

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Nunn S5842

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State of Virginia: King and Queen County to wit

On this 10th day of September 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices of the County of king and queen County now sitting Thomas Nunn a resident of St. Stevens parish in the County of King and Queen and State of Virginia aged seventy-nine years in March last 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 7th 1832 that he served several towers [tours] of duty as a private in the Militia during the Revolutionary War that he was drafted into the service and in the whole believes he served rather over one year, he entered the service in October 1779 met at King & Queen Court House went down the Mallapony River [Mattaponi] in a small Vessel commanded or [indecipherable word or words] by one John Pickles went up Queens Creek went to Williamsburg thence to York and to the Half way house between York and Hampton at which last place he remained principally during his first Tour of duty, he was under the command of Captain Charles Harwood of King & Queen, On one tour of duty he assembled at the plantation of Colonel Richard Tunstall on this bank of the Mallapony River crossed the River thence marched through King William County crossed the Pamunkey River at the place now owned by General William Chamberlayne in New Kent marched to Bacons Ordinary to Holts Forge at which place last mentioned he drew arms thence to Williamsburg at which place and at Yorktown he remained principally during this tour of duty a Captain Allen of New Kent commanded the company he belonged [to] and a Colonel Nelson was in command, on one tour of duty he met at Mrs. Gullivers [?] old field in King & Queen County he was called out on the rumor of Lord Cornwallis was at York Town, from Mrs. Gulliver's old fields he went to Gloucester Court house, thence to Ware Church, thence to Gloucester Point opposite little York and he remained at Gloucester Point until after the capture of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] at Little York, while at the Half Way house a Colonel Innis [probably James Innis] was in command at Gloucester point Major Baytop & General Weedon [George Weedon] were in command – there were some French troops at Gloucester point this Applicant was on one occasion a Sentinel at General Weedon's Marque he has no documentary evidence to prove his services and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure to prove his services those belonging to his company he believes are all dead. This applicant has always resided in King & Queen County and 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/ Thomas Nunn¹

¹ I do not believe this is the actual signature of the veteran since the handwriting is identical to the body of the

[Philip B Pendleton and Samuel Crafton gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

Virginia

At a Court held for King and Queen County at the Courthouse on Monday the 8th of April 1833

The amended declaration of Thomas Nunn, the Original of which was made the 10th day of September 1832 for the purpose of obtaining a pension under act of Congress of 7th June 1832.

This Applicant states that in his original declaration he has stated to the best of his recollection, the commencement of the period of his service in the War of the Revolution to have been in October 1779 and the termination of his services to have been after a well-known historical event the Capture of Lord Cornwallis at little York. He now states that by reason of great age and consequent loss of memory he cannot speak with much more precision as to the periods of his service and the length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection, he served as a private soldier three tours of duty, that he was drafted into the service, that in the whole he believed he served at least one year, and for such service he claims a pension and he further states that he did not call upon a Clergyman to testify in his behalf for this reason that the instruction from the War Department required the affidavit of the nearest Clergyman in his vicinity and that the nearest clergyman to the residence of the Applicant had only resided in his vicinity a very short time he believes about a year & rather less, that said Clergyman was not born or raised in King and Queen County. He further states that he (this applicant) was born in King and Queen County, he has a family record of his age, By his father which is now in the possession of this applicant, that he was born 13th of March 1753 that he never received any written discharge from the service and he now states that besides his neighbors Philip B Pendleton and Samuel Crafton who have already certified to his character and their belief of his services, that Thomas Hoskins a Justice of the peace of King and Queen County and William Todd Clergyman who reside about ten miles from this applicant but not the nearest to his residence will testify as to his veracity and as to their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution

S/ Thomas Nunn

[Thomas Hoskins, JP and William Todd, a clergyman, gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one-year in the Virginia service.]