

**Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements &
Rosters**

Revolutionary War Pension Application of Nathan Musselwhite S7255
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Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of
CongreSs passed June 7th 1832

State of North Carolina)
 Robeson County (

On this 27th day of February

In the year of our Loard one thousand Eight hundred
And thirty three personally appeared in open Court
before Charles Moore, Shadrach Howell, James Storm, William Townsend the court of
Pleas

and Quarter SeSsions now sitting for the County of
Robeson aforesaid, Nathan MuSselwhite, a resident
Of the County of Robeson State of North Carolina
Aged Seventy Nine years, who being first duly Sworn
According to law, doth, on his oath, make the follow
Ing declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the
Act of CongreSs passed June 7th 1832 –

That he volunteered into the service of the
United States, for three months under the Command
of Captain William Moore, as a Malitia man,
in the County of Bladen, state of North Carolina,
and Marched in the Regiment Commanded
by him to Fort Johnson, near the town of Wilmington
North Carolina, but did not march further than
old Brunswick, when were informed that
there was no use, for our Company at that time
at said Fort; therefore, the Regiment turned back
and was discharged, until further orders, I think
this tour, as well as I recollect, was in the latter part of
the year 1776.

2nd Tour. That he volunteered in the Service of the United
States as a Malitia man, for three months and as
Well as he can recollect, put under the Command of Capt
=ain Nathaniel Richardson, or Captain Joseph Wood,
to go in pursuit of the Tories which were said to be
stationed, at that time, near CroSs Creek, which is now

called the town of Fayetteville, in the State of North Carolina, before the expiration of the three months, the Tories were defeated by General Caswell, at the widow Moore's creek –

3rd Tour, he again volunteered for three months, as a Malitia man, put under the command of Captain Peter Robeson, and marched, in the Regiment Commanded by him, to a place, called Jumping run, near the town of Wilmington, North Carolina, I served out the full term of three months, which tour as well as he can recollect, was (?) in the year one thousand Seven hundred and Seventy eight, or Nine he cannot recollect distinctly, which but is certain it was (?) or the other, of the last mentioned years, that he performed the third tour.

4th Tour. He drafted for six months as a malitia man, into the Service of the United States in the County of Bladen North Carolina, was put under the Command of General Williams and Major Dickson, Joseph Wood (Captain) and John Cain lieutenant, they embodied on the East side of the Cape Fear river, neat the town of Fayetteville North Carolina, when the Regiment was organized and marched up said river from there we marched twenty or thirty miles towards Cole's bridge, on drowning creek, in the State of North

Carolina, then returned a north west course, and Marched as far as the Carroway Mountain, from there they marched and crossed the Uwharie creek or river, from there they marched, and crossed the Yadkin river, all of which was in the State of North Carolina, and from there we marched into the State of South Carolina, near Lynches creek we continued to march on until we came near Rudgley's Mills, South Carolina, and there we were attached to General Gate's Regiment, a few days before the battle took place near Camden South Carolina, we continued with General Gates Regiment until the engagement took place, he was in the Battle at the time of Gates defeat, and in the time of the battle, he and a member of the South Carolina Malitia were first under the command of General Caswell (?) were there defeated and many of us I quandered yet be continued and

served out the full term of Six months and received a discharge from James Moore, he thinks this tour of Six months, as well as he can recollect was with Summer and fall of the year one thousand Seven hundred and Eighty –

Fifth Tour!!! In the year one thousand Seven hundred and Eighty one, as well as he can recollect, he volunteered for one month, and was attached to the Regiment, Commanded by Captain John Willis, and marched in pursuit of the Tories near and about the South Carolina line, and sometimes near the Great Pe-dee river in South Carolina, he served the full term of one month at that time –

6th Tour!!! In the same year viz 1781, as well as he can recollect, he volunteered for one month under the command of Captain William Morre, to go in pursuit of the Tories between the Cape Fear river North Carolina and the Great Pedee over in South Carolina me served out the Full tour of one month at that time –

