

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Nobles S8922

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Transcribed by Vance Pollock:

*Supplement in italics by Will Graves*

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Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed  
June 7. 1832

State of North Carolina }  
County of Beaufort } S.

On this 22nd day of August 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid now sitting, John Nobles, resident of the County of Beaufort & State aforesaid aged Seventy years, ten months and four days, 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated. [next line appears squeezed in, very small and difficult to make out] First He hereby relinquishes any claim whatever to any pension or annuity *except the present* & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any State.

He states that he was born in the County of Pitt in the neighbourhood of what is now called Yankey Hall [Yankee Hall]- at the commencement of the revolutionary war he lived in that part of the County of Pitt, now Beaufort, called Chocowinity, where he still resides - that he was born on the 18th day of October 1762. He was a member of Capt John Godley's company & was drafted out of it to serve three months after entering South Carolina. He marched to Kingston [*Kinston*] in what is now called Lenoir County and was received by Capt Jacob Shute. thence he marched into South Carolina, went thro' Camden, proceeded towards Charleston, encamped for a short time on Santee, returned thence into N Carolina, crossed the Cape Fear [*River*] & was discharged. & he thinks that the certificate hereto annexed was given him at that time. believes he was on this occasion in service about five months. Believes that William Sheppard was their Major & William Caswell their General. He was four times called out for temporary & occasional service but only for a few days at a time, save when Craig [*James Craig*] was at Newbern [New Bern] he was in service about four weeks. He then entered the service as a substitute or rather was hired by a class of twenty men who were bound to furnish a man, in what was called the eighteen months service, in which he continued till peace, having served from August [1782] till July following. He marched to Kingston & was received by Capt Thomas Evans. marched thence to Bacon's bridge in South Carolina where they joined the army then under command of Genl Greene. The regiment was commanded by Col Leitle [Archibald Lytle], Reading Blount Major.

They marched nearer Charleston & halted at Ashley's ferry till the British left Charleston, then marched to James's island & there remained till the Army was disbanded. during this service the Capt was changed & Benjamin Coleman became captain. He has not other written evidence of his service or discharge than the one hereunto annexed. & thinks he never had any other.

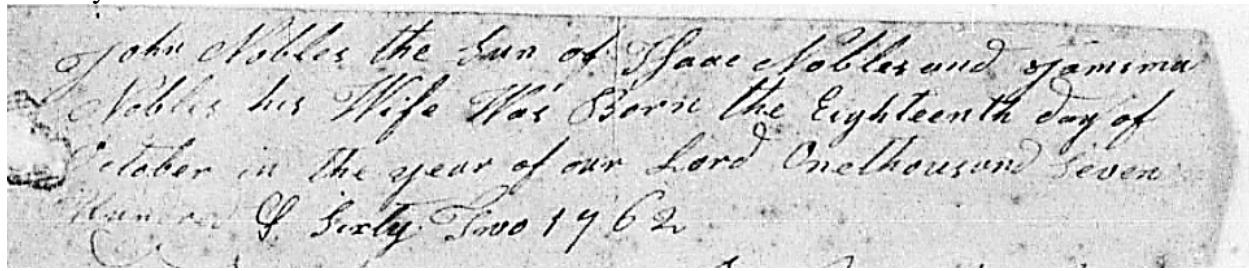
Sworn to and Subscribed in Open Court by John Nobles. Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August term 1832

John (his X mark) Nobles

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The first page in this file is a copy of a [Bible?] birth record which reads as follows:

John Nobles the Son of Isaac Nobles and Jamima Nobles his Wife Was Born the Eighteenth day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven Hundred & Sixty Two 1762.

A photograph of a handwritten birth record on aged, slightly stained paper. The text is written in a cursive script and reads: "John Nobles the Son of Isaac Nobles and Jamima Nobles his Wife Was Born the Eighteenth day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven Hundred & Sixty Two 1762".

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### Will Graves' supplement

*[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>h</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]*

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*Brittain Edwards [sic] makes oath that he is in his sixty-ninth year – that he was raised with John Nobles – remembers well that John Nobles was in the revolutionary war – that he was hired by a class of eighteen men, he thinks, to serve for eighteen months – has a distinct recollection of his leaving & returning home that he was absent about twelve months.*

S/ Briton Edwards

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Briton Edwards". The signature is written in a cursive style with some flourishes.

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*Edward Nelson maketh oath that he has long known John Nobles who has subscribed & sworn to the above declaration – they have been acquainted from their boyhood – he believes him to be about*

seventy years of age that he is reputed & believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution, & that he both concurs in that opinion & well remembers the fact of his having been in the eighteen months service.

S/ Edward Nelson<sup>1</sup>



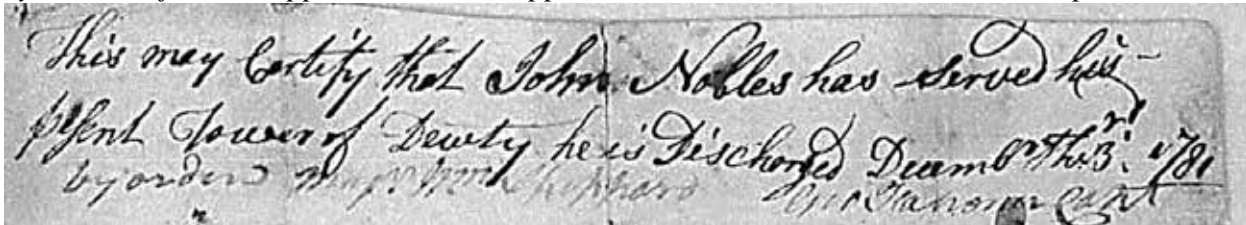
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Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace for the County of Beaufort, North Carolina, John Nobles who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith that by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his several terms of service; but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below, & in the following grades; for one year and four months I served as a private – that is to say in the service first mentioned in the foregoing declaration four months, in the service next mentioned one month and in the service last mentioned eleven months: and for such service of sixteen months I claim a pension.

S/ John Nobles, Senior, X his mark

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This may Certify that John Nobles as served his present [present] Tower [tour] of Dewty [duty] he is Discharged Decemb<sup>r</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1781 by order Maj<sup>r</sup> Wm Sheppard [William Sheppard] S/ Geo. Hahoner [?]<sup>2</sup> Capt



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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$53.33 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 16 months in the North Carolina militia.]

<sup>1</sup> [Edward Nelson S7266](#)

<sup>2</sup> I could find no such officer in the resources available to me. I think it unlikely, but the closest I came to identifying a candidate for this officer was Capt George Faulkner of Pitt County, NC militia.