

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Moses Nelson S4616

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North Carolina Salisbury

This is to Certify that Moses Nelson hath served his tower [sic, tour] under Captain Biers and Colonel Lock's [sic, Locke's] Regiment.

Given under my hand this 19<sup>th</sup> Day of January 1781.

S/ Maurice Ronie, Lieut.

Joseph Phillips, Lieutenant Colonel Commander

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Stark County, Ohio SS }

On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Common Pleas of Stark County and State of Ohio Moses Nelson aged Seventy-One 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 under the following named officers and served as herein stated. In the month of June 1780 the day of the month I do not recollect I entered the Mounted Service as a volunteer in Salisbury in the County of Rowan and State of North Carolina and the Company Commanded by Captain Johnson and Colonel Locks [sic, Francis Locke's] Regiment and served in said Company and Regiment for a period between three and four months the exact period not recollect, that during this period of his service he was in one slight engagement with the Tories at the mouth of Rocky River about 50 miles from Salisbury where I first entered the service and one other engagement with the Tories at Shallow Ford in Rowan County. On or about the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October 1780 I again entered the Service as a volunteer in the Company commanded by Captain Biers [James Byers] in Colonel Locke's Regiment and Served the entire term of three months in the same Company and Regiment but was in no battles during this last. And at the conclusion of said time he received from Lieutenant Maurice Ronie the annexed discharge which he has retained ever since and which is the only documentary evidence in his possession or that he ever received. That Col. Morgan's [Daniel Morgan's] Rifle Corps and General Greens [sic, Nathanael Greene's] entire Command were near when he served and General Greene was considered by us as our Commander in Chief, Col. Washington [William Washington] and his troops of Horse or Cavalry were also near where we served but he does not recollect any other Continental officers except General Greene & Colonels Morgan & Washington. That from Salisbury where he entered the Service he marched to the town of Charlotte and from thence to a place called Six Mile Creek and from thence to the Waxhaw Settlement in South Carolina as he thinks and that he knows of no one who can testify to his Service whose testimony he can

procure.

Question 1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Answer – I was born in Rowan County North Carolina sometime in the month of August 1761 the day of the month I do not know as my father died when I was about a year old as I have understood having no knowledge of him and my mother died when I was about two years old.

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer – I have no Record of my age. I have my indenture from when I was bound an apprentice to the tailor trade and it is from them I fix my age.

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer – When called into the Service I lived in Rowan County State of North Carolina from whence I removed in May 1781 to the City of Philadelphia in the State of Pennsylvania and lived there about nine months from whence I removed to Washington County in the State of Maryland where I lived about three years then I removed to Franklin County State of Pennsylvania where I removed back to Washington County Maryland where I resided until the year 1812 when I removed to Stark County of Ohio where I have resided ever since and now reside

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer – I volunteered each time.

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer – General Greene, Colonel Washington & Colonel Morgan of the Regulars and Colonel Locke & Captain Biers and Johnson Lieutenant Colonel Philips who Signed my discharge & Lieutenant Ronie of the Militia are all I can recollect, the names or numbers of the Regiments I do not recollect if I ever knew them. The general circumstances of my Service is that the first tour in the Minute Service I was in two slight engagements with the Tories one at the Mouth of Rocky River and one at and the other at a place called Shallow Ford. The last tour under Captain Bier [sic] I was in no engagement though the battle of the Cowpens took place before I was discharged and the troops I was with were not far distant when that battle was fought and we expected to have been in that battle but shortly before it took place the Rowan Militia were ordered to stay with General Greene's Army.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer – I received a discharge signed by Lieutenant Maurice Ronie which I have kept ever since and herewith enclose.

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer: Griffith Owens & John Gaff will testify

Sworn to and Subscribed in open Court this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832.

S/ John Myers, Clerk

S/ Moses Nelson, X his mark

[Griffith Owens and John Gaff gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]