

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Nobles S18142

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State of South Carolina Edgefield District }

On this Eleventh day of April in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court before one Josiah J. Evans one of the Judges of said State now sitting in and for said District William Nobles a resident of the State and District aforesaid aged Seventy-Two 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in the beginning of the year 1779 as a private volunteer in a company of mounted militia commanded by Capt. Middleton [James Middleton] -- which said company was attached to a Battalion commanded by Major Kershaw [William Kershaw] belonging to a Regiment commanded by Col. Leroy Hammond, which constituted a part of a Brigade of South Carolina Militia of which Brigade General Andrew Williamson was then the commander, that this deponent together with the company aforesaid, made an expedition in the State of Georgia early in the year 1779 and on Briar Creek in Burke County Georgia met & engaged [March 3, 1779]¹ in advanced party of the British Army under General Provost [Augustine Prevost] on the march from Augusta to Savannah where several of the enemy was [indecipherable word, looks like "Relisa"]², the deponent served at this time six months. The headquarters of the Brigade was at Liberty Hill near Augusta. The company that this deponent was attached to was then discharged, after which he immediately attached himself as a volunteer to a company commanded by Capt. John Ryan and continued with him until in the latter part of the Spring of 1781 -- a term of service under the said Ryan for 18 months of [sic, or ?] upwards, during which time he was engaged in frequent Battles & Skirmishes with the Tories. This deponent further them states, that after that time in the summer of 1781 he attached himself as a volunteer to a company commanded by Capt. James Thomas company was attached to a Brigade commanded by General Andrew Pickens, and was present at the siege of Augusta and at the taking of Grayson's [sic, Grierson's] & Brown's Forts,³ and continued in active service in said Brigade until the close of the war. This deponent further states, that he never received a

¹ Briar Creek March 3, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>

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³ Siege of Augusta (second/Clarke) [May 22-June 6, 1781] <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/810522-augusta/>

discharge.

This deponent further states in answer to the interrogatories⁴ required by the War Department that he was born in the State & District before mentioned that he was born either in the year 1760 or 1761. That he has no record of his age, that it was reputed in his family that there was a record, but he is unable to ascertain the month of the year when he was born in.

This deponent has no written or documentary evidence on which to rely for the verification of his declaration. The deponent hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid
S/ J. Richardson, CCP

S/ William Nobles, X his mark

[Thomas Norris, a clergyman, and John Simkins gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Personally appeared Col. Samuel Hammond⁵ before me and after being duly sworn says that he knew William Nobles to be in the Service of the United States from January or February 1879 [sic, 1779] to May 1780 as a private and that he was under the command of this deponent (who commanded as Col.) attached to Capt. John Ryan's Company and he further says that after deponent's return from the North he found said William Nobles still in the Service of the United States attached to Capt. Carter's company which was also under his command and believes said William Nobles served at least one year between the years 1781 and 1783 to this deponent's knowledge.

S/ S. Hammond



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On this __ day of __ in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court before me Richard Gantt one of the Judges of the said Court now sitting in and for said District

⁴ The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

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

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

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

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

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

7th 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.

⁵ [Samuel Hammond S21807](#)

William Noble [sic, Nobles] a resident of the State and District aforesaid aged Seventy-two 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 in the beginning of the year 1779 as a private in a company of mounted militia commanded by Capt. Middleton (the particular name of the Corps cannot be designated as the arms used were not uniformly of the same description) which said company was attached to a Battalion in the state and district aforesaid commanded by Major Kershaw belonging to a Regiment commanded by Col. Leroy Hammond, which constituted a part of a Brigade of South Carolina Militia of which Brig. General Andrew Williamson was then the command. That this deponent together with his company aforesaid, made an expedition to the State of Georgia early in the year 1779 and on Briar Creek in Burke County (Georgia) met and engaged an advanced party of the British Army under General Provost on his marched from Augusta to Savannah where several of the enemy were killed.

The deponent served at this time a tour of 6 months the headquarters of his division being at Liberty Hill near Augusta. After this time his company was informally discharged, and the deponent was frequently engaged in scouting parties against the Tories under different officers until the spring of 1781 when he again entered the Army of which General Pickens was commander under the immediate command of Capt. James Thomas and was present and served at the siege of Augusta, and the taking of Grayson's and Brown's forts. This deponent was subsequently engaged under Capt. John Ryan and other officers in various scouts and reconnoitering parties in pursuit of Tories who in considerable number infested this section of country, and was engaged until the end of the war and if the different periods of time for which he was actively engaged in military service were added together would amount to 2 years at least. This deponent has no written or documentary evidence on which to rely for the verification of his declaration. The deponent 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.

Sworn to before

S/ William Nobles, X his mark

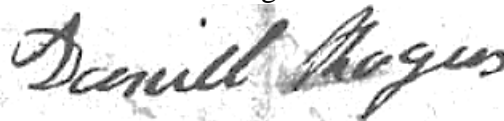
S/ Richard Gantt, Presiding Judge

[Thomas Norris, a clergyman, and Daniel Rogers gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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I do hereby certify that all the internal facts as above declared and set forth are true having personally served in the same company under the same officers and in the same campaigns -- and I doubt not that he served in the service of the United States during the Revolutionary War for at least 2 years.

S/ Daniel Rogers⁶

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel Rogers". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with some flourishes.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]

⁶ [Daniel Rogers S18186](#)