

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Nunn W17411

Elizabeth Nunn

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State of North Carolina, Orange County} SS

On this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of November, in the year of 1838, personally appeared before the undersigned one of the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the aforesaid County (the same being a "Court of Record,") Elizabeth Nunn, a resident of the Village of Chapel Hill, in the County of Orange aforesaid, aged 77 years; who being first duly sworn according to law, stateth that from old age and bodily infirmity she cannot attend Court to make this Declaration. Therefore makes this Declaration at her own residence in the Village aforesaid, in order to obtain the benefit of the third Section of the Act of Congress of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July 1836:

And the said Elizabeth Nunn, stateth further upon her said oath, that she is the widow of the late Captain William Nunn of the aforesaid County, and that she has reason to believe and does believe:

1. That her deceased husband the aforesaid William Nunn, did in the early part of the year 1776, as "private of Dragoons" in Captain Tinnin's [sic, Hugh Tinnen's] Company Serve a three months tour of duty in the United States Service – said tour was called the "Scotch Camps," that Brigadier General Butler [John Butler] was the Superior officer, that it was in this tour the Declarant is under the impression she has heard that many Scotch Tories under McNeal were made prisoners and deprived of their arms; that in this tour the Declarant understands her husband was in a legally organized Corps and called into Service of the proper authority.

This tour, this Declarant proves by the affidavit [of] Thomas Tate, whose affidavit is hereto annexed and marked "A" which this declarant believes to be genuine & true.

2. And the said Elizabeth Nunn widow as aforesaid, further declares upon her said oath, that she has reason to believe, and does believe that her deceased husband, the aforesaid William Nunn, as Captain of a Company of Dragoons did serve a tour in the Militia in the United States Service (by draft she thinks). This tour, as well as this Declarant understands commenced on or about the first of October 1778, and ended the first of March following. That the troops in this tour rendezvoused in Hillsboro in the aforesaid County, was at Salisbury & Black Swamp in South Carolina. That her deceased husband did serve all of said five months tour as Captain of Dragoons and returned and was discharged in the town of Hillsboro aforesaid on or about the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 1779.

This tour this Declarant proves by William Browning whose affidavit is marked "B" and is hereto annexed & that of E. Brewer marked "M."

Also, by the affidavit of John Dolly, which is marked "C."

Also by that of Mrs. Ellen Bryant marked "D." (said affiant is Sister to Colonel Archibald Lytle) which are annexed hereto – and are genuine & true as this Declarant believes.

3. And this Declarant further states that she has reason to believe and does believe, that her deceased husband, William Nunn aforesaid, as Captain of Dragoons, did in the Summer and fall

of 1780, Served the United States in the militia, four months or upwards, as Captain of a company of Dragoons.

That from the best information this Declarant can get, this tour commenced sometime in the month of July and [he was] put under General Caswell [Richard Caswell], but in a few days before Gates defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780], was placed under Command of that officer, and was with him at "Gates defeat." Thence retreated to Hillsboro in the said County of Orange and remained in service as Captain of Dragoons till the 1<sup>st</sup> of December, when said Captain Nunn was discharged in the Town of Charlotte, and returned home. Having served in this tour as Captain of Dragoons, four months or more.

That in this, as the former tour, her deceased husband was in legally organized Corps and called into Service by Competent authority. This tour this Declarant proves by the witness Brittain Bowers, whose affidavit is hereto annexed and marked "E" which with the foregoing affidavits, marked "A," "B," "C," "D," "M," this Declarant states she believes to [be] genuine and true.

4. And the said Elizabeth, Declarant, as aforesaid, further states on her said oath, that she has reason to believe and does believe that her deceased husband, the aforesaid Captain William Nunn did in the winter and spring of 1781, Serve as Captain of a Company of Captain Dragoons in the United States Service, under Major McClary [John McClary of Caswell County militia?], in the militia. That said tour as well as this Declarant can learn, commenced in the early part of the month of January 1781, and ended sometime in April following –That in this tour, her deceased husband was in the engagement at Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781] as Captain of a Company of Dragoons, and as such served a tour in the United States service for three months, and that in said tour he served in a legally organized Corps and was called into Service by Competent authority.

