

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Naaman [Norman?] Mills S9417

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State of North Carolina Wake County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions November Sessions
A.D. 1833

On this twenty first day of November A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court, a court of record, Naaman Mills a resident of the County of Wake aforesaid, aged Seventy-five 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

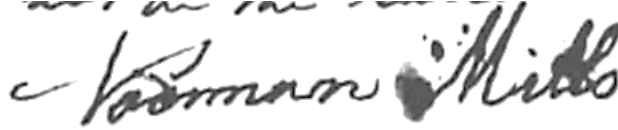
That he entered the Service of the United States as a drafted militia man in the year A.D. 1773, on the first day of July of said year and served five months in the line. I was under the command of Col. Benjamin Seawell, commanded by Capt. Henry Bunn [Henry Burns], Joel Sherrod Lieut. I was marched by Capt. Henry Bunn to North Hampton [sic, Northampton] Court house, and from thence marched to Deep River at Col. Ramsey's Mill in this State and there joined the Regiment under the command of Col. Benjamin Seawell, thence across the Country into South Carolina to the Pee Dee [Pedee] River, thence we stopped a short time & marched thence to Salisbury [one or more indecipherable words] directed by the Col. who said his force was too weak to contend with the enemy, from Salisbury to the Yadkin River, there we remained until I was discharged in the month of December 1773 I had a written discharge but have lost or mislaid the same. This service lasted five months. This service I can prove by Henry Senter¹ who served with me.

2nd I entered the service again as a militia being drafted on the 10th of July in the year of our Lord 1774 and served three months (to wit) until the 10th of October of the year 1774. I was marched to Halifax, there the several captains united their companies under Major Hogg thence to Tarborough, there joined other companies, thence to Cross Creek, there we remained several thence to Cane [?] Creek thence to Wilmington, we marched into the town with the view of attacking the British forces there who on the approach fled thence to the North side of Cape Fear River there we remained until I was discharged. I was in no engagement. Col. Nicholas Long was our Col. but declined taking the command in consequence of ill health. The General officers names I do not recollect now of having heard all those there were some bear and I believe there was no general that commanded our [several indecipherable words] we being under the Command of a Col. as aforesaid I had a written discharge from Major Hogg but have lost or mislaid the same. This service lasted three months beginning on the 10th of July 1774 and

¹ Although the name is very difficult to decipher, I believe the applicant may have been referring to Henry Senter whose widow, Rebecca, filed a claim [Henry Senter R9381](#), in which she states he died February 27, 1831.

ending on the 10th of July 1774. I can prove this service by Elijah Lassiter² who served with me. I do not now recollect the name of the field officers. I do not know of any clergyman who can say he is well acquainted with me. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency of any State.

S/ Noorman Mills [sic]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Noorman Mills". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

[Kindred Johnson and David Holland gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Questions by the Court

Where and in what year were you born – Naaman Mills says he was born in Northampton County North Carolina

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it

Ans. I have no record of my age

3rd How were you called into service – were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a Substitute and if a Substitute for whom – I was drafted as stated in my declaration above, and was an inhabitant of Northampton County in this State at the time, and as to further particulars I refer to my declaration.

4. State the names of some of the regular officers that were with the troops where you served – and Continental and militia regiments as you recollect and the general circumstances of your services – I do not now recollect the names of any regular officers that were with the troops I cannot now recollect any of the Continental regiments I am old and my memory much impaired and can only state what I have done in my declaration.

5. Did you receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it

Ans. I received two written discharges one signed by Major Hogg and the other signed by Colonel Benjamin Seawell and have lost or mislaid them both

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Hardy Luther³ personally appeared before us two of the Justices of the peace for Wake County who being duly sworn depose and saith by reason of old age and infirmity he is unable to get to Court to make his affidavit in behalf of his fellow Soldier Namon Mills and further saith that he served with said Namon Mills in a Regiment of North Carolina Drafted Militia under Col. Benjamin Seawell as state[d] in the Declaration made by said Mills to which they Entered the Service of the United States as this applicant [sic, affiant] believes on 1st of April 1778 or 1779 and served for five months to wit until 1st of September 1778 or 1779 the year not particularly

² [Elijah Lassiter S9369](#)

³ I believe this is the same man who was awarded a pension issued under the name [Hardy Lewter \(Luther\) S8839](#). If not, I could find no pension application filed by or on behalf of a veteran by the name of Hardy Luther. Consequently, if Lewter and Luther not the same man, this MAY be the only evidence of Hardy Luther's service in the Revolution.

recollected. Sworn to and subscribed before us this 27th of November 1833.

S/ Hardy Luther, X his mark

S/ Isaac Hudson, JP

S/ John Babb, JP

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Personally appeared before us two of the acting Justices of the Peace for Wake County Elijah Lassiter who being duly sworn deposed and saith by reason of old age and infirmities and the distance he lives from Raleigh he was unable to attend November County Court to make this affidavit in behalf of his fellow Soldier Nooman Mills and he further saith that he served with said Nooman Mills as a drafted Militia man in a North Carolina Regiment under the command of Major Hogg as stated in the declaration made by said Mills (to wit) they entered the service of the United States about the first of July A.D. 1780 or 1781 the dates not particularly remembered and served three months (viz.) until about the first of October A.D. 1780 or 1781. Sworn to and Subscribed before us this sixth day of December 1833.

S/ William Thompson, JP

S/ Elijah Lassiter, X his mark

S/ Thomas G. Scott, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months in the North Carolina militia .]