

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edward Nunnelee (Nunnely) W176

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State of Tennessee Hickman County: September Term Circuit Court 1832

On this 10th day of September in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared before James Coffield Mitchell the Circuit Court [Judge?] of the County of Hickman aforesaid Edward Nunnelee a resident of Hickman County and State of Tennessee aged Seventy-six 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 7, 1832. That he entered in the Army of the United States in the year 1776 about the first of February for the term of twelve months in the Virginia State line with Capt. Falkner [Ralph Faulkner?] I was first commanded by Col. Epps [Lt. Col. Francis Eppes?], a relation of Thomas Jefferson, who [indecipherable word] a true republican & was afterwards made president of the United States, at the time Col. Epps commanded us the troops had not arrived nor were they formed in regular Regiments, & it may not appear upon the muster roll that he commanded Capt. Falkner's company, for as soon as the troops had all arrived & the Regiments completed, our company was transferred to the 8th Regiment commanded by Col. Isaac Read, this was at Williamsburg from thence we marched to the Northern Neck Richmond County, from thence we marched back to Portsmouth & from thence we returned to Williamsburg during this period I was in the battle at the long bridge² in the County of Norfolk I served my full term of twelve months & was discharged, but have lost or mislaid my discharge. I do not recollect whether Epps or Read commanded [the] Regiment during the action. My father died while I was in this campaign & after I was discharged I went home to my mother's, this tour I served as a private soldier, I was after this drafted for eighteen months in the capacity of Sgt., as will appear by the Discharge herein [one or more words completely obliterated by having been overwritten several times] (A) and pray to be taken as a part of this Declaration, this expedition Capt. Bowyer commanded the company I was in & Col. Campbell the Regiment, Col. Campbell was killed at the Eutaw Springs³ in a battle with the British, & that is the reason that my discharge is signed by Thomas Edmunds Capt. Commandant, my discharge is [several words indecipherable] except the name of the affiant the word "Sixth" ink powder was very scare Gun powder having been very much used just previous to the date of my discharge. I left the Army at the date of my discharge being the 6th January 1782. While in this latter Campaign, I was in the battle at Guilford court house on

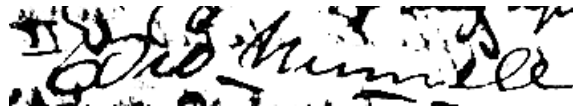
¹ Note on the cover sheet reads: "This one also pensioned as former widow of Nathaniel Sunderland, Priv. 39 U. S. Inf. See papers inside."

² Usually referred to as the Battle of Great Bridge. It occurred on December 9, 1775. See http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Great_Bridge .

³ September 8, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/eutaw.htm>

the 15th of March 1781. I was at the Battle of Campden [Camden] in South Carolina on the 25th of April 1781⁴ I was also at the Battle at Fort Friday⁵ on the Congaree River. I was also at the Siege of Ninety Six.⁶ I volunteered to storm the Fort together with about one hundred others. We were led on by [several indecipherable words resulting from the text having been overwritten several times] a Frenchman who came over with the Marquis de Lafayette, by the name of Cusiaskus [sic, Thaddeus Kosciuszko?], four balls went through my clothes (one grazed my left arm, about 4 men only returned from the charge unhurt, the next Battle I was in was in the Eutaw Springs on the 8th September 1781, during this campaign I marched through N. & S. Carolina was discharged & came home after many toils and [indecipherable word, possibly "dangers"?]. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present & declare that my name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

S/ Edw Nunnelee

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Edw Nunnelee". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat stylized and difficult to decipher in some places.

Test: S/ Millington Easley, Clerk
by deputy [illegible signature]

[S. Sebastian and Pleasant Walker gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 8]

[On March 18, 1851, in Hickman County Tennessee Mary A. Nunnelee, 50 on the 26th of June 1850, filed for a widows pension stating that she was the widow of Nathaniel Sunderland; that her name prior to her marriage to Sunderland was Mary A. Reeves; that on June 8, 1817, she married Edward Nunnelee in the County of Hickman; that they were married by one Jesse Christian, JP; that her said husband died April 19, 1836 in Hickman County and that she has remained a widow ever since. She signed her application with her mark.]

[fn p. 14 is the widow's bounty land application.]

[facts in file: the date of marriage is variously stated in the file as 1817, 1818 or 1820; the widow was born June 26, 1800; her maiden name was Reeves or Reese; in 1866, the widow resided in Maury County, Tennessee; Nathaniel Sunderland married February 25, 1813, Mary Ann Reeves (Reese); they were married by a JP in Maury County, Tennessee; widow's first husband, N. Sunderland in the War of 1812 and she and one child were awarded five years' half pay; the widow died November 10, 1882 near Centerville, Tennessee.]

[fn p. 26]

Exhibit A

"The Bearer hereof Edward Nunnelee
Serjeant in the first Virginia Detachment
and of Capt. Thomas Bowyers Company

⁴ Usually referred to as the Battle of Hobkirk Hill or the Second Battle of Camden.

<http://gaz.jrshelby.com/hobkirk.htm>

⁵ Also known as Fort Granby. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/fortgranby.htm>

⁶ <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/ninety-six.htm>

having served Eighteen months being
the term for which he was engag'd
is hereby discharged. We Certify that
he hath behaved as a brave and
faithful Soldier

Given at Orangeburg South Carolina
this Sixth day of January One thousand
seven hundred & eighty two

S/ Thos Bowyer, Capt.

S/ Thos. Edmunds Capt. Commt."

The Boarders (bro) of Edward A. ...
Sergeant in the first Virginia Detach't
and of Capt. Thomas Bowyer's Compy
having served Eighteen months being
the term for which he was engag'd
is hereby discharged. We Certify that
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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$100 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a Sergeant & private in the Virginia service; 18 months as Sergeant and 6 months as private. His pension was later increased to \$110 and his widow was pensioned in that amount.]