

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Nolen (Noland) ¹ S30623

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State of Kentucky, Floyd County SS

On this 10th day of June 1850 personally appeared before the County Court of the said County William Noland alias William Nolen a resident of Kentucky in Floyd County aged 94 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832. That he volunteered in the United States Army in the year of 1781 (or seventeen hundred and eighty one) under Captain Charles Lewis of the Light horse troops, as a private from the County of Fairfield in the State of South Carolina under whom he served about six months during which time we had a skirmish at the cross roads near Kings Mountain at which place I shot a horse of a British officer who was in pursuit of Captain Lewis who had been informed of to the officer by the Tories & from thence we crossed the Laurel branch after which Lewis shot a British or Tory when the balance turned back. We traveled in the country between the County of Fairfield in South Carolina and the cross roads & in the neighborhood of Kings mountain.

After the battle at the cross roads we traveled over the country to Broad & Saluda Rivers, which traveling was done under Captain Martin [Edward Martin] (whose given name I do not remember) and whilst under the command of Captain Martin we heard of some Tories & I was placed under the direction of Martin to catch a Tory that I knew & had wrestled with when we were boys, whose name was Elias [illegible name, looks like "delashinet"]² but he outran me & got away. We afterwards joined General Winn or General Wayne & I cannot state which was the name and General Greene [Nathanael Greene] where we fought the battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] in South Carolina, from the battle of the Eutaw Springs we went to Orangeburg where I remained as a soldier about two months when the General Winn or Wayne and we were discharged and I went home, when I afterwards joined Captain Gray [John Gray] and marched under him to the Chalk Hills where we remained some three or four weeks, from there we marched to Savannah River and remained until the expiration of our term when we were discharged after having myself served upwards of two years but cannot recollect how much over as it has been a long time since. The discharge has been lost or mislaid as I did not regard it as of any consequence.

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² In a subsequent retelling the details of his service, applicant says this man's name was Elias Delasnot or Delasmot. See Fold3.com p. 63 of this file.]

The number of the Regiment I do not recollect. The reasons why he has not applied for a pension before are these, he employed a person to attend to the case and he wanted him to pay too high a fee and he dropped the matter until now, at which time he is suffering from the pains of a broken arm and pecuniary want.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State (or Territory). Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ William Nolen, L his mark
(alias William Noland)

Att:

S/ James U. Harris
S/ Edwin Trimble, Clk

[p 8: On May 29, 1855 in Carter County, Kentucky, William Noland, 98 or 99 years of age, applied for his bounty land entitlement under the 1855 Act.]

[p 56: Certificate dated November 15, 1853 from the South Carolina, Comptroller General stating that William Nolen was paid 7 pounds 1/5 Sterling for 99 days duty in the militia in 1782; that he was paid 12 pounds 17 shillings for 180 days militia service in 1781 & 1782 broken down as 20 days as a footman under Colonel Winn; 30 days as a footman in the same Regiment: 70 days as a footman on duty in Orangeburg in the same Regiment; 30 days as a footman at four holes in the same Regiment and 30 days as a footman on South Edisto.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the South Carolina militia.]