

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Nation W5398

Jereter f63NC

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State of Ohio, Preble County } SS

On this twenty second day of April A.D. 1850 personally appeared before me Robert Martin one of the Associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Preble aforesaid, Jereter Nation a resident of said County of Preble and State of Ohio aged eighty-six years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath take the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4<sup>th</sup> 1836.

That she is the widow of Joseph Nation who was a private in the War of the Revolution that at the time her said husband entered the service they lived in Randolph County in the State of North Carolina and that her husband the said Joseph Nation served a six months Tour of duty as a volunteer in a company of Cavalry or mounted men under the command of Captain William Gray in the Randolph Regiment of North Carolina militia in the latter part of the year of 1779 and fore part of 1780 and that her husband the said Joseph Nation was out and in actual service during the said six months and was engaged in defending the Country from the British and Tories.

She further says that afterwards in the latter part of the summer and fall season of the year 1780 or 1781 her husband the said Joseph Nation served a three months tour of duty in a company of Cavalry or mounted men under the command of Captain John Gillispie [John Gillespie] and Colonel Dugan's [Major James Dougan's] Regiment of North Carolina militia that during this tour her said husband was out and in actual Service three months and was engaged in defending the Country from the Ravages of the British and what was called Tories.

She further says that her said husband served the two tours of duty aforesaid and in the manner aforesaid making in the aggregate nine months actual service. She knows of no other evidence by which she can prove his said services other than the evidence of Captain William Gray hereto attached, that her said husband had a written discharge for each tour of duty which discharges she kept for many years after his death, but which are now lost. She further declares that she was married to her said husband the said Joseph Nation late in the fall season of the year 1770 about Christmas at which time she understood from her Father and Mother she was about 15 years and eight months old as she also understood from her parents that she was born on or about the 8<sup>th</sup> of May in the year 1754, that she was married in what was then called Rowan County North Carolina, that one Samuel Loother [Samuel Luther?] a Lutheran preacher of the Gospel solemnized their marriage, that the legality of their marriage was never doubted by any person, that she lived with her said husband from their marriage until his death and that she had Eleven children by her said husband six of whom are dead and five she believes are now living – that her first child was born in the fall of 1771, she further declares that her said husband the

said Joseph Nation died in the County of Claiborne and State of Tennessee on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year 1803 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period.

She further states as that she has no family Record.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year first herein written before me.

S/ Robert Martin, A. J.

S/ Jereter Nation, X her mark

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State of Ohio, Preble County

Be it known that before me Isaac Stevens a Justice of the peace in and for said County duly authorized by law to administer oaths personally appeared Thomas Nation aged 61 years who being duly sworn in due form of law states that he is one of the sons and heirs at law of Jereter Nation the widow of Joseph Nation deceased who was a Soldier in the War of the Revolution, that his mother the said Jereter Nation died at Eaton in the County of Preble and State of Ohio on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of July A.D. 1849 and further that his said mother the Jereter Nation in her lifetime made application for a Pension on account of the services of her husband the said Joseph Nation in the Revolutionary Army which said application and her declaration he believes is now on file in the Pension Office and furthermore by these Presents high the said Thomas Nation do hereby constitute appoint and fully empowers and authorized F. E. Hassler of Washington City to act as our true and lawful attorney for us and in our names and stated to examine into prosecute demand and receive from the US Government our rights in all and in any manner of claim for a pension or for an increase or arrears of pension which may be due to me or us as the children and heirs at law of Jereter Nation who died leaving the same undrawn as in right of law we may be entitled to. In witness whereof the said Thomas Nation has on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September 1852 hereunto signed his name and affixed his seal

Witness S/ Thomas Morgan

S/ I Stephens

S/ Thomas Nation, X his mark {Seal}

[Ann Nation, a daughter, and Joel Nation, a son, of Jereter and Joseph Nation also executed a power of attorney.]

[One Moses Swain of Saint Joseph County, Indiana stated that Joseph Nation was the brother-in-law of his father, whose name is not given in the file.]

[H. S. Whissen of McConnelsville, Ohio, stated that Joel Nation was his father-in-law.]

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Before me Isaac Stephens a Justice of the peace in and for said County came personally William Gray<sup>1</sup> aged 83 years who being by me duly sworn according to law says upon his Oath that he was acquainted with Joseph Nation and Jereter Nation his wife during the War of the Revolution and before that time that they then resided in Guilford County North Carolina and that the said Joseph and Jereter Nation were married before the commencement of the Revolutionary War that he Deponent was acquainted with them before and after their marriage that they lived in the same neighborhood on his first acquaintance with them they lived in Rowan County, that after their marriage the said Joseph Nation served a six months tour of duty as a volunteer in a company of mounted men or Cavalry in the War of the Revolution in the North Carolina Militia, that this Deponent was Captain of said Company and commanded as such during said tour, and that said Joseph Nation served said six months tour of duty in said

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1 [William Gray W7576](#)

Company under the command of this Deponent and during said tour furnished his own horse and arms and that he was in actual service during said tour and actively engaged in defending the country against the British and Tories and that they during said tour were attached to the Randolph Regiment of North Carolina Militia and were commanded by Colonel John Colyear [sic, John Collier?] and after him by Col. James Dugan. Deponent is not able to state the precise time at which said tour of duty was performed but thinks it was in 1779 or 1780 but knows that said Joseph served said tour as aforesaid and done his duty faithfully and was at the time of serving said tour a married man and had a family he further states that he knows that Jereter Nation now of this County is the same Jereter Nation before mentioned and that she is the widow of the aforesaid Joseph Nation now deceased and that said Joseph served said tour as a private.

Sworn to and subscribed this ninth day of April 1840 before me.

S/ Isaac Stephens, JP

S/ William Gray, X his mark

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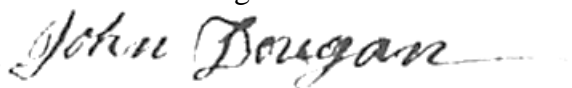
The State of Ohio, Preble County

Before me a justice of the peace in and for said County personally appeared John Dugan [sic, John Dougan]<sup>2</sup> age Seventy-Seven years who being sworn according to law says that he knows and has been acquainted with William Gray and that he was a Captain in the revolution war and commanded a company of volunteers.

Further Deponent says that he is well acquainted with William Gray now of Preble County of Ohio – that he was acquainted with him in the Revolutionary War and before that time, that he knows that said Gray was a Captain and served as such for some considerable time in the Revolutionary War in the Randolph Regiment of North Carolina militia &c and that said William Gray sustained ever since his acquaintance with him a good moral character & was considered a man of truth.

Sworn & subscribed for me this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 1840.

S/ John Dougan

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Dougan". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name "S/ John Dougan".

S/ David Higgins, JP

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$25 per annum commencing March 4, 1831 and ending July 30, 1849 when she died. The amount of his pension was based on his 6 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia cavalry.]