

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Nuckolls S4627

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State of Tennessee Robertson County: Court May Term 1833

On this day being the 15th day of May in the year 1833 personally appeared in open Court Richard Nuckolls a Resident of said County and State of Tennessee aged about seventy-one who first being 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 the 7th of June 1832. He states that he made his declaration in the Circuit Court which has no seal of office & it was rejected on that grounds in the year he made this declaration. He states he entered the Service of the United States as a Militia [man] in the year 1778 under the following officer Captain John White and Lieutenant Henry Johnson this was at Albemarle barracks in the State of Virginia and served a tour of three months he did not leave this place. He recollects that two of the soldiers mutinied here their names were Norman Kid & Jordan Gibson, they were drummed out of camp after being whipped. He is of the impression that Colonel Taylor [Francis Taylor] & General Blan [sic] Commanded after the time of three months had expired, the relief as they were called, came and he was discharged. In the same year 1778, he was again called on for a tour of three months in the County of Louisa State of Virginia under Captain John White and Lieutenant H Johnson the same officers that he first served under. He marched towards Hampton & Norfolk, and joined the main Army as well as he now recollects at Richmond Virginia, He is not certain who was his Commander in Chief but he thinks it was General Weadons [probably George Weedon], Colonel Ennis [probably Lieutenant Colonel James Innis] and Major Armistead, after this service of three months he was again relieved, and returned home.

In the year 1779, He was again called on for a tour of three months from the County of Louisa State of Virginia under Captain Richard Phillips Lieutenant Meriwether. He went very near the same route as above, stated and under the same chief officers, He recollects in this tour that Major Armistead got angry and challenged all the officers of the Regiment if they would come one at a time, He was tried for some offense, but acquitted, after this tour of three months had expired, he was relieved as he thinks at Gloster [Gloucester] in the State of Virginia, and returned home.

In the year 1780 He was again called on for a tour of three months from the same County & state, under the command of Captain William Harris, Lieutenant Anthony Winston, His Company he thinks joined the Regiment in the County of Hanover under Colonel Taylor, from this place we marched towards Gloster, and after marching and Counter-Marching without anything particular happening, We were relieved at Hanover as he now recollects and returned home.

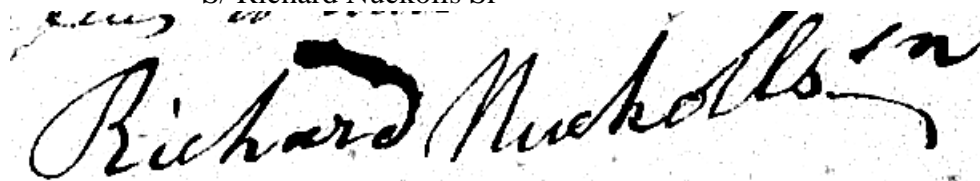
In the year 1780 He was again Called on for a tour of six months from the same County & State; under the command of Lieutenant HeseKeah [Hezekiah] Rice, there not being a full

company we had no Captain, We first went to Petersburg to wait for reinforcement to go to the South and after staying there some short time, we were marched by Lieutenant Rice towards Hampton and joined the main Army; as he thinks commanded by General Lafayette, We were ordered back to Petersburg to await the reinforcement for the purpose of going to the South, We remained there some considerable time when we were discharged after a service of four months instead of six no reinforcement having come as we expected and returned home sick, he recollects, that he was halled [hauled] in a Cart from Petersburg to Richmond and from there home.

In the year 1781, He was again called out from the same County State, for a tour [of] 3 months under the Command of Captain John White Lieutenant Samuel Pettis from this we were marched to the Siege of Little York, where we arrived at Gloster opposite Little York I was put in the Grenadier Company commanded by Colonel Mercer. We there had a fight with the British, near Gloster and we defeated them, and we remained stationed between the two armies until Cornwallis surrendered [October 19, 1781]. At the time of the Surrender he was unwell, and did not march with the Army into the town, but he saw the Army, marching, and the British marched out, General Washington was the Commander in Chief at this place, Soon after this he was discharged at Gloster and I returned home, and never was called on again, after an actual Service in the Army of the United States nineteen months which he served as above Stated, that he never received any written discharge & that each tour he was drafted.

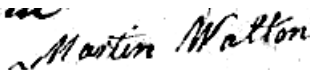
He states that he was born in the County of Louisa State of Virginia in the year 1762 as Received from his forthy [?] family Bible from that place, I moved to the State of Tennessee Robertson County where I now live and where I have lived thirty-three or thirty-four years. He states that he has no documentary evidence of his Service, But he has a living witness to wit Doct. Martin Walton¹ who has a recollection of three of the tours he served as above stated, having served in the same tours with him and in the same Company which Certificate of the said Martin Walton which is hereto attached is referred to, 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 in any State, of the United States. He would state that Martin Walton & William Edwards are his neighbors and refers to their certificate hereto attached.

S/ Richard Nuckolls Sr

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Nuckolls Sr". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a prominent loop at the end of the name.

This day appeared in open Court Doct. Martin Walton a resident of Robertson County & State of Tennessee aged about seventy-one years who first being sworn according to law doth on his oath state that he is well acquainted with Richard Nuckolls the above applicant and has been for many years. He states that he has heard his declaration read and knew of the service of three of the above tours by the applicant having served with him, the tour to Little York was one, He has a distinct recollection of the fact of leaving the applicant sic, And that a Cart was sent after him.

S/ Martin Walton

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martin Walton". The signature is written in dark ink and is somewhat stylized.

¹ [Martin Walton S3473](#)

[William Eatherley, a clergyman, and William Edwards gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Facts in file: the veteran died June 20, 1835. The place of death is not stated. There is no family data in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$63.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 19 months in the Virginia service.]