

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nathan Mendenhall S7219

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State of North Carolina Lincoln County

On this Eighteenth day of April in the year of our Lord 1834, Personally appeared before me, William J. Wilson one of the Justices of the peace in and for the said County of Lincoln in the State of North Carolina: Nathan Mendenhall a resident of the County & State aforesaid now in the Eighty eighth year of his age who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of an act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832. That he was born in the County of Chester in the State of Pennsylvania in September 1746. That he served an apprenticeship to the Carpenters trade in the city of Philadelphia that after arriving at age & free from his Apprenticeship he worked several years in Philadelphia and in Baltimore that in or about the year 1773 or 1774 he moved to South Carolina now York District. That sometime in the last of June 1778 he was drafted for a three months tour as a private in a Company of Militia commanded by Capt. Peter Clinton who then was ordered to march and join a Body of Militia commanded by Lieut. Col. Samuel Watson and Major Francis Ross that they did Join said Army in said District on the waters of Rocky Creek. That said Army marched through the Western parts of South Carolina and into the State of Georgia in order to protect the frontier settlements from the Indians, and returning into South Carolina near Ninety Six (his time of service being expired) he was discharged by said Capt. P. Clinton. Being this Tour what was then called Mounted Riflemen each man finding his own Horse. That in a few days after his reaching Home he was again Drafted for another tour of three months. That he served under said Capt. Peter Clinton that they joined the Army of Militia commanded by Col. Thomas Neell [Thomas Neel] on Fishing Creek in York District South Carolina. That they marched to Orangeburg (in said State) being the place of Rendezvous from thence they started with 30, or 40 wagons with provisions for the Army of General Moultrie [William Moultrie] and missing his Army Col. Neel marched on towards Charleston as far as Goose Creek where the provisions was taken from the wagons and put in boats to take to Charleston Col. Neel with his Army marched on by land and got into Charleston, and this Declarant remained there with the Army until his tour of three months was expired -- This declarant thinks that Generals Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] & Moultrie were the commanders at Charleston Gov. Rutledge [John Rutledge] was sometimes with the Army & at Orangeburg. Having received from his Capt. a discharge he returned home and early in the year 1780 he with a small family moved into North Carolina Tryon (now Lincoln) County that some time in the Spring of 1780 he joined a company of Militia commanded by Capt. Malcolm Henry that said Company joined the Army of Militia commanded by Col. William Graham and Major

Frederick Hambright that they continued scouting through the Counties of Mecklenburg & Tryon in North Carolina and the upper Counties of South Carolina in order to keep down the Tories and to prevent them from embodying and joining the British Army. That he continued attached to said Company commanded by Capt. M. Henry until the End of the war and that he received from said Capt. a certificate for five months service under his command making the time of Service for which he claims a pension to be eleven months. He hereby states that he is not on any pension list of the United States or any State or Territory thereof and relinquishes any claim there to.

He maketh Answer to the 7 interrogatories as follows viz.

1. That he was born September 1746 in Chester County State of Pennsylvania

2nd He had a record of his age but that record together with the 2 discharges from Peter Clinton and the one from Capt. Malcolm Henry before mentioned was burned in his dwelling house in the year 1813 at which time his said house with all his valuable property was destroyed.

3rd The declarant states that he was living in South Carolina York District when he entered the Service in 1778, and lived there onto or early in 1780 when he moved into then Tryon (now Lincoln) County North Carolina where he has resided ever since.

4th That he was drafted for two tours of three months each in South Carolina and that he entered as a volunteer in North Carolina and served as such for five months in actual duty.

5th In the first 3 months I do not recollect any higher officer than Lt. Col. Samuel Watson In the second 3 months Col. Thomas Neel Gov. Rutledge, General Moultrie & General Lincoln These are all the officers that the declarant can remember.

6th I did receive two discharges or certificates for three months each from Capt. Peter Clinton and one for five months from Capt. Malcolm Henry they were all three burned in my house in 1813.

7th I could refer to many of my neighbors for traditionary evidence, most of my old acquaintances being dead or removed I can only refer to Andrew Floyd and James Hill and the Rev. William B. Davies.

The said Nathan further states that the aforesaid Capt. Peter Clinton died during the revolutionary war & that Capt. Malcolm Henry removed from these parts to the westward some 35 or 40 years ago & that he does not know whether he is yet living.

He further swears that on account of his age, loss of eyesight & hearing together with loss of memory he is unable to give a more particular account of his Services in said war.

S/ Nathan Mendenhall



Sworn to & subscribed the date first mentioned before me

S/ Wm J. Wilson, JP

[Andrew Floyd and James Hill gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.66 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 11 months in the South Carolina and North Carolina militia.]