

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Bevill (Bevel) W2586 Nancy fn53NC
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State of North Carolina Orange County: SS

On this the 25th day of November, 1841, personally appeared before the undersigned one of the Justices of the Courts of Pleas & quarter Sessions for the aforesaid County, Robert Bevill, a resident of said County, aged 79 years, who being first duly sworn according to law deposed and saith as follows, 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 and served as herein after stated.

This Declarant states that on or about the 5th of October 1778 there was a draft for five months militia men, to serve the United States in the war of the Revolution, when this Declarant was drafted for said term, the Company to which he was attached was under command of Captain Samuel Jones – Luke Wiles Lieutenant, rendezvoused at Harrisburg, Granville old Court House. Thence were marched to Hillsboro in this County where we were joined by two or three other Companies, – From Hillsboro we were marched to Guilford old Court house, Martinsville – thence to Salisbury – Colonel Lewis had command of the Regiment. We were part of the time under Colonel Lock [sic, Francis Locke]. – From Salisbury we were marched into South Carolina – Crossed the Santee River at Nelson's ferry – was at Purrysburg on the Savannah River – was at Galphin's – at the Black Swamp – where General Rutherford was encamped – so General Ashe's men soon after the defeat at Brier Creek – after leaving Black Swamp we were marched up the Pedee River to Cheraw Hills, where our five months tour expired, and we were discharged by Colonel Lewis and returned home.

That his discharge has now become lost or misplaced so that he cannot find it.

That in the foregoing tour this Declarant was in a legally organized Corps and called into service by Competent Authority.

2. The Declarant the said Robert Bevill, further states upon his said oath, that, after the

taking the town of Hillsboro in the fall of 1781 by the Tory forces under Colonel Fannin [sic, David Fanning] - there was a call for three months militia men to a General Butler [John Butler] in an effort to rescue the Governor and the other prisoners that had been made by Colonel Fanning, we were ordered and did accordingly rendezvous in the Town of Hillsboro on or about the 15th or 20th of September 1781, the Company to which this Declarant was attached in this tour were Dragoons, - In Hillsboro we were joined by some Companies of Infantry - Thaxton [sic, Colonel James Thackston] was Colonel: Butler, Brigadier General. We pursued after Colonel Fanning - Crossed Haw River, at Woody's ferry - Deep River at Ramsey's Mills - at 'Raft Swamp' we had an engagement with the British and Tory forces - was stationed some time at Monroe's Bridge, at Swan's plantation and at North East Bridge, we went to Rutherford's Camp.

At the expiration of our three months we were regularly discharge by Colonel Thaxton and return home.

This discharge is now lost or misplaced, so that this Declarant cannot tell what has become [of] it.

He had the misfortune to lose his house by fire some years ago, and that he thinks it quite probable his discharges were then destroyed, as it was out of his power to save any of his papers.

This Declarant further states upon his said oath that, he served other tours in the war of the Revolution, but cannot at this day, find anyone that served with him, but John Dolly,¹ who served with him 2 tours, Said Dolley's Deposition has been taken, and is hereto annexed.

This Declarant further states, that some two or three years ago he made a visit to Granville County for the purpose of getting proof of his Revolutionary Services - but learned that those with whom he served, are either dead or moved away.

That he was in his 17th year when he 1st entered the Service - that soon after the Close of the Revolutionary war he moved into Orange County, and has resided there ever since.

That he was born and raised in Granville County NC that he was born on the 20th day of September, 1762, that he had a record of his age in his family Bible, but that it was destroyed when his house was burnt.

That he was living in Granville when called into the service that he now lives in Orange County.

That in his first tour he was drafted, in the second was volunteered.

That in the service he was with General Butler, General Rutherford, Colonel Lewis, Colonel Locke, Colonel Lytle, Colonel Thaxton (Major Crofton in 1782) & others.

That he received discharges from Colonels Lewis & Thaxton but that he cannot tell what has become of them, except that they got destroyed when his house was burnt.

That he is acquainted in his neighborhood with Michael Stradler Esquire, Colonel Francis S Simpson, Absalom Harvey Esquire and others, who are acquainted personally with this Declarant, and have certified that "they are well acquainted with

¹ Sic, [John Dolley S6802](#)

Declarant, and believe him to have served as a private Soldier in the War of the Revolution as he has stated."

This Declarant further states that, from old age and infirmity of body is unable to attend Court to make this Declaration.

He hereby relinquishes every claim 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 and subscribed the day and year 1st above written before made.

