

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nathaniel Puckett S5958

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State of Virginia, Chesterfield County: Sct.

On this 13th day of August A.D. 1832: –

Personally appeared in open court, before the County Court of Chesterfield County, now sitting, Nathaniel Puckett a resident of said County of Chesterfield in the State of Virginia, aged seventy-seven 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 7th 1832 entitled "An act supplementary to the act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution." –

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein after stated. –

Viz.: He enlisted as a minute man in the militia of the State of Virginia in the year 1775, and served three tours of duty, whilst he was a minute man of two months each, the company to which he belonged was commanded by Captain Francis Goode of Chesterfield County, he thinks Colonel Joseph Jones late of the town of Petersburg, commanded the Regiment, but the detachment was under the command of Patrick Henry, he was in no battle during this minute service. –

He then enlisted as a volunteer at Chesterfield court house under Colonel Robert Goode of said County, shortly after the battle of Guilford courthouse North Carolina, in the year __ [March 15, 1781], and served one tour of two months under Captain George Markham and marched to Nansmond County near the town of Norfolk, the detachment of troops during this tour was commanded by Colonels Mercer & Morrow; he was discharged at Petersburg: – He then served one tour of two months in the militia, being called out by draft according to his number; this was a short time before the siege of York, the company to which he belonged was commanded by Captain John Knight of Amelia County, and the Regiment was commanded by Colonel Boyce, and attached to the Army under the Marquis Lafayette: – He was regularly discharged every time, but the said discharges from service were not in writing: He was engaged in no battles during these tours of duty: –

The applicant was living in Chesterfield County Virginia when called into service the several times above mentioned, and has lived there ever since; he was born in Chesterfield County, Virginia, June 6 1755, his birth was recorded (by his father) in the family Bible now in his house: He has no documentary evidence by which to sustain this declaration; But Philip H Vest¹ and Allen Whitworth² of Chesterfield County, recollect and can testify that at least a

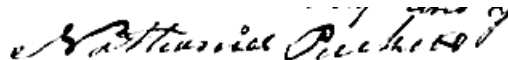
¹ [Philip H. Vest S7789](#)

² [Allen Whitworth S6367](#)

portion of the above mentioned service was performed.

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/ Nathaniel Puckett

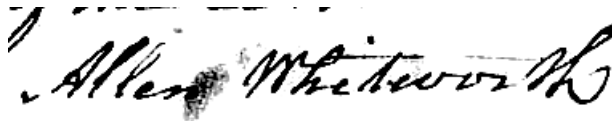


[William Fondley and Philip H Vest gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The affidavit of Captain Allen Whitworth a soldier of the Revolution taken this 6th day of August 1832 in support of Nathaniel Puckett's declaration.

This affiant saith. I know that Nathaniel Puckett enlisted in the volunteer service as stated in his declaration, and know that he was in service at other difert [different?] times but the lapse of so long a period I cannot particular rise the times nor the nature of the service. And further this affiant saith not

S/ Allen Whitworth



[Attested August 6, 1832]

The affidavit of Philip H Vest also an old soldier of the Revolution taken this 6th day of August 1832 in support of Nathaniel Puckett's declaration.

This affiant saith. I know that Nathaniel Puckett was in service with me at 2 different times, and was legally discharged, we were in a mess together, but the time he has been so long and my memory somewhat impaired I cannot particuly [particularly] make a statement of the length of time he served and further this affiant saith not.

S/ Peter H Vest, X his mark

[attested August 6, 1832]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for services rendered as a private for 10 months in the Virginia service.]