

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Alexander Nelson S38259

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State of Virginia Augusta County, to wit

On this 23rd day of August 1825, personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the County aforesaid, in the said State of Virginia (having its proceedings according to the course of the Common Law, with a Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount; keeping a record of their proceedings and having the power of fine and imprisonment) Alexander Nelson a resident of said County, aged sixty-eight years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provisions made the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820, That he the said Alexander Nelson enlisted for the term of eighteen months in the fall of the year 1780 (the month and day not recollected, in the town of Staunton, in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Lapsley in the Regiment commanded by Colonel ___ (the Colonel's name not remembered) in the line of the State of Virginia on Continental establishment, that he was marched to Hillsboro in North Carolina where he was placed in Captain Wallace's [Andrew Wallace's] Company in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Hawes [Samuel Hawes]: – He was in the battles of Guilford Courthouse [March 15, 1781], Camden [probably the battle of Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781] and Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] and at the siege of Ninety Six [May-June 1781]. He afterwards lay sick, for some time, in the hospital at Camden and was consequently marched with his Company (which was commanded by Captain Stribling [perhaps Captain Sigismond Stribling] after the battle of Guilford, where Captain Wallace was killed) to Salisbury in North Carolina, where having served out his full term, he was honorably discharged, which discharge he has accidentally lost; That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present – That his name is not on the roll of any state except Virginia and that the following all the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension, – his unwillingness to insist on the charity will become a burthen [burden] to the public, so long as he was able, by any & every exertion to procure a scanty subsistence for himself, but his advanced age and increasing infirmities, have disabled him from the further pursuit of means necessary for support.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, 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. That since the 18th of March 1818, the following changes have been made in [my] property – one

horse sold to James Buchanan for the Sir I am of \$25, for which I hold his note and which is entered in my schedule; the recovery of which is however very doubtful

Due to me from James Nelson	100.00
" " " from John & James Beauford & Samuel Drake	15.00
" " " from James Hays	1.25
" " " from Joshua Hides	2.00
" " " from William Gilkerson	1.50
" " " from William Glendy	2.00
" " " from David Grove	2.00
" " " from James Buchanan	25.00
Shoemaker tools	5.00
One Saddle	3.00
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	\$156.75

S/ Alexander Nelson, X his mark

Sworn to in declared before the County Court of Augusta on the 23rd day of August 1825.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 10, 1825, for service as a private for 18 months in the Virginia Continental service.]