

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Martin Nease S1776

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[p 3, file 2]

State of North Carolina, Orange County } SS

On this 1st day of September 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions, of the County and State aforesaid, Martin Nease, of the said County & State, age seventy-one years last February, he supposes, 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.

In the year 1799 [sic, 1779?], he was drafted, in the County of Orange & State of North Carolina, in the Militia of the State, for the term of nine months. He was in the company of Captain Young [Joseph Young], Lieutenant Patterson; -- Field officers General Butler [John Butler] & Col. Archibald Lytle. His company was organized near Haw River, & was marched to Savannah in the State of Georgia, by way of Salisbury & Camden. The British were in the neighborhood of Savannah during the time the declarant was there -- no battle was fought -- but there was some skirmishing. The declarant served out the nine months for which he was drafted, & was discharged on this side of Savannah --& returned home.

In December of the same year, he supposes, on the 28th he was again drafted in the County of Orange & State of North Carolina, for the term of three months, & was attached to the company of Captain Rogers [William Rogers] at first -- and then was placed under the command of Captain O'Neal [William O'Neal] & Lieutenant Trousdale [James Trousdale]. From Orange, they were marched to Charleston, South Carolina; -- at Charleston, O'Neal was promoted, & Trousdale was appointed Captain of his company. This company belonged to General Lillington's [John Alexander Lillington's] Brigade. He was in no battle in this tour -- was employed in making breastworks &c. He served out his term of three months, and was discharged at Charleston March 28, 1780 -- as will appear by the printed discharge hereunto annexed -- which appears not to have been signed. This declarant supposes that the signing was omitted in the hurry of business -- but he is certain that he received the paper at the time, as a discharge. From Charleston he returned home. After the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781], the declarant was again drafted in the County of Orange, for the term of three months -- and drove a wagon from Orange County North Carolina to South Carolina, loaded with the baggage of Colonel Wooten & Colonel Farmer. When on his return with his wagon, within the limits of South Carolina, & being with the guard placed over the prisoners taken at the battle of the Eutaw [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781] -- Colonel Malmedy [Francis de Malmedy, Marquis of Bretagne] placed the declarant in the charge of J. Galbraith D. Q. M.-- as will appear by the written discharge here unto annexed -- and was discharged on the 18th September 1781 by J.

Galbraith, D. Q. M. When he was discharged by Galbraith, his term of three months service wanted a few days of being ended: he remembers that it was understood at the time Colonel Malmedy stopped him on his return with his wagon which was previously, of course, to the declarant's being left by the said Colonel with Galbraith – that declarant's term of service would expire by the time he could reach Hillsboro, N. C. with his wagon. The declarant returned home, & was not again in the service. He was born in North Hampton County in the State of Pennsylvania, he supposes somewhere about the year 1760. At the age of 13 years, or thereabouts, he was removed to the County of Orange & State of North Carolina, where he hath ever since resided. He has no record of his age. He is known to Major John Taylor,¹ John Efland, and John Ferrel, of his County & neighborhood. He has no other documentary evidence of his service than is herein set forth. He has procured the testimony, in the form of an affidavit of John Efland, of the County & State aforesaid as proof in part of his service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State, so far as he has no knowledge

Sworn to in open Court.

S/ J. Taylor, Clerk

S/ Martin Nease, X his mark

[p 21, file #1: Alexander Albright, a clergyman, and William Montgomery gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[May 30, 1837, veteran applied for a transfer of his benefits to Henry County, Tennessee]

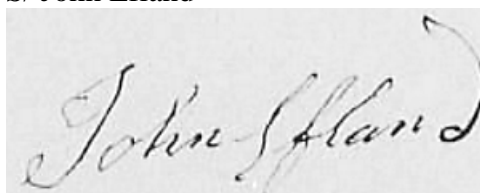
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John Efland,² after being duly sworn according to law, before me, one of the Justices of the Peace for said County, maketh oath, that he served with Martin Nease, of the County & State aforesaid a tour of three months and the United States service, and the War of the Revolution, at Charleston South Carolina, and part, and that said Martin Nice was previously in the service at Savannah, Georgia.

Sworn to & subscribed September 1, 1832

S/ D. Yarbrough, JP

S/ John Efland

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Efland". The ink is dark and the paper is light-colored. The signature is written in a fluid, connected style typical of the early 19th century.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$38.33 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 11 ½ months in the North Carolina militia.]

¹ [John Taylor W18114](#)

² [John Efland S6814](#)