

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Andrew Nelson S31878

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State of Alabama

Morgan County

County Court August Term 1832

On this twenty eighth day of August one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court being a court of record having power to fine and imprison and proceeding according to the course of the common Law before the Judge of said County court now sitting in the county and state aforesaid Andrew Nelson aged about seventy years a resident of said county and state who being first duly sworn according to Law, makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

He lived in the County of Augusta Virginia when he volunteered under Captain John Cunningham (Lieutenant and ensign not recollected) about the month of June 1779 and marched from Augusta County to a point on James River below Richm'd. where he was stationed with the company to which he belonged and one other for about three months during which time he was in a Scrimage with the enemy. he was discharged from that service in September of that year he marched through that part of the State of Virginia between Augusta County and Richmond - he does not recollect of any field officers in the particular service above stated.

The next spring about the month of May 1780 there was a requisition for men to go in pursuit of some hostile Indians of the Shawnee tribe who had [illegible word] some families in the entire north western part of Virginia. and our Captain John McKitterick made up a volunteer company to which this affiant attached himself commanded by s'd. McKitterick [John McKittrick] Lieutenant Ambrus Jones [Ambrose Jones]. Ensign perhaps was one Shulds. were ordered out in that service which he performed for about three months In may which time he was traversing the country and stationed at Fort Warick in Tigers valley [sic: Fort Warwick in Tygart Valley in present West Virginia]. in this service he marched through the North Western part of Virginia. There were no field officers on this service In the year 1780 about December he volunteered under Captain James Tate Lieutenant Young (ensign not recollected) in which company he marched from Augusta County from which place they were ordered to North Carolina during which tour he was at the battle at Guilford Courthouse in N. Carolina [15 Mar 1781] and served for near five months. Col. [William] Campbell commanded the riflemen to which this affiant belonged (the Maj. not recollected). Gen'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] had the command of the troops on that occasion. from this term he returned in May 1781.

He has no documentary evidence of his service and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure except the affidavits of Joseph Nelson which is hereto annexed. 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

Andrew hisXmark Nelson

[Joseph Nelson, about 76, (pension application S32413) deposed that he had known Andrew Nelson since his earliest youth and was with him at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse.]

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Orphans court for said county held this thirteenth day of May in

the year 1833.

This day personally appeared in open Court before the Judge thereof (there being but one Judge of said court) Andrew Nelson who being duly sworn according to law makes the following statement on oath as an amendment to his original declaration heretofore filed in the county court of said county in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832 this being a suplement to the said original declaration filed on the 28th day of August 1832 and to accompany the same. That he entered the service of the United States on the 15th day of June 1779 as a volunteer and rendevouse at a noted place in the County of Augusta Virginia

called the widow Tays on South river [see note below], and marched from there to a point on James River as stated in his original declaration and was discharged from this service on the 1st day of September 1779 below Richmond by Capt. Cunningham. in this tour he states that he served from the 15th day of June till the 1st day of September being two months and fifteen days The next Spring he again entered the service (on the [illegible] day of May 1780) as a volunteer under Cap't. John Makitrick as stated in his original declaration and was discharged on the 15th day of August 1780 as stated in his declaration. That he rec'd. no written discharge but was only dismissed by his officers from this service in this he served three months and five days On the 1st day of December 1780 he again entered the service as a volunteer Under Capt. James Tate and rendezvous at the same point as stated in his second tour and after the end of the service as particularly stated in his declaration he was discharged on the first day of May in the year 1781. though he received no written discharge in this tour he served five months it being the third and last tour during the Revolutionary war in each of which he served as a private. and all of which several tours amount to ten months and twenty days for which he claims the benefit of the act aforesaid

This affiant states that he has no documentary evidence of his service and can produce no other witness or further proof than what is contained in the affidavit of Joseph Nelson annexed to his original declaration and he further states that the said Joseph Nelson who is the only person by whom he could prove any part of his service since attaining his testimony has become so afflicted and diseased that it is impossible to obtain any further or explanatory proof from him and that he now lives (if he lives at all) in a remote[?] part of the country In Answer to the 1st Interogatory prescribed by the war department he states he was born in York County Pennsylvania that he has no record of his birth or age though he believes it was in the year 1762 he was born. To the 6th question he answers that he never received any written discharge from the service

[signed] Andrew nilson

NOTE: According to the pension application of Christopher Hand (S6951) and William McCutchan (W1888), the place of rendezvous was at the Widow Teas's at present Waynesboro, formerly known as Teasville or Teesville.