

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Yelvaton Nevill (Neville) ¹ S4614

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State of Tennessee, County of Jackson } SS

On this twelfth day of February 1833 personally appeared in open court before John McCarver, John Graham and Tandy K. Witcher Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Jackson aforesaid now sitting, being a court of record Yelvaton Neville a resident of the County of Jackson and State of Tennessee aforesaid aged Sixty-Nine years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in that part of the County of Roann [sic, Rowan] State of North Carolina now Rutherford County in November 1780 the day not recollected as a volunteer for two years under Captain Earl [sic, John Earle] & Lieutenant John Cummings Ensign not recollected – to scout the country from the line of South Carolina to Mumford's Cove near the head of Catawba River, and guard the frontiers of North Carolina against the Indians and Tories. He remained in the service until January 1782 when he was verbally discharged by said Captain Earl. He was not attached to any Regiment. During his term of service aforesaid, the Cherokees took & burnt Goin's Fort and Mills's Station, but applicant & the company in which he served was not present at the time of their being destroyed but was at both the Fort & Station soon afterwards. He served during said term thirteen months.

Applicant again entered the service of the United States in the said County of Rowan North Carolina in that part now called Rutherford County in January 1782 the day of the month not recollected as a Substitute for John Fisher who was drafted for three months under Captain Neville [William Neville] Lieutenant Cummings Ensign not recollected. He marched under said officers to John Cummings Station near Tryon Nob [sic, Tryon Knob] was engaged in scouting from the South Carolina line to Mumford's Cove but nearer the mountains than during his former service, until sometime about the first of April 1782, he was verbally discharged by said Captain Neville. He served out his full term of three months. He was not attached to any Regiment.

Applicant again entered the service of the United States in Rutherford County State of North Carolina where he then resided in August 1783 the day of the month not recollected, being drafted for three months, under Captain John Lewis, Lieutenant Robert Louis, he has forgotten the name of the Ensign & [Lt.] Colonel James Miller and Major James Gray. He marched under command of said Officers to John Young's on White Oak Creek, then to a Branch of Pigeon River where he joined the troops commanded by General Charles McDowell whose command consisted of Colonel Miller's Regiment from Rutherford County to which applicant belonged, Colonel Joseph McDowell's Regiment from Burke County and a Regiment from Mecklenburg

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County the name of its Colonel is not recollected. Applicant marched under said officers to the Cherokee nation where the troops cut and destroyed the corn, burned the houses, killed one Indian and took some women & children prisoners then returned towards home and at said Branch of Pigeon River now in Buncombe County North Carolina applicant and the rest of the Regiment to which he belonged was dismissed by said Captain Lewis some time in October 1783 with directions to meet at Rutherford Court house at October Court to receive discharges. He attended at the Court house but no discharge was given. He served during this last term against the Cherokees two months. Whilst the troops were in the Cherokee nation as above stated, Captain Lewis Music who commanded a volunteer company was killed accidentally by one of his own men, who shot at an Indian. During the last term of service Captain John Lewis was appointed adjutant and Robert Lewis was appointed Captain & took command of the company to which he belonged.

Applicant did not serve with any Continental regiments or companies nor were there any Regular officers with the troops where he served. Applicant was born in Fauquier County State of Virginia on the 25th December 1763 his age was recorded in his father's family Bible. Applicant has a copy of his age from said register. He does not know in whose possession his father's family Bible is. Applicant has lived since the Revolutionary war in Barren County Kentucky and Jackson County Tennessee where he now resides.

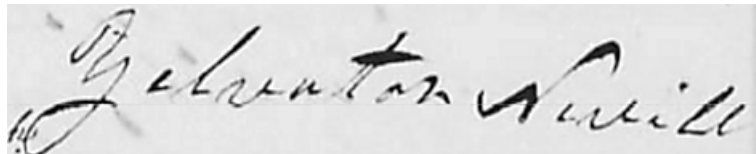
He has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. The names of some of the persons to whom applicant is known in his present neighborhood and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a Soldier of the revolution are Jonas Griffith, John Wilson & Samuel Anderson, William Gailbreath.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ William Gailbreath, Clerk

S/ Yelvaton Nevill

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Yelvaton Nevill". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Jonas Griffith, a clergyman, and Samuel Anderson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee County of Jackson } SS

