

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nathan Lowe S7163

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State of North Carolina Randolph County

On this 9th Day of May A.D. 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions for the County of Randolph now sitting Nathan Lowe a resident of the County of Randolph & State of North Carolina aged nearly seventy-two years, who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as follows

That in the winter of 1780 he was drafted and entered the service of the United States under Colonel Collier & Captain Bell about two months before the Battle of Guilford¹, and was marched to Bell's Mills in the County of Randolph, together with many others where he remained for the space of two months employed in collecting provisions & forage for the United States Continental Store which was kept at that place, After the battle of Guilford Lord Cornwallis marched on by Bell's Mills and the troops stationed at that place were dispersed and the general confusion which pervaded the Country at that time. But after Cornwallis passed on towards Wilmington he was brought back & served out his term of three months for which he was drafted and received a written discharge from Colonel Collier and returned home. This discharge, this affiant states has been lost, as he believed it would never be of any value to him, he had no anxiety to preserve it.

After the battle of Guilford the Tories who were numerous & bloodthirsty in the County in which this affiant lived, became very cruel & ferocious, and under their notorious Commander Colonel Fanning [David Fanning²] of infamous memory, laid waste the Country in all directions, burning the dwellings, and putting the Whigs of the Country to the sword. In this condition of affairs it was found necessary to organize troops of horse for the purpose of scouring the County

¹ March 15, 1781

² **David Fanning** (1755-1825), from Randolph County, North Carolina, was a notorious Tory militia leader and renegade earning in North Carolina a reputation for brutality on a par with that of William ("Bloody Bill") Cunningham in South Carolina. Fanning wrote a fascinating account of his exploits. Lindley S. Butler, editor, *The Narrative of Col. David Fanning* (Briarpatch Press, Davidson, North Carolina, 1981). See, also, John Hairr, Colonel David Fanning: *The Adventures of a Carolina Loyalist* (Averasboro Press, Erwin, North Carolina, 2000).

and overawing the Tories. This affiant states that he entered the service of the United States again in 1781 shortly after the battle of Guilford as a Volunteer horseman under the command of Captain Dougin [sic, Capt. Thomas Dougan or Duggan?], and made a great many excursions against the Tories through the Counties of Randolph, Moore and Cumberland among the sand hills and the Scotch, that in some of these excursions he was absent from home not more than 2 or 3 days at a time, and others he was out a week at the time and frequently as much as 2 or 3 weeks without returning home, but that he never was finally discharged, but was subject to be called out at any moment whenever the Country required protection, This affiant states that in one of these excursions he was in a small engagement which took place between the Whigs, and Tories at a place called Needham in Randolph County in which several Tories were killed and wounded and the rest put to flight.

This affiant further states that he frequently volunteered under the Command of Captain Grey, after Captain Dougin was taken prisoner, and was in a great many excursions under him of a similar nature to those mentioned above and that he never was at home the length of time from the time he entered the service shortly after the battle of Guilford till the end of the war, and that he was in the service at the time the news reached him of the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown some time after which, the Country became quieted and, and that he was finally discharged and permitted to return home.

The affiant from age and the consequent loss of memory he is unable to state at this distant day the precise length of time that he was in the service of his Country but he can say with safety that he served ten months and for these services he claims a pension of his government.

This affiant states that he was born in the County of Randolph in the year 1762. That he has a record of his age copied from his father's family Bible, which is now in the possession of one of his sisters. He resided in Randolph County at the time he was called into Service, and has continued to reside there ever since, The first three months of his service he was drafted, and the balance of the time volunteered and furnished his own horse. He is known in his neighborhood to the Reverend Nathan Robbins and to John Ramsour [sic, this name signed his name "Ramsowes" who can state who can testify to his character for Veracity and their belief of his Services as a Soldier of the revolution.

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

Sworn & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Nathan Lowe

[Nathan Robbins, a clergyman, and John Ramsowes gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Randolph County

I Ozborn Lamon do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Nathan Lowe and have been ever since the Revolution, and that I have been with him on frequent occasion during the Revolutionary war that I know of his serving under Captain Dougin, Colonel Collier & Captain Bell, but cannot say at this time exactly how long he served and I also know that he has a traditionary reputation of being a revolutionary soldier.

Sworn & subscribed

S/ Oz Lamon

State of North Carolina Randolph County: Nathan Lowe whose name appears to the foregoing

declaration by way of amendment swears that his second term of service lasted for seven months. That he volunteered during the war, or till the situation of the Country would admit of their forces being disbanded -- that his Colonel Commandant during the whole time of his Service was Colonel Collier, that his Captain was named Dougin who was taken prisoner by the enemy, and then he was put under the Command of Captain Grey, The places and particulars of his Services are specified in his declaration as well as he can now recollect them.

He further swears that he served with an embodied corps called into service I competent authority.

That he was always in the field with the exception of such times as he was admitted to return home when there was no pressing need of his being called out. That he followed no civil pursuit during the time of his public service and that he would have been treated as a deserter and a Tory if he had been absent at any time when his troop was called into service.

August Term 1834

Sworn to in open Court

S/ Nathan Lowe

S/ Hugh McCain, Clk

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 10 months service in the revolution.]