

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Nelson<sup>1</sup> S35537

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State of Kentucky Fayette County Sct.

This day John Nelson appeared before me a Circuit Judge for the State of Kentucky and made oath that he served in the Revolutionary War against the Common Enemy for near 7 years during all which time he was in the regular service of the United States in the different capacities of In some, Lieutenant & Captain and upwards of 2 years as a Captain and that at the close of the war, he was Captain in the 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Virginia line – under the Continental establishment, that he was born in Spotsylvania County Virginia and has always been a citizen of the US that he now resides in Lexington Kentucky is in his 62<sup>nd</sup> year of his age is in indigent circumstances in life and stands in need of assistance for support from his Country and begs to be inscribed on the Pension list as an officer of the Revolution under the act of Congress passed in 1818 and that he has never been allowed a pension by the United States. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 1818

S/ Ben Johnson, Circuit Judge

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Circuit of Kentucky Jessamine County Sct.

This day Colonel Joseph Crockett appeared before me a Justice of the peace for said County and made oath that he has long known John Nelson and well knows he served in the Revolution against the common Enemy as an officer for more than the space of nine months and that the facts set forth in the annexed affidavit of John Nelson are true to the best of his knowledge & belief. Given under my hand this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 1818

S James Martin, JP

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District of Kentucky, SS,

On this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Circuit Courts for the said district, personally appeared John Nelson aged 63 years, resident in Fayette County in the said district, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:" That he, the said John Nelson was appointed an Ensign in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Charles Fleming of the 7<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment in the Continental establishment in the year 1776; that he continued to serve

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt1598-300 Capt. Issued Sept. 4, 1792 to Andrew Dunscomb, assignee No paper

in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States until the close of the war, when he was discharged from service in Virginia at Cumberland Court house, that he was in the battles of Quurns Island [Gwynn Island, July 8-10, 1776], Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777] Monmouth [June 28, 1778], and Siege of Charlestown [Charleston, May 12, 1780] and Siege of York [October 19, 1781] and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

Sworn to and declared before me, the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Benj. Johnson  
Ct. Judge [circuit judge]

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Honorable the Secretary of War Lexington Kentucky 16 October 1818

Served, I made a declaration of my services in April last before Judge Johnson which was transmitted to the Department of War, and hope I shall be considered on the pension list from that time, my circumstances are low, I am beholden to friends for a support.

I am Sir

Your Obt. St.

S/ Jn Nelson

NB: When I sent on the papers in April last the affidavit of Colonel Crockett was annexed, the said Crockett was a Captain in the 7<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment & I was promoted to the rank of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in his company,

Yours, &c. JN

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Yours &c  
J. Nelson

NB When I sent on the papers in Apr last the Affidavit of Col Crockett was annexed, the S<sup>d</sup> Crockett was a Capt in the 7<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regt & I was promoted to the Rank of second Lieutenant in his com<sup>nd</sup>.

Yours &c  
J. Nelson

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Schedule: District of Kentucky SS Fayette Circuit

On this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July 1820 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the said District, and circuit of Fayette County Ensign John Nelson aged sixty-three years resident in Fayette County in said District, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: That he entered the service of the Colonies in 1775, in 1776 was appointed Ensign in the 7<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment and continued in service till the end of the war - when the troops was discharged. He was in the battles of Gwin's Island when Dunmore was expelled at Brandywine, Germantown, Monmouth, taken prisoner at the capture of Charles Town and at the siege of York. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule

hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

One mare and colt worth \$30, four head of cattle \$32, sixteen hogs great and small \$12, some Plantation tools \$20, house furniture besides one bed \$10, one shot gun presented to me by a friend \$17, carpenters tools worth \$5, poultry \$8 equal \$134.00

I am indebted for my cattle, and to different persons besides, about \$150, and am indebted \$80 rent for the place I live on, to be paid next March, I have owing to me about \$30. My occupation is farming on rented Land, which my bodily infirmities and age, rendered me little capable of prosecuting to advantage. My family consists of my wife aged about 61 years – one daughter Milley aged about 22 years and one son named James aged about 17 years.

S/ Jno. Nelson

Sworn to and declared on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of July 1820, before me

S/ W. Warren, Circuit Judge

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing April 30, 1818, for service as an Ensign for 7 years in the Virginia Continental line. f p. 3-- There is a note reading "Dropt from the Roll under Act may 15 1828. See letter 18 Sep. 1828 2 Pensioner"]

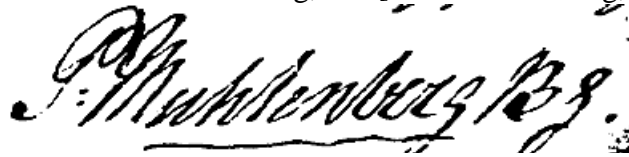
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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I do Certify that Captain John Nelson of the 5<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment was appointed an officer in said Regiment on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 1776 and continued in active service 6 years and 8 months successively

Given under my hand this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 1783

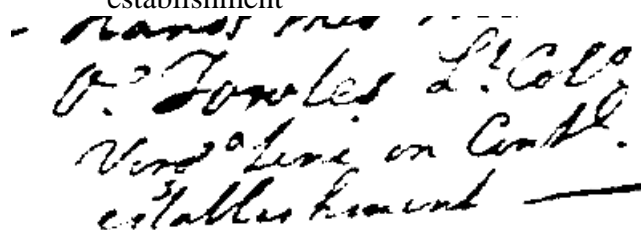
S/ P. Muhlenberg, BG [Peter Muhlenberg, Brigadier General]



Del'd Major Carrington

We do hereby certify that Captain John Nelson entered the service in the year 1776 as a cadet in the 7<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel William Daingerfield and that he continued in the service until the end of the war at which time he had the rank of Captain. Given under our hands this the 5<sup>th</sup> of June 1799

S/ O. Towles, Lt. Colo. [Oliver Towles]  
Virginia Line on Continental  
establishment



I do Hereby certify that John Nelson entered as a cadet in the 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment and served during the War and at the close of it rank as a Captain – he entered into the service 10<sup>th</sup> of February 1776

Given under my hand  
S/ John W Willis, Late  
Majro 7<sup>th</sup> V. Regt.

May 1 1799

*John W Willis Late*

*Majro 7<sup>th</sup> V. Regt*