

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nathaniel Snipe S38390

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Nathaniel Snipe of the County of Spotsylvania and Commonwealth of Virginia doth 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 & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war." That he the said Nathaniel Snipe enlisted in the Army of the Revolution in the State of Virginia on the 10th day of February 1776 in the Company of Gustavus B Wallace in the 3rd Virginia Regiment in the Virginia line on Continental establishment; which said Regiment was commanded by Colonels Mercer [Hugh Mercer] & Weedon [George Weedon]. That he continued in the service until the 10th of February 1778: during which service he was in the battles of Trenton [December 26, 1775] Princeton January 3, 1776], Brandywine September 11, 1777] & Germantown [October 4, 1777] – That he received his discharge at Valley Forge, but have either lost or mislaid it. That he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support. And that he has no evidence other than that herewith exhibited now in his power of his said services.

S/ Nathaniel Snipe¹

Virginia, Stafford County Court August Term 1819

A declaration of Nathaniel Snipe was this day presented to the Court & sworn to and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court from the testimony of John P. Bowen² & Pearson Williams³ at in April Court 1818, the date of his former declaration, that the said Nathaniel Snipe of the County of Spotsylvania did serve in the Revolutionary war against the Common enemy for more than 9 months continual service on Continental establishment & also appearing from the evidence of Robert H. Hood & William Marquess that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support, It is ordered to be certified to the Secretary of the Department of war pursuant to the Act of Congress in that case made & provided. In testimony whereof I John M Conway clerk of the County Court aforesaid have hereunto set my hand & affixed the seal of said Court at the Courthouse this 18th day of August 1819 & in the 44th year of the Commonwealth.

S/ J. M. Conway

At a Court held for Spotsylvania County the 3rd day of July 1820
District of Virginia Sct.

¹ I do not think the signature on this document is the actual signature of the veteran since the handwriting is identical to the handwriting in the document itself.

² [John P. Bowen S6761](#)

³ FPA S41354

On the 3rd day of July 1820 personally appeared in Open Court being a court of record by the laws of the state Nathaniel Snipe aged sixty-three years residing in Spotsylvania County in said District who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war. That on or about the 10th day of February 1776 he enlisted as a soldier in Captain Gustavus B Wallace's Company of the 3rd Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Mercer of the Virginia line that he served the term of two years and was discharged by General Woodford at Valley Forge on or about the 10th of February 1778 his original declaration was made before the court of Stafford in the State aforesaid on the ___day of April 1818 but there being some doubts about form I made a second declaration before the same Court on the 12th day of August 1818 which last was enclosed to the war Office and a certificate of pension dated the 17th day of August 1819 and is No. 111063 was received by me 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 to wit one horse for which I owe \$30 one plow two hoes one ax and I hold about fifteen acres of land which I have a promise of a lease for during my life of which I pay \$11 rent yearly as to my occupation I cultivate the above land for support. My family are 3 daughters Elizabeth 23 years old, Patsy a cripple by palsy, Dorcus about 14 years old.

S/ Nathaniel Snipe, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing August 12th, 1819, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]