

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jarrott Nelson S38959

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State of Tennessee Davidson County SS: May 8th 1818

Personally appeared before me John McNairy Judge of the Courts of the United States for the Districts of East & West Tennessee Jarrot Nelson of the County & State aforesaid (a petitioner to be placed on the pension list of the United States) and made Oath on the holy evangelist of Almighty God that in the months of September or October to the best of his recollection, in the year 1776, he enlisted as a soldier in the service of the United States, in Captain Robert Ballard's Company for the term of one year, in the first Virginia Regiment of Regulars, said Regiment was commanded by Colonel Christie [probably William Christian]. Francis Eppes was a Major in said Regiment to the best of his recollection – That he served out the whole year faithfully & obtained an Honorable discharge, which he kept many years, as long as he had any hopes of deriving any advantage from it – & the same is now lost or destroyed. That from a desire to serve his Country he joined the service in either the month or September or October in the year 1776, in the 19th year of his age contrary to the wishes of his father. That he is now in his sixtieth year, and for upwards of two years past has been in a declining state of health, and is now so weak & feeble as not to be able to get a livelihood by the labor of his hands – That he has neither a house or land, or slaves, & but a very small stock of cattle & hogs, & is also without a single horse creatures, or money to buy one – That he married a wife nearly forty years ago, by whom he has had twelve children, seven of whom are now living – His three oldest children have left him, viz., two sons & a daughter, He has now with him three daughters who are grown, & his youngest son – His wife has been very much afflicted with the Phthesick [sic?] for many years, and is otherwise incapable of much labor and is about fifty-seven or eight years old. – That soon after his time expired he moved to the State of North Carolina, where he remained until about 13 or 14 years ago, when he moved with his family to the State of Tennessee, Davidson County, where he has lived ever since. That he does not know whether any of the officers of said Regiment are now living or if they should be in what state they live – That he is illiterate, and therefore cannot obtain any other or better evidence than he now offers – He does not know the place of residence of a single soldier who served with him – And is too old & infirm to travel about in distant parts of the United States to collect testimony. That he never has had any pension from the United States or any state – For the reasons aforesaid, he now prays to be placed on the pension list of the United States.

S/ Jarrot Nelson, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 8th May 1818

S/ John McNairy, District Judge

Schedule

District of West Tennessee – Davidson County

On the 24th day of July 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record by Statute of the State of Tennessee for said district of West Tennessee Jarrot Nelson aged sixty-two years Resident in Davidson County in said District being first duly Sworn according to law doth on his Oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War in the first Regiment Virginia line in the Company commanded by Robert Ballard. He has been placed on the Pension list by a Certificate signed by the Honorable J. C. Calhoun an Dated 10th day of December 1818, and that the amount of his Property is as follows, three cows and calves five head of young cattle six sows and twenty shoats seven head of sheep eighteen geese one cupboard and table two pots and two ovens. Applicant says he is a farmer by Trade but is not able to pursue his Labor from a Hurt in his back, has four children nearly grown and live with him, three girls and a boy the latter is 18 years of age. 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.

Sworn to in Open court 24th July 1820

S/ Jarrot Nelson, X his mark

S/ Nathan Ewing

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 8th, 1818, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]