This tour this Declarant proves by the affidavit [of] Brittain Bowers, whose affidavit is hereto annexed and marked "M," and which he believes to be genuine & true.

5. This Declarant the aforesaid Elizabeth Nunn, widow as aforesaid, further sets forth upon her said oath, that she has reason to believe and does believe: That on or about the middle of September, following, when the Town of Hillsboro in the County aforesaid was surprised and captured by the Tory forces under Colonel Fanning [David Fanning], that her deceased husband the aforesaid William Nunn did as Captain of a Company of Dragoons, (Volunteers,) Served the United States, three months and a half: the object of this Service, as this declarant understood was to rescue the Governor [Thomas Burke] and others, that were made prisoners at that time by Colonel Fanning.

That in this tour her husband was in a legally organized Corps, and called into service by competent authority, that the Superior Officers in this tour were, Colonel Moore [William Moore], Colonel Mebane [Robert Mebane], General Butler & others, that her husband did not return from said tour till the last of December following, having served the tour, in part, near Wilmington.

This tour this affiant proves by the affidavit of William Browning, Mark "F," & that of John Dolly marked "G." Which certificates this Declarant states as she believes to be genuine and true (the foregoing tours were before our marriage)

(After we were married,

6. And the said widow, Elizabeth Nunn, declarant as aforesaid, further states upon her said oath, that she has reason to believe & does believe, that her deceased husband William Nunn aforesaid, did as Captain of a company of Dragoons, Serve a three months tour in the militia of the United States Service. Said Company was called out by draft. That said Tour commenced but a short time after our marriage – say the first of November 1782, and ended on or about the first week of February following (this tour this Declarant very well remembers, as it was the first after their marriage[]). The company which my deceased husband commanded, met preparatory

to their marching off, at Hillsborough – Colonel O'Neal & General Butler, were with the troops.

They were as Declarant has always understood and believes at Sandy Creek, Bell's Mills on Deep River and Pedee [River], these troops were called out to Suppress the Tories.

This tour this Declarant also proves by the Witness John Dolly, whose affidavit is hereto annexed & marked "H" and which affidavit is, she believes genuine & true, and she further states that said Corps was called into Service by Competent Authority. Also that of E. Brewer marked "N."

7. This Declarant the said Elizabeth further states upon her said oath, that she has reason to believe and does believe that her Deceased husband, the aforesaid William Nunn, did as a Captain of a Company of "State Troops" (Dragoons) Serve in the militia in the United States Service a tour of six months. This company this Declarant thinks was at this time called into the Service by Draft: that said troops did rendezvous in the Town of Hillsboro on or about the first of April, next after our marriage – that after staying a while in the Town of Hillsboro, she remembers that they were marched to the South, and thinks they were marched off in Company with some Continental troops from Hillsboro. She remembers it was so said and understood that said State Troops were stationed a while at Cross Creek, and at the Pedee River. Said Company returned to Hillsborough and was there discharged on the last of September, (she thinks it was) before peace was made.

Of this tour, the second after her marriage with the said William Nunn, and his last tour in the Revolutionary War she remembers very well.

This tour this Declarant proves by the witness May Harris, whose affidavit is marked "K," and that of John Dolly, marked "J" hereto annexed and which this Declarant believes to be genuine & true – also E. Brewer's marked "O."

And the Declarant the aforesaid, Elizabeth Nunn, widow of the aforesaid Captain William Nunn Deceased does believe that her Deceased husband aforesaid did Serve the United States, in the militia in the War of the Revolution as above mentioned:

Viz ( Before our Marriage)

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| 1. A tour as private of Cavalry militia | 3 months   |
| 2. A tour as Captain of Ditto Ditto     | 5 months   |
| 3. A tour as Captain Ditto Ditto        | 4 months   |
| 4. A tour as Captain Ditto Ditto        | 3 months   |
| 5. A Tour as Captain Ditto Ditto        | 3 ½ months |

(After our marriage)

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Viz. Three months as private of Calvary or Dragoons and 24 months and a half as Captain of Dragoons and for which service this Declarant claims a pension.

