

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Christian Nibarger (Nighberger) S16212

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The State of Ohio Logan County: SS

On the 24<sup>th</sup> day of October A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court before George Elliott, Esquire President & James McPherson, Robert Smith & Levi Garrard Esquires his associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the first Judicial Circuit in the State of Ohio the same being a Court of record Christian Nighberger age sixty-nine years on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May last and 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated. That in the month of February in the year 1780 as well as he can now remember he was drafted to serve a Tour of three months. The Draft was made in Shenandoah County in the State of Virginia where he then resided. He was then attached to a company commanded by Captain John [last name too faint to discern]<sup>1</sup>. The names of the Lieutenant & Ensign he cannot remember. He thinks the Battalion was commanded by Major \_\_ Crookshanks. He was stationed at the barracks about four miles North of Winchester in Frederick County in the State of Virginia. The Company was engaged in Guarding a number of prisoners who were then in the said Barracks. He served out the full Term of three months at the said Barracks when he was discharged from service in the town of Winchester above mentioned. He received a written discharge which he has lost a number of years since. Sometime in the month of June following his discharge above mentioned he was again drafted at his residence in Shenandoah County aforesaid for the term of three months & attached to a company Commanded by Captain John Marshal [John Marshall]. The names of the Lieutenant & Ensign he cannot now remember. He thinks the Battalion was commanded by Major \_\_ Welsh. He thinks General \_\_ Stephens [Edward Stevens] was there as a General of Militia & had command. General Lafayette & General Wayne were also there & had command of the Continental Troops. He was marched with said last mentioned Company from said County of Shenandoah to what was then called Head quarters about seven miles from Williamsburg in the State of Virginia at a place called the Three Springs – where he was kept marching backwards & forwards between Fredericksburg & Richmond in the State of Virginia watching & repelling the movements of the British Army who were then in that section of the Country until within a short time before the surrender of the British Army by Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] when he was regularly discharge from service near Petersburg in the State of Virginia. He received a written discharge. He has lost also which has long since been lost. He was in no Battles during either of the Terms of service

above mentioned.

1<sup>st</sup> He was Born in the Town of Winchester in the State of Virginia on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. 1764

2<sup>nd</sup>. He has the record of his age with the Balance of his Father's Family now in his possession.

3<sup>rd</sup>. He resided in Shenandoah County in the State of Virginia when first called into service where he continued to reside until he was about 25 years of age when he removed to Hardy County in the State of Virginia where he resided about 7 or 8 years when he again moved to said County of Shenandoah where [he] resided about 7 or 8 years when he moved to the County of Monongahela in the State of Virginia where he resided about 8 years when he removed to the County of Licking in the State of Ohio where he resided until the month of November last past when he moved to the County of Logan in the State of Ohio where he now resides.

4<sup>th</sup>. He was called into the Service as herein before stated.

5<sup>th</sup>. He has already stated the names of the regular officers who were with the Troops where he served.

He knows of no person by whom he can prove his aforesaid service but Jacob Nighberger & Christopher Nighberger who reside in the County of Licking in this State & whose Depositions are hereto attached as proof on this application. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any State.

S/ Christian Nighberger

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christian Nighberger". The ink is dark and the background is a light, textured paper.

[Thomas V. Green, a clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal Church, gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

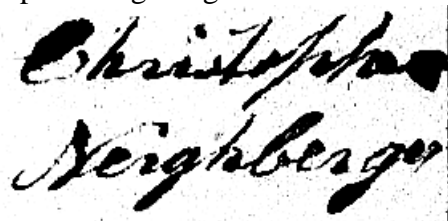
[Andrew Hite gave a separate standard supporting affidavit.]

The State of Ohio Licking County

Before me John Swern A Justice of the Peace for said County personally came Christopher Neighbarger who being duly sworn according to law deposed and saith that he was 10 or 11 years of age and at that time his Brother Christian Neighbarger was called out to Served a 3 months tour in the revolutionary war in behalf of these United States first he guarded the Prisoners at or near Winchester Frederick County Virginia 2<sup>nd</sup> and also was called out and served 3 months and was discharged a few days before Corn Wallis Surrendered.

Sworn to and subscribed before me at the County aforesaid this 30<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 1833

S/ Christopher Neighberger

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The State of Ohio Licking County

before me John Swern one of the Justices of the Peace for said County personally came Jacob Neighbarger who being duly sworn according to law deposed and saith that Christian

Neighbarger Served as private Soldier in the revolutionary war in behalf of these United States first 3 months in the Spring of 1780 joined the company at Strawsberg Virginia Shenandoah County thence marched to or near Winchester Frederick County State aforesaid and served there 3 months guarding the Prisoners

2<sup>nd</sup> the aforesaid Christian Neighbarger was called on and in the summer of 1781 and was Discharged a few days before the surrender of Corn Walles and served 3 months in the Campaign so he verily [believes] and further this Deponent saith not. Sworn to and subscribed before me at the County aforesaid this 30<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 1833.

S/ Jacob Neighbarger, X his mark

[Note: Veteran made another application in 1838 which is almost identical to the one transcribed above. Why this second application was filed is not clear to me.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]