

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Servante S37372

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District of Kentucky, SS

On this 26th day of August 1819, before me, the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Circuit Court for the said district, personally appeared William Servante aged Sixty Six years, resident in the County of Mercer 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 William Servante enlisted for the term of Eighteen months on the __ day of June in the year 1779 in Prince Edward County in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Buckner of the Regiment commanded by Colonel Abraham Buford in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental Establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps, what in the service of the United States, until the 15th of December 1780, when he was discharged from service in Petersburg state of Virginia, that he was during the term of his Service stationed as a guard for British prisoners at Fredericksburg and [several words written over and illegible] guarded at Petersburg and Williamsburg – 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 except such as is here with enclosed. Sworn to and declared before me, the day and year aforesaid.

/ William S Kelly

August 26 1819

William Servante Pension Certificate Heretofore given is No. 16, 405 dated 27 January 1820
Schedule

District of Kentucky SS Mercer County viz.

On this 5th day of February 1821 personally appeared in open Court for the said County of Mercer having power to fine & imprison William Servant aged 68 years resident in Mercer 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. In the spring of 1779 Imprints Edward County Virginia I enlisted in Captain Thomas Buckner's Company of Colonel Abraham Buford's Regiment of Virginia on Continental establishment for Eighteen Months and was Stationed at Williamsburg & Petersburg as a guard & on fatigue parties during my time of service and was honorably discharged, I was in St. Clair's defeat in the year 1791. And I do solemnly Swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th 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 18th 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. I have a wife old & Infirm and 3 small children and so decrepted with a sore leg that I can scarcely go about not able to work for my support

Schedule

1, 2 year old heifer	\$6
1 [indecipherable word] Loom	10
Dresser ware & Horse collar	
Household furniture	5.50
Farming Utensils	<u>3.75</u>
	\$25.25

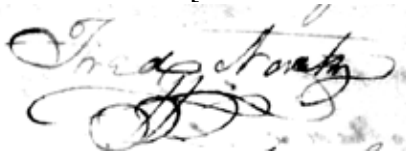
S/ William Servants [sic]¹

Sworn to and declared on the 5th day of February 1821 before the Worshipful the County Court of Mercer County

[Attested by Thomas Allin, clerk of the Mercer County Court.]

Being called on by Mr. William Servante for a statement of the knowledge I have of his revolutionary services I can only say this – That in the spring 1779 I was with many other sergeants, and commissioned officers detached from the main Army then lying at Middlebrook State of New Jersey for the purpose of taking charge of the new levies raised in Virginia for 18 months, The Town of Petersburg was designated for the place of rendezvous, it was there the companies were arranged and the proper officers & noncommissioned [officers] appointed thereto. I was appointed to a company commanded by Captain Thomas Buckner in which I found William Servant as one of the privates which was the first time I ever knew him and at that time understood he was a soldier for eighteen months. I continued with the Army until I think the 6th day of December at which time the time for which I enlisted expired. I got my discharge from Colonel Abraham Buford who then commanded at Petersburg and returned home, I left William Servante, in the Army, but how long he continued after I left it, I cannot say, but from the time I first knew him to the time I left him could not exceed eight or nine months, as I cannot recollect precisely what time in the spring I first became acquainted with him not having any papers of those times to assist my recollection, further than this I cannot say. Given under my hand this 23rd August 1819

S/ Fred Nantz² [Frederick Nantz or Nance]



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing August 26, 1819, for service as a private for 18 months in the Virginia Continental line.]

¹ Not the veteran's actual signature

² [Frederick \(Fredrick, Frederic\) Nance \(Nantz\) W168](#)