That when her husband served in the Revolutionary war, he lived in the neighborhood of Hillsboro in the aforesaid County.

That her deceased husband served but two tours, after she and the said William Nunn were married.

Soon after the close of the Revolutionary War, the aforesaid Captain Nunn (& family) moved to and settled in the Village of Chapel Hill, in the aforesaid County, where he resided till his death which took place on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 1807.

This Declarant now resides in the Village of Chapel Hill, and has resided there, since the death of her husband, the aforesaid Captain William Nunn.

That upon her husband's death, his papers all passed into the hands of his Administrator David Nunn who died about 20 years ago and knows nothing now of her husband's revolutionary papers. She does not remember of hearing or seeing any of his Commissions or discharges – and

does not know what ever became of them, her husband having died 31 years ago.

That this Declarant's maiden name was Copeland.

That she was born and raised in the aforesaid County of Orange.

That she and the aforesaid William Nunn, were lawfully married at the residence of her father David Copeland, near Hillsboro by John Nichols Esq., of the Town of Hillsboro on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, in the year, of 1782.

This Declarant remembers very well the date of the marriage by the date of the "license" viz. That her husband the aforesaid William Nunn and her brother John Copeland went to Hillsboro on the day before the marriage and procured from the Clerk of the County Court the license on the day and next before, she and the aforesaid Captain William Nunn were married: which circumstance she remembers very distinctly and which confirms her in her recollection, that the rites of matrimony were solemnized between said William Nunn and herself was on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1782.

This Declarant further sets forth upon her said oath, that she formally had a "family Bible," that contained a record of all the births of her children, but that said family Bible is now lost.

This Declarant, nevertheless remembers well the dates of the Births of some of her children – her eldest son she remembers whose name was David Nunn (the same that was Administrator of her Deceased husband's estate) and that said

"David Nunn was born 5<sup>th</sup> day of August and the year of 1783."

This Declarant further states upon her said oath, that her Deceased husband, the aforesaid Captain William Nunn, died on the first day of January in the year of 1807.

And that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

Sworn & subscribed on the day & date first above written before me.

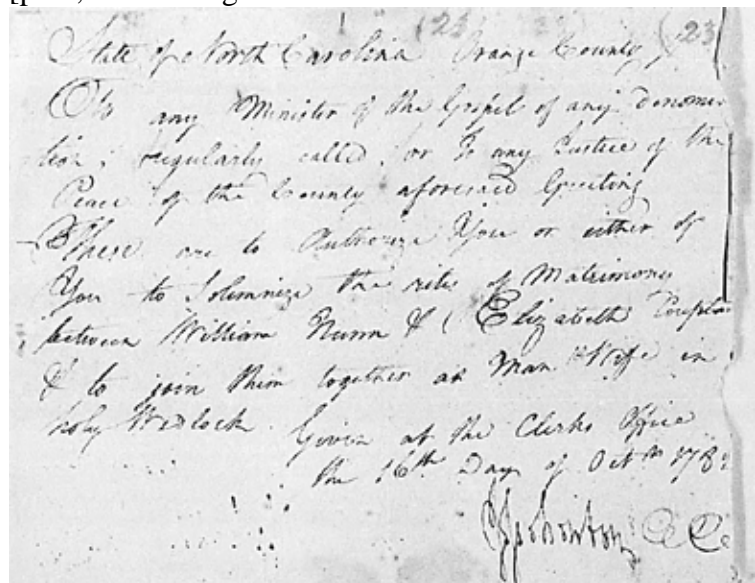
S/ J. W. McGee, J Peace

S/ E. Nunn



[Capt. Nunn was 63 when he died on January 1, 1807 in the village of Chapel Hill, NC.]

