

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edward Nelson S7266

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State of North Carolina, Craven County} SS

On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and quarter sessions, now sitting, Edward Nelson resident of the County of Craven State of North Carolina, aged Seventy-Two 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 seventh 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, Viz., that he volunteered in the militia service in the first part of the month of December (perhaps about the 10<sup>th</sup> day) in the year of our Lord 1780, served in the company of Captain Jesse Bryan and Colonel Read's [James Read's] Regiment under the command of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] until the 13<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord 1781 when he was regularly discharged by Guilford Dudley,<sup>1</sup> Lieutenant Colonel Commandant of the North Carolina Militia. He was again called into service the same year, when the British and Tories threatened Newbern [sic, New Bern] about the first of August of that year and served according to the best of his recollection in Captain Hardy Gatlin's Company and Colonel Tilman's [John Tilman's] Regiment for the period of a month and a half. He volunteered about October of the same year, a draft of the militia being made, to serve his country the third time and served in Captain William Fonville's [William Fonville's] company Colonel Nixon's [Lt. Col. Richard Nixon's] Regiment under the command of General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] for about the term of two months when he was dismissed with the rest of the militia forming the Regiment. He fought in a battle in which General Greene engaged Lord Rawdon near Camden South Carolina.<sup>2</sup> He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an 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/ J. G. Stanly, Clerk

S/ Edward Nelson



[John M. Bryan, John B. Dawson and Abner Hartley gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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1 [Guilford Dudley W8681](#)

2 Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781 [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_hobkirks\\_hill.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hobkirks_hill.html)

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Personally appeared before me, the undersigned a Justice of the peace of Craven County Edward Nelson resident of the County of Craven & State aforesaid, who being duly sworn deposeth and saith, that, by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades: For five months and three days, I served as a private soldier in Captain Jesse Bryan's Company Colonel Read's Regiment viz., from 10<sup>th</sup> of December 1780 to the 13<sup>th</sup> May 1781. For one month and 15 days commencing from 1<sup>st</sup> of August 1781 I served as a private soldier in Captain Hardy Gatlin's Company in Col. John Tillman's Regiment. For two months from October 1781, I served as a private soldier in Captain William Fonville's Company & Col. Richard Nixon's Regiment, and for such service I claim a pension.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this fifth day of June A.D. 1833  
S/ Hardy Whitford, JP

S/ Edward Nelson

[Spicer Lane, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$28.33 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 8 ½ months in the North Carolina Light Horse Regiment.]