

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jesse Marshall (Marshal) W5350      Nancy Marshall      f45VA  
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State of North Carolina Burke County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions January Session A.D. 1833

On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices now in Session Jessy Marshall a resident of Burke County North Carolina aged 68 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 act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That at the age of 16 in the year 1781 about the first of the month of April he marched as a private Soldier in the Virginia militia under Captain James Marcial [sic] of the second class No. 5 of the militia of Brunswick County Virginia in the service of the United States against the British and that they marched down as far as a place called the Long ordinary near Petersburg Virginia on a three months tour of duty – that on arriving at that place finding that we were not wanting [wanted?] our officers furloughed us & we returned home, that in about 3 or 4 weeks after we were again called on under the same officer and marched to a place called Swan Point on the Appomattox [River] where we were stationed for several weeks, we were then marched on to York town at the siege of Lord Corn Wallace [Cornwallis] that the last tour of Service was for a tour of the 3 months also but that after the 3 months we were kept in service until the surrender of the British Army under Lord Cornwallis on the 19<sup>th</sup> of October 1781. That after the Surrender of Lord Cornwallis he was kept in service until things were properly settled: so that by the time we were marched home & discharged it was about the last of November or first of December – I was then discharged in the County of Brunswick by my own Captain James Marshall. I have no documentary evidence of my service & know of no person whose testimony I can procure to prove my service & that I served in all at least six months.

I hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to before me this 29<sup>th</sup> day of January 1832

S/ J. Erwin, Clk.

S/ Jessy Marshal, X his mark

Interrogatories by the Court

Question 1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

I was born in the County of Brunswick Commonwealth of Virginia in the month of November 1765 as I am told.

Question 2

Have you any record of your age if so where is it?

I have no record of my age: I repeat it from the best of recollection – I have as to what has been told me by my Parents.

Question 3<sup>rd</sup>

Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you now live?

I lived in Brunswick Virginia when called into service & until the year 1793 or thereabouts when I moved to the County of Caswell State of North Carolina & lived in Caswell 3 years then removed to Rowan North Carolina & stayed there about 9 years from thence moved to Rutherford North Carolina & lived there about 2 years & then came to Burke County where I have lived ever since.

Question 4<sup>th</sup>

How were you called into service: were you Drafted, a volunteer or did you Substitute & for whom did you substitute.

The way I answer that question is that the Virginia militia of Brunswick County were numbered & classed, I was number 5 of the 2<sup>nd</sup> class & the 2<sup>nd</sup> class were called own & of course I marched. I was young & ignorant & did not know by what regulation I was called on, but when I was called on marched & that is all I know about it.

Question 5<sup>th</sup>

State the name of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental & Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general Circumstances of your service?

Colonel Elliot commanded the militia I served with I recollect General Washington at the Siege of Cornwallis at York. I saw many & various Continental officers, but never got acquainted with any but my own whose command I always fell under about style was at the siege of York in an attack we made on the British which lasted 3 nights & until 10 o'clock on the last day I received a musket shot in my right thigh just below the groin which passed through the thigh which caused a severe wound & I was hauled home: for my Captain who was a cousin had me hauled home & when I got home he discharged me & this was the end of my Service.

Question 6<sup>th</sup>

Did you ever receive a discharge from the Service and if so by whom was it given & what has become of it?

I received a discharge at the close of my 2<sup>nd</sup> tour of service (that is when I was hauled home to Brunswick) from my Captain James Marshall signed by him but I have lost it.

Question 7<sup>th</sup> – State the names of persons in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity, and good behavior, your services as a Soldier of the Revolution? – There is no one here of my close neighbors but Major Joseph Neal & Captain Francis Morrison for I live a long distance from this & it is not easy to get men to come here and wait from day to day on the Court before they can have an affidavit taken.

S/ Jessy Marcial, X his mark

[Major Joseph Neal & Captain Francis Morrison gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 10: on December 8, 1843 in Franklin County Georgia, Nancy Marshall, 78, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Jesse Marshall, a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$66.66 per annum payable in Franklin County Georgia; that her husband was a private in the South Carolina Militia; that her husband died February 29, 1840 in Franklin County Georgia; that she married him in January 1782 in Lunenburg County Virginia;

that they moved from thence to Brunswick, from thence to Roan [Rowan] County North Carolina from thence to Mecklenburg County from thence to Rutherford and from thence to Burke from thence to Georgia Franklin County. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 14: copy of a marriage bond dated July 9, 1789 granted in Lunenburg County Virginia to Jesse Marshall & John Moon conditioned upon the marriage of Jesse Marshall to Nancy Ingram.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned at a like amount.]