S/ Absalom Harvey, JP

S/ Robert Bevill, X his mark

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Additional proof in the case of Robert Bevill for a pension

State of North Carolina Orange County: SS

On this the 15th day of March 1842; Robert Bevill, of the aforesaid County of Orange, came personally before me, Michael Strader, one of the acting Justices of the peace, in and for said County aforesaid, and after being 1st duly qualified according to law, depose and saith, that during the war of the Revolution, he resided in Granville County, North Carolina, and in the early part of the Revolutionary war, serve the United States a 5 months tour as a private of Infantry in the Militia in Captain Samuel Jones's Company; that some two or three years ago, he went to his native County of Granville, to get proof of his service, but failed upon inquiry in that County, he found that all with whom he had served, had either died or removed to some of the Western States -

Upon his return to Orange, and Stating his inability to procure any testimony in Granville County - He was advised to make inquiry of James Turner,² and John Dolley (Pensioners residing in the this County) both of whom had served in the 5 months tour, in 1778 & '79, and the latter also in the tour in the fall of 1781. Upon this applicant's making known his officers and service to Mr. Dolley, Mr. Dolley remembered this applicant Serving in both tours, and therefore got said Dolley's evidence - Mr. Turner did not recollect this applicant - this applicant did service in after [sic, other] tours in the United States Service, in the said war of the Revolution, but cannot find anyone that remembers any other Service except Isaac Griffith³ (Pensioner) who has a recollection of seeing this applicant in the United States service in the town of Hillsboro, in 1782 (he thinks was the year) under Major Bennett Crafton - but as this Applicant has already made a Declaration, he will not request to have it amended for the tour, after by Mister Griffith.

Sworn and subscribed the day and date first above mentioned before me

S/ Michael Strader, JP

S/ Robert Bevill, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Orange County: SS

² [James Turner W11573](#)

³ [Isaac Griffith S6918](#)

On this the 26th day of August 1841, personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, John Dolley a resident of said County, aged 87 years, who being first duly qualified according to law, maketh oath that, in the War of the Revolution, he served several tours of duty in the militia, in the United States Service -

1. As well as this deponent now remembers it was on or about the middle of the month of October 1778, he entered the United States Service, as a private of Infantry for a 5 months tour. Thompson was Captain - Lewis was Colonel: and Locke part of the time was his Colonel, rendezvoused in the Town of Hillsboro - was marched from Hillsboro to Salisbury; thence to Charlotte, thence to Nelson's ferry on the Santee River - thence to Purrysburg thence to the Two Sisters Ferry - thence were marched to Black Swamp where Rutherford was encamped - from Black Swamp we went up the Pedee [River] to Cheraw Hills where our 5 months tour expired & we were discharged by Colonel Lewis and returned home.

In all of the foregoing 5 months tour, this affiant remembers that Robert Bevill of the aforesaid County (then of Granville County) was a private Soldier, that Samuel Jones was Captain of the Company in which said Bevill was - we were both of Lewis's Regiment.

2. This Deponent further sets forth upon his said oath that about the 15th of September, 1781, he again as a private of Infantry, he entered the United States service for a 3 months tour, in Captain Hodges Company, our object was to pursue Colonel Fanning who had recently surprised and captured the Town of Hillsboro & all the troops then stationed there.

We pursued Colonel Fanning to near Wilmington - was in the skirmish at "Raft Swamp" - was stationed some time at Swans plantation, at Monroe's Bridge and at Northeast.

In this tour this affiant remembers that the aforesaid Robert Bevill, was a private of Cavalry in Captain Smith's Company, Thaxton Colonel, in said tour, 3 months, to the best of this affiant's knowledge and belief, and that the above 2 tours is all that this deponent remembers of seeing the said Bevill in the United States Service.

And further this Deponent saith not.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year 1st above written before me
S/ William Hall, JP

S/ John Dolley, X his mark

[fn p. 9: on August 31, 1846 in Carroll County Virginia, the veteran applied to have his pension benefit transferred for pavement to the Virginia agency where he had moved to live with his son John Bevill.]

[fn p. 12: on October 3, 1853 in Carroll County Virginia, Nancy Bevel, 64, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Robert Bevel; that she married him in Caswell County North Carolina in her 19th year of her age in 1808, she thinks, but does not recollect the month; that her said husband died on the 12, 13, 14 or 15 day of July 1848; and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 15: on April 4, 1855 in Carroll County Virginia, the widow filed for her bounty land entitlement; she gave her age once again and 64 years of age; she states in this document that she married her husband in Caswell County North Carolina in 1813.]

[fn p. 28: certificate issued by Thomas W Graves, Clerk of the court of Caswell County, North Carolina stating that he has searched his office in Yancey Vail for any record of the marriage of Robert Bevill to Nancy Smith and found no such record of their marriage in Caswell County.]

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