[p 15, the marriage license



State of North Carolina Orange County (23)  
O to any Minister of the Gospel of any denomination, regularly called, or to any Justice of the Peace of the County aforesaid granting  
I have here to authorize You or either of  
You to solemnize the rite of Matrimony  
between William Nunn & Elizabeth Copeland  
I to join them together at Man Hope in  
Edy Woodcock Justice at the Clerks Office  
the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of Oct<sup>r</sup> 1782  
J. W. McGee

[p 18, NC Comptroller's certificate.]

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“Hillsboro 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1782

Sir

The Complaints against some of the militia officers of the Randolph County accompanying this are somewhat alarming to civil Government. Unless immediate measures be taken to reclaim the Guilty, we know not where the Evil will Extend to. You will therefore Sir direct Captain York and others concerned be arrested and tried by a Court Marital for the [indecipherable word or words could be “2 acts” or “Sd Acts”], which [word obliterated by a tear in the paper] disgrace officers as well as man and have the proceedings ready to be handed to me by the sitting of the Assembly on the first of January next Particular inquiry be made how Edmond York a Drafted 18 months man came to be excused from marching that if he was not excused according to law, he be taken up as a Deserter and sent to General Green.

I am with much respect Sir your humble Servant  
Genl. Butler

S/ Alex Martin

A Copy”

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“E”

State of North Carolina, Orange County

On this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of August 1838, personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace, in and for the County aforesaid, Brittain Bowers<sup>1</sup>, a resident of the aforesaid County, and a United States pensioner; that being first duly qualified according to law maketh oath, that during the War of the Revolution he was in the United States Service as private in the Virginia Continental line – that in the Spring of his enlistment, April 1780, he was marched to the South with other troops to the relief of Charleston, in South Carolina – that before they reached the place of their destination, they heard that Charleston had fallen [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780]; -- That in the month of August following, this Deponent was put under command of General Gates; -- that a short time before the defeat of Gates, and while at a place called the Cross roads, or at Lynches Creek, this Deponent first became acquainted with Captain William Nunn of the aforesaid County; and recollects at one of those places said William Nunn who commanded in that tour a Company of Dragoons, was sent out towards Camden to get intelligence of the enemy. This Deponent remembers of this fact very well – he saw Captain Nunn on the retreat to Hillsborough in North Carolina, and at the rendezvous at that Town, and as well as this Deponent now remembers, said Nunn marched his company of Dragoons to Charlotte and while at that place he was discharged. The length of this tour this Deponent does not remember, but thinks it was four months or more, and that in all of this tour said Captain Nunn acted as Captain of a Company of Dragoons.

“M”

That in the Spring of the next year, to wit, 1781, a few days before the battle of Guilford Court House, this Deponent remembers of having said William Nunn in command of a Company of Dragoons that they were under Major McClary – he thinks that on the morning of the Battle, they passed through the old field, near the Continental line. At Ramsey's Mills, this Deponent remembers also of seeing said Captain William Nunn in Command of a Company of Dragoons, and this is the last that this Deponent remembers of seeing Sayed Captain Nunn in the Service.

This deponent has understood said Captain Nunn was an active Whig, and was in a large

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1 [John Brittain Bowers S6674](#)

portion of his time during the War of the Revolution, in the United States service. This Deponent further says that after leaving Ramsey's Mills, he was marched to Virginia – and was no more in North Carolina during the We war of the Revolution.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & date first above written, before me.  
S/ Rich'd Nichols, J. Peace

S/ Brittain Bowers, X his mark

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“C”

State of North Carolina, Orange County

On this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 1838, personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid John Dolley<sup>2</sup> a resident of the aforesaid County, and an United States pensioner, aged 84 years, who being first duly qualified maketh oath that he was well acquainted with the late Captain William Nunn of the aforesaid County, Deceased and to this affiant's knowledge, said William Nunn was an active Whig, and was much in the United States Service during the War of the Revolution, as a Captain [of] Dragoons – This Deponent remembers that in the year 1778, '79, there was a draft for five months men (this deponent was in and serve all of said Tour as a private) and remembers that at Salisbury and Black Swamp that said Captain Nunn was at those places in command of a Company of Dragoons and remembers of seeing said Captain Nunn in the Town of Hillsboro when we were all discharged in the spring following, and said Captain Nunn was at that time and place duly discharged with other troops. The length of this tour was five months.

