

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nathaniel Winston S6406

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State of Tennessee Rutherford County: Circuit Court October Term 1832

On this 1st day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable James C Mitchell Judge &c Nathaniel Winston a resident of said State and County aged seventy-four years, who being 1st duly sworn according to law doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832. That in the month of December 1780¹ he joined the service of the United States as a drafted militia man; in the County of Franklin State of North Carolina and rendezvoused at Lewisburg under Captain Richard Ranson and Sergeant Isaac Hudson. In two weeks after the company had assembled at Lewisburg, they were marched for Charlestown South Carolina. At Kingston [sic, Kinston] we joined the militia from the Counties of Granville in Warren where Colonel Lowery assumed the command, and marched to Charlestown through Wilmington, then to Georgetown and thence to Charlestown at which place General Lincoln had the command. This declarant was stationed at Charlestown, the British under cover of night frequently came within gun shot of the American posts, would cannonade them, and retire before the break of day. After a service of upwards of four months declarant was discharged, but could not leave the City for eight or ten days thereafter, the British having entire possession of the Bay and Harbor, and a part of their forces blockaded the city by land. Declarant with others of the corps who had been discharged were conveyed on board a vessel fifteen miles up Cooper River to a place called Tarlanddy [?], and from that route he returned home. About the last of May or 1st of June 1781 declarant was again called out as a drafted militia man and rendezvoused at Halifax Court House under Captain Swan Trowton [sic, Swan Trouton] and Let [sic, Lieut.?] William Ferril [William Ferrell?]. At Halifax, there were other militia detachments to the number of five hundred; and the whole Corps under the command of Colonel William Brickell [William Brickell] – Colonel Brickell was taken sick and returned home; when Captain Swan Trowton was promoted to a Colonel and took the command; and Captain Tilman Patterson assumed the command of the company to which declarant along. The core was marched towards Wilmington in pursuit of the Tories, and into South Carolina in the neighborhood of Georgetown – and through the Country in the States of both South Carolina in North Carolina, to different

¹ From the events described by the veteran, this date is doubtless December of 1779.

parts in the same service, during which marches declarant was in several skirmishes with the Tories; the principle of which was at Briar Creek where we met the Tories in great strength, and defeated them, killing many and taking of hundred prisoners. After this affair some short time, was news reached the command [paper torn, text missing] of the capture of Lord Cornwallis and his Army at York: the Corps was then marched back to Franklin or to Lewisburg and there dismissed. From the time declarant joined the service in the last tour until he was discharged, it was upwards of six months. Declarant has lost his discharges, and he has no documents in his possession by which he can prove his said services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the muster roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Subscribed & sworn to in open Court October 1822

S/ William Ledbetter, Clerk

S/ Nathaniel Winston, X his mark

Personally appeared in open [court] Jesse Davis,² and made oath, that he was well acquainted with Nathaniel Winston who has sworn to and subscribed the above declaration for a pension; and he was personally acquainted with the said Nathaniel, at the time of which he speaks in the County of Franklin State of North Carolina; and he knows when the said Nathaniel entered the service in the year 1780 and that he performed but he militia service he has set forth under Captain Richard Ransom – and after his 6 months tour under Captain Swan Trouton and afterwards under Captain Tilman Patterson – Affiant was the neighbor of the said Nathaniel at the time he was in service, and was mustered in the same company with him, at the times he joined the service – and he knows that his statement is true.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jesse Davis



[Isham H Lain, a clergyman, and John Fletcher gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Interrogatories 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I do not know the year in which I was born, though I was born in the State of North Carolina Franklin County, and am 74 years of age.

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

Answer. I have none.

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

Answer. I lived in Franklin County North Carolina when called into service, where I lived some time after the War – and then moved to Tennessee Bedford County, where I now live.

4th 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 was drafted

5th 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. I was not acquainted with any officers attached to the regular service; nor do I recollect any Continental or militia Regiments, though there was a Charleston, both regular and militia

² [Jesse Davis S2497](#)

Troop's when I was Bayer, but I was not attached with the regular troops – and I was kept at the close duty and had no time to make acquaintances or learn who description of truth's composed the Army; and [one or more indecipherable words], and did not go beyond the bounds of my company, except when duty called made – And as to my services – I joined the Army in December 1780, and was marched from Louisburg Franklin County to [indcipherable word] – and from there to Charlestown South Carolina – was there upwards of 3 months – General Lincoln commanded – was discharged and returned home and in May or June 1781 was again drafted rendezvoused at Halifax – went in pursuit of the Tories into South Carolina, and in several parts of North Carolina – was in several skirmishes – and in one engagement with the Tories at Briar Creek – and was in service on the taking of Lord Cornwallis – and was on the news of that event marched back to Lewisburg, and discharged – after a Tour of 6 months and upwards.

6th 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 for my 1st Tour of duty from Captain Richard Ransom for my 2nd from __ and I have lost them both.

7th 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. Rolly Morgan, William Vincent, Sampson Harris, George Roberts, Jonathan Wilborn, Money Balton, Jesse Sykes, Thomas H Sykes, Nathan Bryant, John Fletcher & Reverend Isham Lain.

And the said court do hereby declare their opinion that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier and served as he states. Given under my hand in open court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ J. C. Mitchell

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 commencing March 4th, 8 keen 31, for 10 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia. Close racket