

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Nix S16495

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State of Georgia, Harris County

On this the twenty second day of January 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the Inferior Court for said County & State now sitting, James Nix, a resident of Harris County in State of Georgia aged Seventy-Three 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 7th, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

That he was drafted in the Militia of South Carolina during the Revolutionary War, and served about two weeks under Col. Hopkins [David Hopkins], does not recollect the day month or year of his said service, that he was taken sick at the expiration of about two weeks and was permitted by his Commander to return home on account of inability to serve -- that he resided in Chester County South Carolina -- that he was engaged in no battle -- that at another time he volunteered and served on foot in the Militia of South Carolina a term of six months as a Guard of the Prisoners at Orangeburg, South Carolina under Capt. Rump [perhaps Jacob Rumph of the Orangeburgh militia] and received a discharge of him -- that he was not engaged in any regular fight or battle & never went out of South Carolina -- and the discharge which he received was in consequence of getting wet & other exposures & the effect of age & is worn out & destroyed -- that he cannot recollect the day month or year of his service & knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his Service.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

(Questions by the Court with their answers.)

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

A. Was born in Virginia in the year 1759 or 60 as his parents told him and agreeable to their statement was brought to Chester County, South Carolina at 3 years old

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

A. Has no record of his age, is unlearned, & speaks from the relation & statement of his parents while living.

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

A. Chester County South Carolina -- lived in South Carolina until between 20 & 30 years ago and then removed to Georgia where he has since resided & now lives in Harris County -- Georgia.

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

A. First was drafted & served about 2 weeks -- afterwards volunteered & served 6 months.

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

A. Hopkins was the Col. under whom I served -- Anderson Thomas my Capt. -- General Sumter's [Thomas Sumter's] Regiment -- this circumstances of his Service have been stated.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

A. Received a discharge from Col. Hopkins & Jacob Rump Capt. and they were worn out & destroyed

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

A. Lloyd Cooper, Henry Whitaker, Charles L. Kennon, Wiley White, William Griggs & others as to veracity -- & good character but no one as to his service except from Report.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day & year aforesaid.

S/ James Nix, C his mark

S/ S. A. Billints, JIC

S/ Daniel Hightower, JIC

S/ B. Beasley, JIC

[John W. Cooper, a clergyman, and William Norris gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the South Carolina militia.]