

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Nixon S38960

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State of Tennessee Knox County Sct.

Personally appeared before me Edward Scott one of the circuit Judges of the Circuit Courts for the State of Tennessee John Nixon who being sworn in due form of law deposeth and saith in order to obtain a petition [sic] under the provisions of the Act of Congress giving pensions to revolutionary soldiers that he enlisted at or near Gifford Courthouse [Guilford Court House] in the State of North Carolina in the month of February or March 1780 and was entered by Captain Stripling or Stibling [probably Sigismund Stribling] of the 2nd Regiment of Virginia commanded by Colonel Hawes [Samuel Hawes] of General Green's [Nathanael Greene's] division and that he remained in service until the month of January 1782 and was in constant service during that time which was more than nine months; The deponent also states that he was a private soldier in the service of the United States during his servitude was in the battles of 2nd Battle of Camden [Battle of Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781], Battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] and at the Siege of Ninety Six [May-June 1781] that he was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Haws first and then belonged to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Campbell and was discharged by Major Sneed __ in the month of January 1782 at Salisbury the State of North Carolina and sometime after forwarded his discharge to Secretary's office at Richmond and has not since seen the same which is the reason he does not produce his discharge as a voucher. That he does not know of any person by whom he can now prove his Entering and service or he would produce the same. Deponent also states that he has resided in the United States ever since his discharge from the service and has been a citizen of Green County in the State of Tennessee for ten years last past and now lives in said County and that he is now of the age of fifty-six years and infirm and in reduced circumstances and stands in absolute need of assistance and aid of his government to subsist on and prays that a pension may be allowed him. He also states that his father Robert Nixon was in the Continental service and when this deponent entered the service he took the place of his father and remained in service until he obtained his discharge at the time mentioned before.

S/ John Nixon

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Nixon". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat stylized, with a prominent flourish at the end of the name.

Sworn to and Subscribed before
me this 30th day of September 1819
S/ Edw. Scott Judge

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 30, 1819, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]