“G”

This Deponent further states upon his said oath, that in the fall of the year of 1781, he again as private of militia, served a Tour, the object of which was to rescue the Governor and other prisoners made in the Town of Hillsboro, when that place was surprised and captured by Col. Fanning. Our Troops were at Raft Swamp, Paris, Swans & Little River – we returned to Hillsboro and were there discharged on the last of September or first of January following – having been out in said tour from the middle of September, to the last of December following, in all of which tour, said Captain William Nunn was with us and had command of a Company of Dragoons in all of said Tour [p 102] and at the time and place aforesaid. Said Captain Nunn was regularly discharged with the other troops, having served all of said tour being as well as this deponent remembers three months and a half.

“H”

This Deponent further States, that in the fall or winter of 1782, said William Nunn a Captain of a Company of Light horse, Served a tour under Colonel William O'Neal and was on Sandy Creek and Deep River & Pedee. This Deponent was in Hillsboro when said troops had served out their tour (three months) and were discharged by said Colonel O'Neal and is under the impression it was in the latter part of January 1783. Said tour ended & which was of three months duration.

“J”

And the Said affiant upon his said oath further states that in the Summer and fall before peace was made, said William Nunn as Captain of a company of Dragoons did Serve a Six months tour in the United States service in the “State Troops.” Said tour this deponent thinks ended some time or early in the fall before peace was made. This Deponent states he saw said Captain Nunn in the “State Troops” in Hillsborough and remembers that they were part of their time out at “Cross Creek” this Deponent thinks was the place they were marched to.

This Deponent remembers of its being so said and it was so understood that said William Nunn, as Captain of Cavalry did serve other tours, in the War of the Revolution, in the United

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2 [John Dolley S6802](#)

States service, but not with this affiant.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and date first above written before me.

S/ Rich'd Nichols, J Peace

S/ John Dolley, X his mark

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“K”

State of North Carolina, Orange County

On this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 1838, personally appeared before the Undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, Polly Harris a resident of the Town of Hillsboro in the aforesaid County, aged 87 years, who being first duly qualified according to law, maketh oath, that during the war of the Revolution she resided in the aforesaid Town of Hillsboro; and in the Summer of the year 1783, she remembers seeing Captain William Nunn of the aforesaid County, now deceased in command of a Company of Dragoons in the Town of Hillsboro aforesaid, that said Company was in the United States service at that time, and was called “State Troops” she understood, and that the period of their service she has understood was six months.

Sworn and subscribed the day and date first above written before me.

S/ W. H. Pratt, J. Peace

S/ Polly Harris, X her mark

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State of North Carolina, Orange County

On this the 28 day of August 1838, personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid William Browning<sup>3</sup> a resident of said County, aged 80 years, who being first duly qualified according to law, maketh oath that during the war of the Revolution he lived neighbor to the late Captain William Nunn, of the aforesaid County. This deponent lived about 1 mile and a half from said Nunn; frequently saw him – and knows that said William Nunn as Captain of Dragoons, did serve several tours in the militia in the United States service.

“B”

This Deponent remembers that said William Nunn as Captain of Dragoons did in the year 1778 and '79 (he understands was the date) serve a tour to the South and was in the State of Georgia – this Deponent remembers of seeing Captain Nunn both when he set out on his tour, and when he returned, the length of this tour, this deponent does not remember but thinks it was five months.