On this 11 day of February 1834 personally appeared in open Court before William Scanland, Sampson W. Cassity and John Swezea Esquires Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Jackson aforesaid now sitting being a court of record, Yelvaton Neville a resident of the County of Jackson and State of Tennessee aforesaid aged Seventy years last December, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following amended declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in that part of the County of Rowan North Carolina State, now Rutherford County in November 1780, the day not recollected as a volunteer for two years under Captain Earl and Lieutenant John Cummings, the Ensign is not recollected to scout the country from the line of South Carolina to Mumford's Cove near the head of Catawba River and guard the frontiers of North Carolina against the Indians and Tories, as stated in his original declaration. The frontiers of North Carolina were then in a very defenseless situation

and there were frequent excursions of Indians in our settlement and massacres of women and children. He was in actual service until January 1782 when he was verbally discharged by said Captain Earl. He was not attached to any Regiment but was in an embodied Corps and served as a private soldier and was not engaged in any civil employment during said term of service – During the above term of service applicant was stationed at White Oak and Mills Station alternately asked necessity required guarding the frontiers as aforesaid, and notified the settlements whenever any signs of Indians appeared which protected the settlements from further Indian depredation and massacre. During his term of service as aforesaid the Cherokees burnt Goins Fort & Mills's Station but applicant and the company in which he served was not present at the time of their being destroyed but was at both the Fort and Station soon afterwards. He was in actual service during said term thirteen months. The militia applicant thinks word sometimes drafted for 9 months and for no longer time. But applicant was not drafted but volunteered for the term of 2 years as above stated and received for such time by Captain Earl on account of the defenseless situation of the frontiers and did serve as above stated 13 months. But if allowing him for so long the time during one term should infringe any rule of the Pension department applicant does not insist on it, but will be willing to receive for the longest term for which the drafted militia were bound to serve, to wit, 9 months and relinquish the balance of said term though he confesses he does it with reluctance knowing he did serve 13 months. He hereby reaffirms his original declaration and states that he served during the several terms therein stated and all 18 months.

S/ Yelvaton Nevill

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I Edward Dycus² a citizen and resident of Jackson County and State of Tennessee aged 82 years certify that I resided in Rowan County State of North Carolina in the year 1780 & 1782 and both previous and subsequent those dates. I know that the frontiers of North Carolina were in a very defenseless situation during all of said term, and were guarded during all of said term by both drafted Militia & volunteers. I was not acquainted with applicant during the term of Service he states nor until after the revolution but was well acquainted with him afterwards.

His father was a Captain in the revolution in the service of the United States and I served under him a three months tour. He was a true Whig. After Revolution he was High Sheriff of Rutherford County and his son Yelvaton Neville who has signed and sworn to the foregoing declaration was his deputy. Said applicant Yelvaton Neville was reputed in Rutherford County North Carolina to have been a Soldier of the Revolution and a credible person. I am well acquainted with him in the neighborhood where he now resides; he is a man of good character and is entitled to full credit on his oath and a court of Justice or elsewhere.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Edward Dycus, X his mark

S/ William Gailbreath, Clerk.

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State of Tennessee, County of Jackson

On this 12th day of May 1834 before the Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions for said County now in Session at the courthouse in Gainsborough present the Worshipful Justices personally appeared Yelvaton Neville a resident in said County and State and being first duly sworn doth on his oath make the following additional declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832. That he knows of no person

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whose testimony he can procure by whom he can prove his services as stated in his original declaration nor has he any direct prove that he served 13 months under Captain Earl as stated, but he herewith subjoins the testimony of Richard Gordon³ & William Carlisle⁴ as presumptive evidence but if it should not be satisfactory to the pension department he hereby relinquishes all but six months of his service under Captain Earl yet he does it with great reluctance knowing he did serve 13 months during that term and five months during the other two terms making in all 11 months after the relinquishment.

S/ Yelvaton Nevill

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I Richard Gordon a resident of Jackson County State of Tennessee aged 68 years last April, certify that I resided in Wilkes County State of North Carolina in the year 1780 & during that year there was a draft of the militia for 12 months.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the 12th day of May 1834.

S/ William Gailbreath, Clerk

S/ Rich'd Gordon

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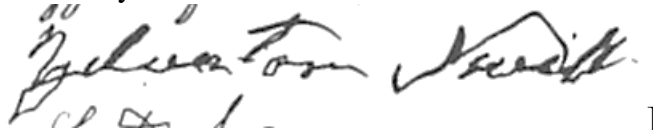
I William Carlisle a resident of Jackson County & State of Tennessee aged 71 years certify that I resided in Surry County State of North Carolina in the year 1780 and during that year men were drafted for six months & volunteered for nine months & sometimes for 12 months & they were sometimes drafted for three months.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 12th day of May 1834.

S/ William Gailbreath, Clerk

S/ William Carlisle, X his mark

[p 9: On April 5, 1855 in Jackson County Tennessee, Yelverton Nevill, aged about 91, filed for his bounty land entitlement as a veteran of the revolution.



Yelverton Nevill

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3 [Richard Gordon S3404](#)

4 [William Carlisle R1698](#)