

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Nevill S5827

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State of Virginia

Hardy County SS.

On this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Hardy County now sitting John Nevill a resident of the County of Randolph and State aforesaid aged 67 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 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832: that some time in the month of March or April of the year 1781 he entered the service of the United States as a substitute for Thomas Talbott, who had been drafted to serve a tour of three months; that as such substitute he marched under Capt. Michael Stump Lieut. Samuel Hornback [sic: Samuel Hornbeck, pension application W8950] and Ensign James Taff He further states that he marched as far as Fredericksburg in Virginia & upon the command of Capt. Stump was at that place was attached to Capt. Andersons Company of infantry, he being without arms, and upon having been given by Gen'l. [George] Weedon that those who had rifles shortly march under the command of Capt. Stump; there was he detached from the command of Capt. Stump - Your applicant further states that at the time he was attached to the infantry company commanded by Capt. Anderson, Lieut. Hornback was also attached to the same company, and that under the command of said Anderson, Hornback, Lieut Barbour Lewis and Ensign Stearman, he marched to Richmond in Virginia at which place Capt. Andersons company were furnished with muskets; that immediately afterwards he was attached to the baggage guard, and marched to Hanover Court house, from thence to the racoon ford on the rapidana river [sic: Raccoon Ford on Rapidan River], at which place we were joined by Gen'l. Anthony Wayne [10 Jun 1781]. from thence we marched to Brock's bridge; at that place he was attached to the regiment commanded by Col. Elias Edmonds, and that within a few days after joining said regiment he was again attached to the baggage guard at Brock's bridge, at which place he was discharged by Major [James] Higgins, his time of service having expired.

Your declarant further states that in the month of march 1782 he entered the service of the United States, as a substitute for John McNeill, who had been drafted to serve a tour of 3 months; that he went from Moorefield in the County of Hardy (then Hampshire) to Winchester in Frederick County Va. at which place he joined a company commanded by Capt. James Simmerell [James Simerall], Lieut. Shannon, and Ensign James Dunbar, and was there placed as one of the guard over the British prisoners [captured at Yorktown]. He was at that place discharged by Capt. Simmerell.

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

[signed] John Nevill

Martin Hawk appeared in open Court and made oath that the said John Nevill, the declarant served a tour of 3 months as stated by him in the foregoing declaration, under the command of Capt. James Simmerall, as a guard at the Barricks near Winchester - that this affiant was a messmate with said Nevill during that time & that he believes said Nevill to be upwards of 67 years of age. Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this 18<sup>th</sup> of Oct'r 1832

Martin hisXmark Hawk

Jacob Yoakum [pension application R11939] appeared in open Court and made oath that the said John Neville the declarant served a tour of three months as stated by him in the first part of the foregoing declaration under the command of Captain Michael Stump Lieutenant Sam'l Hornback and served for the time and in the manner [illegible word] stated this affiant being engaged in the same service and that he believes said John Neville is sixty seven years of age Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832

Jacob hisXmark Yoakum

- 1 Where and in [what] year were you Born?  
Ans. I was born in the year 1765 in the County of Hampshire now Hardy County, on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of November
- 2 Have you any Record of your age & if so where is it  
Ans. I have none
- 3 Where were you living when call'd into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary war and where do you now live? Ans. When called into service I lived in the County of Hampshire (now Hardy) and have resided in said County until the year 1820 at which time I removed to the County of Randolph Va where I now reside
- 4 How were you call'd into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute and if a substitute for whom? Ans. I entered into the service on the first tour of duty as a substitute for Thomas Talbott, and on the second as a substitute for John McNeill
- 5 state the names of some of the officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental and Malitia Regiments as you can Recollect and the general circumstances of your services? Ans. I knew Col. Elias Edmonds - Gen'l. Anthony Wayne, and the Marquis De LaFayette, & Gen'l. [Peter] Muhlenberg.
- 6 Did you ever Receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it? Ans. On my first tour I was permitted to return home by Maj'r. Higgins. Then my second tour I was disch'd. by Capt. Samerell, but the discharge has been lost
- 7 State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood and who can testify as to your Character for varacity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution. Ans. David Minear [pension application S15932], James Parsons, and many others; that in the County of Hardy he can produce abundant evidence of his character and from the most respectable sources.

[The following report is by District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated many pensioners from present West Virginia. For details see pension application S6111 of David W. Sleeth. On Nevill's report, Singleton wrote, "Cant decide Compare this with Dec[laratio]n."]

John Nevill draws \$20

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of Nov. 1834 Mr. Nevill gave the following narrative of his age & revolutionary services to Wit - born in Hampshire County in the year 1765.

in March or April 1781 not being quite sixteen years old, he substituted himself in the place of Thos. Tolber who was drafted to serve a three months term & marched under Capt Michael Stump, Lieut. Hornback from Near Morefield to Romney, were joined there by another company under Capt. Anderson, the two companies under Major Higgins. went on to Winchester, Frederick Cty. & Richmond at the latter place joined the main army under Layfayette & Genl. Mulenberg. retreated to the Racoon Ford where Gen'l. Wayne joined the American army. he Nevil belonged to the Baggage guard and went back to Brocks Bridge, then got his discharge after serveing the 3 mos. & went home -

In March 1782, he substituted himself in the place of John McNeil who was drafted for 3 months. he was sent to the Winchester Barracks under Capt. James Simeral to guard the Prissoners at that place & there served out the 3 months time. he proved his service in the county court of Hardy. one tour by Jacob Yoakum & the other by Martin Hock who served with him. James Gamble wrote his Declaration & charged him nothing.

In Witness that the forgoing contains the truth I hereto subscribe my name.

Test Nathan Goff [pension agent at Clarksburg]

John hisXmark Nevil

Note. was there any such service in the Spring of 1782— [see endnote]

W. G Simgleton Nov. 27, 1834

NOTE: Prisoners were not completely transferred from the Winchester Barracks until after April 1782.