“F”

This Deponent remembers that in the fall of 1781 at the time Hillsborough was taken by the Tories under Colonel McNeil and Fanning that Nunn was again out as a Captain of Dragoons in the United States Service, was with those who attempted to rescue the prisoners that were made when Hillsboro was taken – this deponent was made prisoner at that time & has always understood that Nunn was then out in the service.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & date first above written before me.

S/ J. W. McGee, J. Peace

S/ William Browning, X his mark

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State of North Carolina, Orange County} SS

On this the 31<sup>st</sup> day of January A.D. 1840 personally appeared before the undersigned and

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3 [William Browning R1357](#)

acting Justice of the peace in and for the County of aforesaid, George Holt,<sup>4</sup> a resident of the County aforesaid, aged 84 years, who being first duly qualified according to law maketh oath that he was well acquainted with the late Captain William Nunn of Orange aforesaid whose widow Elizabeth Nunn is now applying for a pension: for her husband's revolutionary Services – this Deponent recollects that when at Salisbury and the fall after Gates defeat (1780) he saw said William Nunn at that place in active service in behalf of the United States, as Captain of a Company of Dragoons – and as such this Deponent understands and believes that said William Nunn as Captain of Dragoons, Served several tours (in the Militia) and the United States Service in the war of the revolution.

This Deponent, to the best of his recollection and belief, thinks that it was at or nearly the expiration of three months Service when he solved the Dragoons aforesaid in Salisbury: said Dragoons this Deponent has understood and believes, were in Gates defeat.

And further this deponent saith not.

Sworn & subscribed the day and date first above written before me.

S/ John L. Trerentine, J Peace

S/ George Holt



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State of North Carolina, Orange County

On this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November 1838, personally appeared before the undersigned an acting justice of the peace in and for the said County, Ezekiel Brewer, a resident of said County, aged \_\_\_ years who being first duly sworn according to law maketh oath that he was acquainted with the late Captain William Nunn of the aforesaid County & remembers that in the war of the Revolution said William Nunn, served several tours in the United States service as Captain of Cavalry:

“M”

This Deponent remembers that in the fall of 1778 that said William Nunn, as Captain of Cavalry did serve a tour in the South, under Col. Lytle and remembers of seeing Said Nunn in Hillsboro on his return from that tour in the Spring following which he thinks was a five months tour.

“N”

This Deponent also remembers of seeing Said Captain Nunn in command of a Company of cavalry under Colonel William O'Neal in the fall of 1782, that Said troops were marched to Randolph & Deep River and returned some time in the winter following. Captain Matthew McCauley, this deponent remembers also was with said troops when they returned – McCauley had command also of a Company in said tour, which was a three months tour.

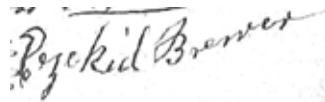
“O”

This Deponent, remembers of seeing Said Captain William Nunn in command of a company of State troops and the Spring & Summer he thinks before peace was made Said Nunn in his Command in the Hillsborough and has always understood that said “State Troops” were marched to Cross Creek & Pedee and served as this Deponent has understood six months.

Sworn and subscribed to the day & date first above written before me.

S/ Thomas W. Holden, J. Peace

S/ Ezekiel Brewer



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<sup>4</sup> [George Holt S7024](#)



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“A”

State of North Carolina, Orange County

On this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1838, personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, Thomas Tate,<sup>5</sup> a resident of said County, and a United States pensioner, who being first duly qualified according to law maketh oath that, in the early part of the War of the revolution, he served a tour of duty in the militia and the United States service. The tour is usually called the “Scotch Camp”. In this tour this Deponent remembers seeing William Nunn of the aforesaid County (Deceased) who was in that tour a private in Captain Hugh Tinnen's Company of Dragoons. The length that said Nunn served this Deponent does not remember – but thinks it was probable he served all of said Tour which was three months and ended in the Spring of 1776.

This Deponent has understood that said Nunn as Captain of Dragoons was out in other tours, but in none other but the “Scotch Camp” with this affiant, That he now remembers of.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & date first above written before me.