7th Tour: In the year one thousand seven hundred and Eighty one or two, he is not certain which but one or the other, he volunteered under the command of Captain John Regan and marched as far as the Great Pedee river South Carolina and gathered a parcel of beef Cattle and delivered them to Colonel ?aully for the use of the United States army, he served out the full term, served in all the aforementioned tours in the service of the United States thirteen months during the Revolutionary War, that he has no Documentary evidence, that he knows of no pers on whose testimony he can procure, who can tes(?) to his service – he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his names is not on the Pension roll of the agency of any State whatsoever that here is no clergyman residing in his neighborhood –
Sworn to and Subscribed the) his
Day and year aforesaid (Nathan X MuSselwhite
A.Mc Clk mark

We Joseph Regan and James Smith residing in the county of Robeson North Carolina, hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Nathan MuSselwhite

who has Subscribed and Sworn to the above declaration;
that we believe him to be Seventy Nine years of age;
that he is reputed and believed in the neighbourhood
where he resides, to have been a Soldier of the Revolution

and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn and Subscribe the)
Day and year aforesaid (Jo. Regan
Jas. Smith

Question by the Court

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer

I was born in the State of North Carolina, Bladen
County in that part of Bladen which is now called
Robeson County, and according to my best recollection
and information, I was born on the 19th day of Jan
uary one thousand seven hundred and fifty three.

2nd Question by the Court

Have you any record of your age; and if so where
is it-

Answer - I had a record of my age, and Kept it in
a book, until within the last three or four years, about
that time, I lent the book and the leaf one which my
birth was registered, was torn out – therefore I have no
record of my age, only my recollection of the written
Statement in said book, which is at this time quite
distinct –

3d Question by the Court

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 Bladen County, North Caro
lina when called into service, since then I have
lived in Bladen, aforesaid and still continue to live
in that part of it which is now called Robeson
County.

4th Question by the Court

How were you called into Service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a Substitute, and if a substitute for whom –

Answer – I volunteered in all my tours except one, and then I was drafted for six months, it being the tour that I was in General Gates defeat, near Camden South Carolina,

5th Question by the Court

State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you Served; State Continental and Malitia Regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service –

Answer – I knew General Gates at the time I was attached to his Regiment, near Camden South Carolina, I knew General Caswell at the time of Gates defeat, I also saw General Rutherford at the time he marched his army through a part of North Carolina, I saw General or Colonel Davidson, of North Carolina when I was in pursuit of Tories near Fayette ville North Carolina, I was acquainted with Col Robeson, and Col Thos. Brown, of Bladen County North Carolina –

6th Question by the Court

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 six months tour, I received it from James Moore, but I cannot recollect what his rank was, I perfectly recollect that

he was an officer among the United States troops, I do not recollect what has become of the discharge, I have either lost or mislaid it as I cannot after diligent search find it – my other discharges were only verbal

7th Question by the Court

Note the names of persons to whom you are
Known in your present neighbourhood and who
Can testify as to your character for veracity, and
their belief of your services as a soldier of the
Revolution –

Answer – I Know of no person living, who
Served with me in the Revolutionary War
nor have I any documentary evidence nor can
I from to my knowledge, by any know my
Services in the Revolutionary service by Joseph
Regan and James Smith persons to whom I am known
in my neighbourhood, I can prove my char
acter for veracity and their belief as to my
having served on behalf of the United States in
the Revolutionary war –

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion after
the investigation of the matter and after putting the
interrogatories prescribed, by the war department,
that the above mentioned applicant was a Revolu
tionary Soldier, and served as he States, and the court
further certify that it appears to them that the said
Joseph Regan and James Smith, residents in the coun
ty of Robeson aforesaid, who have signed the preceding
certificate, are credible persons and that their Statement

is entitled to credit.

Ja Storm J. P.
Sdh Howell J.P.
Wm. Townsend J.P.
Chs Moore J.P.

I Archibald McEachan Clerk of the Court of
Pleas and Quarter Sessions of the County of Robeson
State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that
the foregoing contains, the original proceedings
of the said Court, in the matter of the application
of Nathan MuSselwhite for a Pension.

Intestimony whereof I have
here unto set my hand and seal of office this
27th day of February Anno Domini 1833.

A. McEachin Clk.
