

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hanse Nelson <sup>1</sup> W1462

Delila Nelson

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State of Tennessee, Knox County

On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 1834 personally appeared in open Court for a Circuit Court for said County, now sitting Hanse Nelson a citizen of said County aged upwards of 70 years, who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed on the 7th of June 1832-- That he was born in Shenandoah County Virginia in the year 1763 as well as he now recollects, where he remained but three or four years when he moved to Rowan County North Carolina where he lived at the commencement of, during the whole continuance, and a short time after the termination of the Revolutionary war. He states that sometime shortly after the commencement of the war he enrolled himself in Rowan County as a volunteer private into a company of foot commanded by Captain James Osborn [sic, James Osborne], which company was out after the Tories through the counties contiguous and scouting about, for three months, after serving three months in this campaign applicant was discharged and returned home. Applicant states that some time after this campaign the exact period not now recollected, he was drafted in the said County of Rowan as a private and was enrolled in a company commanded by Captain Nicholson [sic, probably Jacob Nichols] – which company was attached to a Regiment under the command of Colonel Lock [sic, Francis Locke] and General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] – under these officers he marched down into South Carolina, was at Purysburg South Carolina, was out on guard at the battle at Stono [June 20, 1779], and after serving five months in this campaign he was discharged and returned home. Applicant states that he served a campaign of two or three months down on Deep River under the command of Captain Isbell [Godfrey Isbell] and Col Isaacs [Elijah Isaacs] – he states that he served another campaign under the command of Col Isaacs, but he does not recollect what Captain – he states that he was out in frequent excursions against the Tories particularly against one Fanman [sic, David Fanning?] and Elrod [John Elrod], distinguished Tories – he states that he was in the expedition to, and at the battle of, King's Mountain under Col Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland] – he states that owing to the great lapse of time since these services were performed that he cannot detail with much minuteness the particulars of each campaign he states that he was in service for the greater part of the war and knows that he served as a private in the war of the Revolution two whole years, for which he claims a pension – he states that he has no record of his age but he believes he is upwards of 70 years old – he states that he was drafted every campaign except first when he volunteered as above stated – he states that at the end of the war he moved to Newberry District S. C. where he lived for many years when he moved to Edgefield S. C. where he lived one or two years, when he moved to

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Greenville S. C. where he lived several years, when he moved to Greene County Tennessee where he lived one year, when he moved to McMinn County Tennessee where he lived until the present year, when he moved to this County –applicant states that there is no clergyman in the neighborhood where he now lives – he states that he does not recollect of being at any time with the regular Army unless while at Puryzburg or while covering Genl Green's [sic, Nathanael Greene's] retreat from Cornwallis-- he states that the individuals who are acquainted with his character veracity and his reputation for military service are John Nelson Sr., John Nelson Jr. and William Nelson – he states that he got several discharges for his services as he believes but he has since lost them all – he states that he has no documentary evidence whatever of his services nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services except that hereunto annexed, and he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or 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 in open Court this 12<sup>th</sup> February 1834

S/ Hanse Nelson, X his mark

Test: S/ Wm Toran [?], Clk

State of Tennessee, Knox County

I John Nelson<sup>2</sup> a citizen of said County aged about 76 years do hereby certify that Hanse Nelson who has signed and sworn to the above declaration, is my Brother and is a few years younger than myself – I also certify that I served with the said Hanse Nelson in the Revolutionary war most of the time that he served in said War – and I do know that he served in the said war as a private for a term of more than two whole years – I also certify that to my own knowledge the material facts as stated in the above declaration or true – I also certify that I am now receiving a full pension from the U. States for my services in the Revolutionary War.

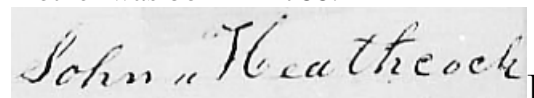
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S/ John Nelson, X his mark

[p 8: On February 12, 1834 in Knox County Tennessee, John Nelson Junior gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 10: On September 8, 1843 in Roane County Tennessee, Delila Nelson made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Hanse Nelson; that she married him in 1786 in Newberry District South Carolina; that she has no record of her marriage but has a record of the birth of her eldest child she closed with her application; that her husband died March 1, 1843. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 17: On March 19, 1853 in Franklin County Tennessee, John Heathcock, 43, gave testimony that his mother Mary Ann Heathcock, formerly Mary Ann Nelson, was the oldest child of Hanse and Delilah Nelson; that Hanse and Delilah Nelson resided in Meigs County Tennessee where Delilah Nelson still resides; that the affiant took from an old original record a statement that his mother was born in 1788.

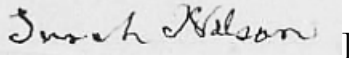
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Heathcock". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[p 19: On March 19, 1853 in Franklin County Tennessee, Sarah Nelson, aged 63 years, gave

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<sup>2</sup> [John Nelson S1707](#)

testimony that she was well acquainted with Hanse and Delilah Nelson; that she was also well acquainted with their oldest child Mary Ann Nelson who is now deceased; that affiant played with Mary Ann Nelson when they were children and that Mary Ann was about 3 years older than affiant; that Mary Ann Nelson Heathcock was the daughter of Hanse and Delilah Nelson. The relationship, if any, of the affiant to the veteran and/or his wife is not stated.

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[p 13: On March 14, 1857 in Roane County Tennessee, Delilah Nelson, aged about 93, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war soldier; that she married Hanse Nelson in Newberry County South Carolina in 1780; that they were married by a justice of the peace (whose name is written over and rendered illegible); that her name prior to her marriage was Delilah Taylor. She signed this application with her mark.]

[p 15: On March 14, 1857 in Roane County Tennessee, Richard Nelson gave testimony that Delilah Nelson is living with his family; that he has no record of the marriage of Hanse Nelson and Delilah Nelson and he has been unable to find any public or private record of that marriage. He signed his affidavit with his mark. His relationship, if any, to the veteran and/or his widow is not stated.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 10 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]