S/ Thomas Jones, J. Peace

S/ Thomas Tate

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Tate". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Thomas Tate".

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“D”

State of North Carolina, Orange County

On this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of September 1838, personally appeared before me the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for said County, Ellen Bryant, a resident of the aforesaid County who being first duly qualified according to law maketh oath, that during the war of the Revolution she was well acquainted with the late Captain William Nunn, that it was reported that said Nunn did service of the United States as Captain of Dragoons. This Deponent remembers very distinctly of hearing her deceased brother Colonel Archibald Lytle, say that he was in the Brier Creek [Briar Creek] Battle and that said William Nunn was in that in command of a Company of Dragoons.

Sworn and subscribed the day & date first above written before me.

S/ Thomas Jones, J. Peace

S/ Ellen Bryant, X her mark

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State of North Carolina, Orange County

On this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of January 1840, personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Henry Ringstaff a resident of the aforesaid County, who being first duly qualified according to law maketh oath that in the War of the Revolution he served in the United States as herein after set forth to wit:

This Deponent sets forth upon his said oath, that on or about the 15<sup>th</sup> of September 1781 he volunteered as a private in a Company of Dragoons in the United States service. William Nunn of the County aforesaid now Deceased was Captain of said Company; rendezvoused in the Town of Hillsboro in Orange aforesaid, the object of the troops now raised was to rescue the Governor and others that had been captured a few days before by Colonel Fanning & McNeil. Pursued the Tory forces to the neighborhood of Wilmington – was stationed a while at Monroe's bridge & at North East [River], and was returned to Hillsborough and there discharged by

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5 [Thomas Tate S7675](#)

Captain Nunn on or about the last of December, having been out in this tour three months and two weeks.

Colonel O'Neal & Brigadier General Butler were our superior officers.

This Deponent further states upon his said oath that on or about the middle of November of the next year, this Deponent again entered the United States service by draft as private of Dragoons – the aforesaid William Nunn was Captain, William O'Neal Colonel & Butler was the Superior officer, rendezvoused in the Town of Hillsboro – was stationed a while at Bell's Mills on Deep River – thence to Grassy Island on the Pedee River and after the expiration of our three months tour we were marched home & discharged by Colonel O'Neal. In all of said Tour, as in the first, said William Nunn was Captain and we were out in the Service three months which with the former tour will make six months and a half.

This Deponent further states upon his said oath that, after he served the tour last above mentioned that Said Nunn, he remembers was again in the United States Service, as Captain of Dragoons, in what was called the “State Troops” -- that Said Nunn, in the Town of Hillsboro aforesaid while Captain in the State Troops & has heard Said Nunn say in his lifetime, that he served just six months in the “State Troops” -- this Deponent did not Serve in the “State Troops.”

This Deponent has never himself applied for a pension – he has made inquiry but cannot find anyone now living that was in the Cavalry with him.

And the Said Henry Ringstaff further sets forth upon his oath, that he remembers that William Nunn, Captain, as aforesaid, was married to his present widow (then Elizabeth Copeland) before this Deponent served his second tour under him.

And further the said Henry Ringstaff saith not.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and date first above written before me.

S/ William Clendenen, J. Peace

S/ Henry Ringstaff, X his mark

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State of North Carolina, Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that there is not in this Office any regular rolls of the Militia, or State troops, Dragoons or Light-Horse Companies who served in this State in the revolutionary war, and none of the Drafts but such as were placed on the Continental line and entered there as enlisted Soldiers for at least nine months, and it is believed that many of the “State Troops” served from the time of their enlistment to the close of the Said war.

Given under my hand this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December 1841.

S Wm Hill

[pp 130 & 152 Comptroller's certificates]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$462.50 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for her husband service as a Captain & private in the North Carolina dragoons. She was initially pensioned at the rate of \$187.50 per annum increased to the amount shown above based on supplemental evidence of service.]