

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of NATHANIEL MILTON [sic, MELTON]: S1703 *f19NC*

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State of Tennessee }

Morgan County } Circuit Court

On this 3d day of September personally appeared before the Circuit Court of the county and state aforesaid NATHANIEL MILTON age seventy three years 7th April next, a resident of the county of Morgan & state of Tennessee, 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, served as volunteer under, GENERAL GREEN *[Nathanael Greene]*, Col Litteral *[sic, John Luttrell]* Christian name not recollected, CAPT NASH *[Abner Nash]* & LIEUTENANT ROBERT PATTERSON, that he remained in their service about twenty months entered the service in October 1779 left the service in 1781 that he was in one engagement in Randolph County North Carolina on the waters of deep river the aforesaid officers commanding resided in Cumberland County North Carolina when he entered the service, that he was a volunteer, marched from Chatham County into Cumberland Cty thence on to Cheraw hill then to George Town then to drowning creek at McFall's bridge when they had a slight engagement *[Little Raft Swamp, September 1, 1781]*,¹ thence up to cross back to cross creek, Cumberland County then sent on different scouting Lastly that COL THOMAS ARMSTRONG also commanded that he has no documentary evidence now in his possession and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service, He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension 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. Sworn to in open court.

NATHANIEL MELTON, X his mark

We Jephtha Duncan, formerly a clergy ___ for said county and ANDREW Prichit residing in the said county of Morgan & state aforesaid hereby certify that we are much acquainted with NATHANIEL MILTON who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to be about seventy three years of age, that he is respected and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution and we concur in that opinion. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Sworn to in open court. 3 Sep 1832

S/ Andrew Prichit, X his mark

S/ Jephthah Duncan

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¹ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_little_raft_swamp.html

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State of Tennessee Morgan County} County Court April Term 1833

This 16th day of April 1833, personally appeared in open Court Nathaniel Milton before John M. Davis, Daniel L Launder, & John Williams who constitute the quorum Court & it being a Court of Record having a clerk & seal, and after being first duly sworn (makes the following amendments to his declaration), deposeth 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 one year and six months applicant served as private volunteer militia man for one year of said time & served as a Sergeant six months as a mounted horseman in the militia Applicant further states that there is no clergyman residing in his neighborhood therefore cannot cure one to certify for him. Applicant was born & raised in Chatham County North Carolina in the year 1760 7th of April as he was informed by his Father applicant has no record of his age. Applicant never received a written discharge from the service, Applicant received a commission as Sergeant from Colonel Thomas Armstrong signed by him, which he left at his Father's in North Carolina, which has been lost upwards of twenty years, applicant states the names of the following persons citizens & neighbors who would testify as to his veracity and to his services as a soldier of the revolution to wit, John Williams an acting Justice of the peace – Matthias Williams, Andrew Pruhit & Michael Stincyper [Michael Stonecyper?], and for such service applicant claims a pension.

S/ Nathaniel Milton, X his mark

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State of Tennessee Morgan County }September term of the Circuit Court for 1833

Personally appeared in open Court Nathaniel Melton & after being duly sworn according to law, makes the following amendments to his original declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act last past for the benefit of the old Revolutionary soldiers; that he entered the service of the United States in the State of North Carolina Chatham County under the following officers to wit Capt. Nash & Lieutenant Robert Patterson Regiment commanded by General Greene applicant volunteered as a private for the term of three months at Chatham Court House, where he was stationed at the barracks that was then kept up at said Court House, applicant was several times sent out on scouting parties we had an engagement on Cane Creek about twenty-five miles from the barracks, applicant was continued three months in the service in this tour, after the expiration of this tour applicant entered again as a volunteer private under Captain Charles Golston [Charles Gholson] for the term of twelve months in the same County Colonel Luttrell commanded, applicant performed this last service as a mounted horseman, Applicant was again Stationed at Chatham Court house, applicant was marched ten or twelve miles above the Courthouse, as mounted horseman, against the British & Tories had a battle in which seventeen of the enemy was taken & one killed, Applicant was then sent with the prisoners to Hillsborough, where he delivered up the prisoners to Governor Burke [Thomas Burke], applicant remained at Hillsboro a few days whilst applicant was at Hillsborough, the enemy attacked [Hillsboro, September 12, 1781]² the town & succeeded in taking the town applicant & two others made their escape the balance of the Army & the citizens of town including the Governor were all taken prisoner, applicant returned to Chatham Court House. Applicant then went with Colonel Luttrell to the main Army ten or twelve miles from Chatham Court [house] on Cane Creek that was then commanded by General Butler [John Butler], applicant was in an engagement [Lindley's Mill, September 13, 1781]³ shortly after he got to the main Army about 70 of the Americans were killed Colonel Luttrell one of the number, the enemy returned with the prisoners & applicant was ordered by Colonel Mayburn [probably Robert Mebane] & General Butler to assist in taking care of the wounded, was occupied in care for two weeks, applicant served seven months in this tour, Applicant then volunteered for no certain period, under Captain John

² http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hillsborough.html

³ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_lindleys_mill.html

Cox was stationed some time at Chatham Court House, Then was marched by General Greene to Cross Creek, where he remained a while was then marched to Cheraw Hills, from thence to a little town on Pedee [River] called George Town, thence back to Cross Creek, thence to Salisbury where applicant was stationed about 20 days was then sent to Cross Creek under Captain Cox to guard the town, where applicant was stationed the balance of this service during the time applicant was sent out on several scouting parties, at one time was sent to Randolph County where he was in an engagement in which six of the Americans were killed and three wounded the next day applicant was taken prisoner, but afterwards made his escape applicant was ten months in the service in this last tour that applicant served in all of the towers [tours] twenty months with an embodied corps called into service by competent authority, that he was all of the time either in the field or stationed at the Barracks as aforesaid and for the time during which the service was performed, he was not employed in any civil pursuit, and for his services claims a pension.

Sworn & subscribed to in open Court September 28, 1833

S/ Robert A. Dabney, Clerk

S/Nathaniel Melton, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$66.66 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 20 months in the North Carolina militia.]