

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Nathaniel Critchfield S2473            VA PA  
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State of Ohio Knox County Ss} On this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1832 personally appeared before the Judges of the court of Common Pleas in an for Knox county aforesaid and now in session Nathaniel Critchfield a resident Howard Township in said County aged seventy one 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<sup>th</sup> 1832 That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That in the Spring of 1778 this applicant entered a detachment of Militia as a substitute for Benj Critchfield [Benjamin Critchfield] at Romley [sic: Romney] Virginia, as applicant believes under Capt James Brenton that they marched directly to the Monongahilia [sic: Monongahela] River about twenty miles from Pittsburgh and soon after crossed the Ohio river perhaps descending a little and built fort McIntosh [at present Beaver PA, begun Sep 1778]. That they remained remained at fort McIntosh a greater part of the Summer [sic] in building it and preparing to march against the Sandusky Indians that late in the summer or early in the fall [4 Nov] they commence their march towards the Sandusky town That they marched through the wilderness for several days till they at length arrived on the banks of Tuscarawas River where they halted on account of the scarcity of provisions. that in a short time they they commenced building a fort which this applicant believes was called fort Laurens [completed Jan 1779], that late in the fall of the year of 1778 General [Lachlan] McIntosh with a considerable part of his army returned to fort Pitt that this applicant received a discharge (verbal discharge) at fort McIntosh and returned home This applicant believes that that fort Laurens was left in the Command Col John Gibson That applicant thinks he belonged to Col Evens [Evans?] Regiment. that he also thinks his Majors name was Springer There was a Capt Biggs [Benjamin Biggs, pension application W1366] in the army. applicant does not recollect the exact names of but few of the officers This appli't thinks that he entered the army in April of 1778 and was discharged about the last of November of the same year thinks the time must have exceeded seven moths

The next service was in the year 1780 he volunteered under Col Piper Applicant then resided in Bedford County Penn The Indians at that time had invaded Bedford County and his services were principally done in and the adjoining counties in protecting the frontier inhabitants, that his Capt name was John More, That applicant thinks that he served at least seven months under Col Pheps[?] commencing in the spring of '80 & continuing till late in the fall of the same year. That early in the Spring of 1782 or 81 this applicant was draughted to serve in Bedford Co to protect the Inhabitants from the depredations of the Indians that he thinks the draugh was only for two months. This applicant then served under Capt Buzzard that there was as appli't believes no Col. at that time there only being two companies, this apl't states that he served during the time he was draughted and thinks that it was not less than two months

This applicant states that he has resided since in the state of Penn and Ohio ever since his services were rendered that he has resided in Knox County Ohio about twenty six or seven years And that he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pention or annuity except the present one & declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any state. Sworn and subscribed the day and year above written  
Nathaniel hisXmark Critchfield

Questions propounded by the court and answered by the applicant

1<sup>st</sup> Where & in what year were you borne?

A In Shippestown Pennsylvania born in Nov 17[illegible]

2<sup>d</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

A I have it is now in the possession of my Brother John Critchfield in Holmes County Ohio

3<sup>d</sup> Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary war and where do you now live?

A. In Bedford County Penn during the whole of the service.

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service, were you drafted did you volunteer – or were you a substitute if so for whom?

An The answer will be found in general statement

5<sup>th</sup> is also answered in general statement

6<sup>th</sup> did you ever receive a discharge from service and if so by whom was it given & what has become of it?

An I never rec'd a written discharge from any one for any of my services

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of person to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity & their belief of your service as a soldier of the Revolution?

An Thos Rigdon Jesse B Thomas Daniel Sapp Elias Ingle Wm Coopered[?]

NOTE: Nathaniel Critchfield made a statement in support of the pension application (S9242) of his cousin, William Carihfield (as he signed), with whom he served and was a messmate.