

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Nolin S1708

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State of Tennessee, Madison County} SS

On this Eleventh day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court James Nolin aged Seventy-Seven years a resident of said County, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress June 7th, 1832. That he was born in the year 1756 on James River in Virginia. I have no record of my birth. After I was grown I was at the home of William Ronden, an old friend of my father's who informed me that he stood as Godfather for me when I was baptized, and showed me my age, where he had recorded in his Bible. The month I do not recollect and from that time to this I have kept my age by memory. While I was very small my father moved to Fairfield district in South Carolina near General and Col. Winn where I lived until I was grown and in the Summer or Autumn of 1776 I enlisted in the Service of the United States for 3 years by Capt. Hopkins [David Hopkins] of the South Carolina Continental line in the Regiment (the number of which I do not recollect) commanded by Col. Thompson [William Thomson], after my enlistment I was marched to head quarters then at Col. Flood's near the Eutaw Springs. Here we remained some time and I was marched with a part of the Regiment of picked men under Col. Brown to Ninety Six and were stationed there about 3 months our principal service being to arrest the Tories in that part of Country we took a great many and had them confined in Jail. I was sent back with others to our old quarters at Floyd's [?], and about a year after I first enlisted was marched to Charleston and was quartered there, where we remained well on to a year, having no fighting and in the latter part of the Summer after we went to Charleston in the year 1778, we were ordered to Georgia to protect that State from the Tories who had been committing great outrages about Midway meeting house, -- burning stacks of rice &c -- and had destroyed almost all the wells of water in that part of the Country, by throwing goats into them. General Winn and a party had gone out upon an expedition to Aulternahan River [Altamaha River], where they erected a little Fort, and a party of Tories took them prisoners. The Tories were headed by a man by the name of Brown (who we call "Burnt-foot Brown" from the circumstance of his having been tarred and feathered and burnt at Augusta and had his feet badly burned) [Thomas Brown] and a one eyed man by the name of Daniel McGirt, who was a great horse thief. It was after we heard of these events our Regiment under Col. Brown was marched to Georgia. We made Midway-Meeting house our headquarters, the Tories ceased their depredations after we arrived, about 2 or 3 months after we arrived at Midway-Meeting house we were marched to Savannah, news having reached us that the British contemplated an attack upon that place. Some time that winter of the British came and were

some days about the mouth of the Savannah River as we were informed. From the landing to the town there was a road made through the swamp which lay between the landing and the town by 2 ditches and a causeway and the dirt thrown upon it. We were placed at one end of this causeway with about 50 or more or less [?] men, and the Main body of the Army between the other end of the causeway and the town. The British approached and we opened a fire upon them, and they a destructive one upon our little party and killed and wounded almost the whole party. I was wounded and taken prisoner. The British marched into Savannah. The American Army making little or no resistance. A week or 2 after I was taken I was put on board a vessel and sent by sea to St. Augustine and confined in a dungeon, where I was confined about a month, when I was paroled for the limits of the town at the instance of James Philips a Tory with whom I had been acquainted from childhood. I was kept at St. Augustine a prisoner with others until after peace, when I was discharged and returned home, to Fairfield district South Carolina. All my acquaintances supposing I was killed at Savannah, never having heard of me after the battle -- I lived in South Carolina until about 22 years ago, when I moved to this State, and lived in Humphreys County, and lived 7 years and moved to Harrison County Tennessee and remained there about 3 years, and from thence to this County, where I have been living about 8 years. I am an unlettered man and consequently a bad hand to keep dates & retain accurately the events of so many years. I never received any discharge because I was taken prisoner and my time expired in the Country at peace when I returned home. He has never applied for a pension before this. He relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed to in open Court on 10th August 1832.

Test: S/ Rm Iver, Clerk

S/ James Nolin, X his mark

[William Anderson and Leroy Anderson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum for service as a private for 2 years in the South Carolina 3rd Regiment on Continental establishment.]