

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Nicholas Counce [Counts], S2443

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State of Tennessee

Grainger County

On this 4th day of January 1833 personally appeared in open court before Samuel Powell Judge of the Circuit court for the County of Grainger State of Tennessee now sitting Nicholas Counce Senr resident of said county and State aforesaid aged eighty 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

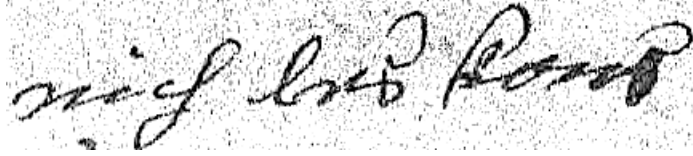
That he was born on the 12th day of January 1752 in the State of Virginia that he entered the service of the United States under the following Officers and served as herein stated that he was drafted in Orange County North Carolina for three months and rendezvous at Hillsborough on the eighth day of May as well as he recollects the year of Gates defeat under Capt. George Hodge and marched and joined Gen'l Caswell [Richard Caswell] at what was then called Cross Creek now Fayetteville from thence we marched to Sprolls ferry and then to Shepherd's Hill then to Deep river where we remained a while from thence to the Cross Roads near Deep River and remained some time then to the Yadkin and crossed at Moore's ferry from thence we marched to the mouth of Rocky River from thence we marched to Cheraw Hills then to Lindsey's creek near this place we joined the regulars under Gen'l Gates [*Horatio Gates*] when the American forces marched to attack the British who retreated we pursued them to Rugleys Mills [*Rugeley's Mills*] when we were joined by the Virginia Militia from thence we marched in the night and met the British and had some fighting that night, then next morning about sun rise the battle commenced and Gates was defeated [*Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780*]. His time was now expired and he returned home. The next summer he thinks in July he was drafted a second time for three months and marched under Capt. William Rogers Lieutenant Joseph Noe Col Wootin [*Thomas Wooten*] of Wilks [Wilkes] County North Carolina we marched from Hillsboro to Salisbury from thence we marched and on the march he was taken sick and was left and when sick the battle of Eutaw Springs [*September 8, 1781*] took place when the Americans took about three hundred British prisoners At this time I had recovered from my sickness and joined Gen'l Locke [*probably Col. Francis Locke*] who had charge of the prisoners Gen'l Locke sent the tories who were taken at Eutaw Springs to Salisbury jail and he was detailed to guard them and delivered the tories to Capt. Yost he thinks was the name He served out his time and was discharged. He also volunteered under Capt. Rogers for four days after the tories. He also served as a volunteer under Capt. Eli McDaniel and George Hodge for about sixteen days after the tories. He resided all the time of the above service in Orange County North Carolina. He recollects Gen'l Smallwood [*William Smallwood*] Col Dixon [*probably Col. Henry Dixon*] of the Regulars Of the militia Genls Butler [*John Butler*], Caswell, Williamson, and Rutherford [*Griffith Rutherford*] He has no written or documentary evidence except a certificate given when he joined Camp after he was left sick as before stated which is herewith enclosed he having lost his discharges. He knows of no

person by whom he can prove his service except James Magee¹ whose affidavit is enclosed.

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 Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Wm.E. Locke Clk

S/ Nicklas Counce



S/ By D. Barton D.C.

[Charles McAnally, a clergyman, and John Cocke gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Questions propounded by the court to Nicholas Counce, Senr.

Question Where and in what year were you born

Answer I was born on the 12th day of January 1752 as well as I recollect in the State of Virginia and having removed when very young to the State of North Carolina I have forgotten the County –

Question Have you any record of your age

Answer I have not.

Question Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live

Answer When called into service I was living in the County of Orange State of North Carolina & since the revolutionary war have lived in the County of Grainger State of Tennessee where I now live –

Question how were you called into service

Answer I was twice drafted and also I volunteered

Question 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

Answer. General Gates General Smallwood Col. Dixon, Col. Wooten's militia Regiment

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$21.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for service as a private for 6 months and 15 days in the North Carolina militia.]

¹ [James Magee \(McGee, McGhee\) S1555](#) His deposition or affidavit is not included among the documents in this file. I found no documents in this file which indicated whether or not any such affidavit with ever contained in this file.