

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nimrod H. Stone S32535

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State of Indiana County of Vermillion SS

On this sixth day of September 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Circuit Court of said County of Vermillion State aforesaid now sitting Nimrod H Stone a resident of Eugene Township in the County aforesaid & State aforesaid aged sixty-nine 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 under the following named officers & served as herein stated – He enlisted on the 28th day of April 1781 (or the same year that Cornwallis was taken) as a volunteer in a light horse Company commanded by Captain William Triplett – he enlisted at the Fauquier County Court house in the State of Virginia – Parmenus Bullet was Lieutenant & Joseph Donathen was Ensign in the same Company both elected by the Company. Colonel Francis Triplett had the command of us until we reached [?] on our march Richmond in Virginia – Immediately after enlistment we marched (our company being alone) from Fauquier to Richmond, being the British back to get there – the British shipping being then at York. At Richmond where we only remained a few days we were detached from the brigade to which we first belonged and sent on under command of Colonel __ Innis [probably James Innis]. The detachment under Colonel Innis with which we marched from Richmond consisted of 2000 footmen & about 500 course – At this time Colonel Tarleton [Banastre Tarleton] had landed on the East side of York River at Gloucester – we crossed above at the forks of Mattapony [Mattaponi River] & Pomonky [Pamunkey River] at a point there – We then marched down on the East side of the River toward Tarleton – came to close quarters with him & to an engagement & drove him across the River – Colonel Dark [Lt. Col. William Darke] was with us during a part of this time – Deponent & his Company were then ordered to cross the River & march to the main Army at Yorktown which they did. The next day after we reached the main Army we drove the in the picket guard of the British Army from old Jamestown. Deponent remained there with the besieging Army until the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781]. After the surrender of the British Army we marched up as a guard over some of the British prisoners to the Barracks at Winchester (2000 prisoners in number deponent thinks) from those barracks we were marched back to Fauquier County & there discharged the last of November or 1st of December in the year aforesaid. The term for which deponent enlisted was 6 months but he served about 7 months. He received a discharge from Captain William Triplett which he has lost in the lapse of time. Deponent lived & resided in Fauquier County aforesaid at the time of his enlistment.

He has no documentary evidence & he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service living in this Country except Presley Johnson whose affidavit appears below.

He 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. Deponent further says in answer to the interrogatories put to him that he was born in Fauquier County Virginia 1st day of October 1764 – that there was a record of his birth in his father's family Bible now in Kentucky. That he lived in said Fauquier County when called into service – lived there till 1787 then moved to [indecipherable word] County Kentucky lived there till 1812 then to Greene County same state lived there till 1819 then moved to Morgan County Indiana lived there until 1823 then moved to Vermilion County aforesaid & has lived there hitherto – volunteered as above stated – we were with regular officers General Morgan, General Washington, Colonel John Washington of the regular light horse General Wayne & Lafayette also – received a discharge & mislaid it about 10 years ago – He names John Vanness & Richard Taylor of his neighborhood as persons who can testify to his character for veracity & their belief in his services as a soldier of the revolution.

S/ Nimrod H. Stone

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Nimrod H. Stone". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted and fluid.

State of Indiana Vermilion County SS: On the same day & in the same court in open Court appeared personally Presley Johnson who being duly sworn says that he is seventy-two years of age, that he is well acquainted with the above petitioner Nimrod H Stone & has been from early infancy & lived in Fauquier County Virginia at the time said Nimrod enlisted as aforesaid. Deponent was present & saw said Nimrod mustered into service & knows that he then went away with the Army as he has above stated & as Deponent verily believes served as above stated. Deponent's brother now dead was in the same Army with said Nimrod & his messmate; Deponent has frequently heard his said brother speak of said Nimrod's service as set forth above in his said declaration – he lived there when said Stone returned after the marching of British prisoners to Winchester – he recollects that said Nimrod's friend [?] complained about his joining the Army he being then but about 17 years old. Deponent now lives in Vermilion County State aforesaid & further saith not.

S/ Presley Johnson, X his mark

[Richard Taylor & John VanNes gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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