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Nevil S1573

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State of Tennessee Rutherford County: County Court November Sessions 1832

On this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Thomas [indecipherable last name], Turner D. Cowen and H. D. Jamison Esquires, Justices holding said Court, Thomas Nevil aged seventy-one years a resident of said County and State, 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 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832 – That he entered the Service of the United States in the year in the County of Amherst [Amherst] State of Virginia as a drafted militia man under Captain Ned Garland [Edward Garland] and rendezvoused at the Barracks in the County of Albemarle. It was in the winter of 1781 that declarant joined the service, and the duty assigned the Corps was to guard the prisoners, that had been taken at York, in the defeat and capture of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] – declarant was in the 17<sup>th</sup> year of his age when he entered the service – Declarant remained under the command of Captain, then promoted Major Garland for some months, but how long he cannot state with certainty – and he was taken sick, and was furloughed and returned home in the Spring of the year 1782 – In the fall of the year 1782 in the County of Amherst State of Virginia declarant was again called out and joined a detachment under the command of Captain James Mathews and rendezvoused at one Thomas Goblins in the County of Amherst, and declarant was ordered with the rest of the company to go out in the pursuit of beef cattle, and drive them to said Goblins – The beef cattle when collected were for the use of the prisoners in Albemarle and for the Garrison at Irvins old Store in Albemarle. In marching through the Country in search of beef cattle the Corps was confined to the County of Amherst, and did not [indecipherable word] beyond the limits of the County – Declarant believes that it was in November 1781 that he joined the service to guard the prisoners in Albemarle, and he was furloughed in the spring of the year 1782 and he believes that he was on this service four or five months or more; and on his second Tour of duty under Captain Mathews he cannot say what length of time he was in service, though he believes it was a full Tour of duty in said Service – Declarant has lost his discharge or furlough and he knows of no one now living by whom he can prove his said service, and he has no document in his possession or record to aid his memory will or show that he performed the service above stated – Declarant is now in the 71<sup>st</sup> year of his age, and he had a register of his age, but it has been torn out of his Father's Bible and lost. Declarant was born in the County of Amherst and remained there after the war until he removed to Tennessee Rutherford County where he now resides – Declarant states that when he was in service there were no other Troops then militia – He does not recollect of seeing any officers or soldiers of the regular Army while he was on duty – Declarant would state, that he is acquainted in his neighborhood with Colonel William W. Seary, General John McGregor, Scion S. Read, &c &c – declarant believes he was in service 9 months.

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 the day and year aforesaid

S/ J. R. Laughlin, Clk

S/ Thomas Nevil, X his mark

[Baxton H. Ragsdale, a clergyman, and Walter Keeble gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee Rutherford County

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned justice of the peace for said County and State Thomas Nevil, who, being duly sworn deposed and saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades for five months as a private soldier under Captain Garland to guard the prisoners &c; and for three months a private under the command of Captain James Mathews in Amherst County Virginia and for such service I claim a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 1833

S/ Henry D Jamison, JP

S/ Thomas Nevil, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months in the Virginia militia.]