

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Nathan Ratliff S17034

VA

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State of Virginia, Montgomery County to wit

On this 1st day of July 1833, personally appeared before the county court of Montgomery, Nathan Ratliff, a resident of the state of Virginia and county aforesaid, aged 71 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 provisions made by an 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 entered the service the last of May or first of June in the year 1778 when a youth and served for the term of one month as a private under Capt. Joshua Wilson, and William Hungate was his Lieutenant, against the Indians. Colonel [William] Preston at the time acted as Colonel in Montgomery aforesaid. That he then entered the service about the latter part of June or the first of July in the year 1780 under Captain Abram Trigg, afterwards General Trigg. Preston was still the acting Colonel, in the county and we were marched to the Shallow ford of the Adkin [sic: Yadkin River] in North Carolina where we had a skirmish with the Tories and defeated them [14 Oct 1780]. Colonel [Joseph] Cloyd acted as our Major and was the commander of the force. Preston remained at home during both these tours. The two tours together amounted to eight months your applicant served. Your applicant resided in the county of Montgomery at the time he entered the service & has remained a resident there ever since, he has no documentary evidence of his service, except the accompanying affidavits. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity whatever, 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.

Nathan hisNmark Ratliff

Floyd County to wit

On this 17th day of June 18 [sic] personally appeared before the subscriber a justice of the peace in & for the county of Floyd Daniel Howel [Daniel Howel, pension application S13413] & made oath that he served one month with Nathan Ratliff in the revolutionary war, which time of one month comenced the last of May or first firs of June 1780 said Ratliff acted as a private soldier. Given under my hand & seal this 17th day June 1833 [signed] George Shelor

Floyd County to wit.

On this 17th day of June 1833 personally appeared before me the subscriber a justice of the peace in & for the county of Floyd John Duncan Senr [S8373] & made oath that he knew Nathan Ratliff in the revolutionary war, the first time he saw said Ratliff was the last of June or first of July 1780, & knows that said Ratliff served seven months as a private soldier. Given under my hand & seal this 17th day of June 1833. [signed] Wm Hancock

[The following is evidently an amendment to the original declaration:]

A Statement, showing the service of Nathan Ratliff in the Militia of Virginia

when the service was	Dura- tion of the			Rank of the Claimant	Names and rank of the Field officers under whom he served	Age at present, and place of abode when he entered the service	Proof by which the declaration is supported
	claim- ant's ser- vices	Years	Months				
1780		1		Private	Col Hugh Crockett[?] Capt. Joshua Wilson Liut Wm Hungate	72 years Botetort [sic: Botetourt] County VA	Daniel Howell Floyd County Va & Henry Bishop & Thomas Ally Sr
1780		2		Private	Col Wm Preston & Danl Trigg [Daniel Trigg] Capt		John Duncan Sr Floyd County Va & Henry Bishop & Thomas Ally Sr
1780		3		Private Volunteer	Majr Jos Cloyd & Capt. Abram Trigg		John Duncan Sr Floyd Cty
1781		2		Private	Capt George Pearis & Lieut Saml McGeehee [sic: Samuel McGee]		John Duncan Sr

This claimant states that the first months service rendered as stated in the above tabular form was rendered in an expedition against the Indians on the frontier of Virginia His second tour was performed against the Tories in Montgomery Va His third tour was performed against the British & Tories in North Carolina and in which tour this declarant was at the Battle of the Shallow Ford in which the American forces gained the Victory His fourth tour was performed against the Indians in Montgomery County Virginia —

Virginia Montgomery County Sc. This day Nathan Ratliff the above named person solemnly affirmed before me a Justice of the Peace for said County that the statement by him made in the above tabular form is correct. Given under my hand Aug 12 1834 [signed] Robt Gardner