

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Nall ¹ W5401

Mary Nall

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State of Tennessee, Hickman County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions October Term
A.D1832

On the 8th day of October 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Justices thereof now sitting Richard Nall, Junr., a resident of said County of Hickman aged sixty-nine years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth upon his oath make the following declaration 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 Stated, -- to wit – Captain Jacob Ducksworth [Jacob Duckworth] and Major John Nall, in the State of North Carolina, Chatham County, I volunteered into service at the Court house in said County about the first day of November 1780 and continued in service until the first of May 1781 during which time I was in three engagements in the first engagement which took place the second day after I volunteered we attacked a Tory General Muster, and defeated them, took eighteen prisoners, and retook seven of the Whigs, the next engagement was at my father's own house which was attacked by fifty Tories and there was but seven of us one of whom was killed, and the rest of us retreating to Colonel Ambrose Ramsey's residence to a party of Whigs, stationed there by order of Brigadier General Butler [John Butler] from which station we got a reinforcement, and returned to attack the enemy, but they had retreated, after which we returned to Chatham Court house at which place we were dismissed the first of May 1781 – The first of November 1781, I volunteered again, in the cavalry, under the command of Captain John Beverly under the superintendence of Colonel Isaacs [Elijah Isaacs], this company and Regiment came from Wilkes County North Carolina, and I joined them at the widow Deacon's, near where Chatham and Randolph counties join, on the waters of Deep River, I continued in this company six weeks, in which time I was in two skirmishes. I was then dismissed. In January 1782 I joined a volunteer company of Cavalry in Chatham County North Carolina under the Command of Captain Charles Gholson [Charles Goldston] and continued in service under him for three months during which time we had two skirmishes with the Tories under the command of Colonel David Fannon [David Fanning] a Celebrated Tory Colonel. In these engagements with the Tories we killed several of their number without the loss of any of our Whig troops; it being a rule with the Whigs in our company to ask no quarter nor give any to the Tories our company was then disbanded. I got a discharge from Captain Gholson at that time which I kept for some time afterwards, when I gave it up to the board of Auditors after peace was made, which met at Hillsboro to adjust the accounts of the soldiers. These discharges were filed with said auditors and the troops received what was called at that day specie tickets, which ticket we sold and

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bartered away for a trifling consideration.

I then Joined a company of Cavalry raised by Captain William Gholson of Chatham County North Carolina and continued in service under him for three months during this campaign we were occupied chiefly in fighting the Tories in Chatham County and the adjoining Counties. This company was then disbanded I received a discharge from him when dismissed.

Captain William Gholson then raised another volunteer company which I joined immediately and during that campaign we fought the Tories and in one engagement with Colonel Fanning the Tory leader, we defeated them without any loss of the Whig troops, and I killed a Captain of the Tories by the name of Stephen Walker by shooting him in the body – I received my discharge from this term of Captain Gholson.

After we were discharged a Regiment of State troops was raised by and commanded by Colonel Joel Lewis – for 12 months, during this campaign we were engaged in fighting the Tories and many were killed. That part of them which were notoriously known as the most implacable enemies of the liberties of the Country we hanged by the neck, before the expiration of this campaign peace was made and we received our discharge, I was discharged by Colonel Joel Lewis.

The discharges I received were then deposited with the auditors at Hillsboro as before stated and we received the certificate as before named, and trafficked them off for what we could get.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever 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 and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Richard Nall, X his mark

S/ S. Sebastian, Clerk

[Isaiah Hales, a clergyman and Thomas Younger gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee, Hickman County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions July Term 1833

On this 8th day of July 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices thereof now sitting Richard Nall, Junr. a Resident of said County of Hickman who being first duly sworn according to law doth upon his oath make the following Amended or Supplemental declaration to one made at October Term of the Court aforesaid in order to obtain the Benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

Declarant states that he entered the Service of the United States as a volunteer on the first day of November 1780 under the command of Major John Nall & Captain Jacob Duckworth, and continued in service until the first day of May 1781 – a period of six months – but during this time Declarant states that one month was not spent in the service of the Country – as his father Major John Nall was killed and he had to retire from the service to obtain reinforcement – after which I Joined Colonel Isaacs' Regiment at Searcy's Ford on Deep River – I served this tour of five months – and the grade of our troops was Mounted Light infantry. On the first of November 1781 I volunteered again – under the command of Captain John Beverly under the superintendence of Colonel Isaacs and continued in service six weeks – The grade was Mounted Light infantry – In January 1782 I Joined a volunteer company under the command of Captain Charles Gholson [Goldston] I continued in Service three months – our grade was Mounted light Infantry. Declarant then entered the service as a volunteer he believes in the month of April 1782 under Captain William Gholson [Goldston] & continued in Service for three months – our grade was Mounted Light Infantry – Declarant states that the volunteers in the before mentioned companies found their own horses & guns – and they might be termed Cavalry or mounted gun men but at that time they were denominated Mounted light Infantry, volunteers, I then

immediately Joined Captain William Gholson as a volunteer and served three months – grade was mounted Light Infantry.

These volunteers were raised at the instance of General Butler and Colonel Ramsey – I then Joined a Regiment of State troops as mentioned in the original declaration for the term of 12 months – during this term we were called Dragoons – The State furnished our horses and guns – The officers under whom we served during this campaign was Colonel Joel Lewis & Major Grafton [could be Crofton, Grofton].

Declarant states that he is unable to mention with precision the names of the Regular officers as he was not Joined with them in Service and had no acquaintance with any of them. Declarant states that he was informed that Colonel Joel Lewis was a Regular officer but of this he cannot speak correctly. He knows however that Colonel Lewis enlisted several persons – he was born in Cumberland County North Carolina on the sixth of March 1764 as he is informed & believes – he has no Register of his age further than a copy taken by him from his father's Bible and which is registered the names of his children & which he yet has in his Bible – he refers to Thomas Younger, William Nall for his character & services.

Declarant states that during the whole term of his service he was a private soldier and from the foregoing statements it will be seen that he served two years three months and one half month.

Declarant states that in his neighborhood he is known to the following named persons who can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution – Abram Hogan, William Hogan, Hudson Dudley, Orrin D. Hogan, David Bibb, Hodge Adams, Lemuel Russell.

Declarant states that the requisition of the Department, that he shall produce evidence of his services by two credible witnesses if his name is not found in the records of the war department, cannot be strictly complied with as he believes it to be a requisition which is impossible to be fully answered – as his associates & fellow soldiers are nearly all dead & those he has produced cannot state positively the Regiment, line & company to which he belonged, and the nature of his services – as a volunteer nor such as to exclude him from being always while in service placed under regiments numbered -- & so stationed as to enable him & his witnesses to name the number of regiments, company & line for all from there was no name or number to bear Regiments & companies.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court eighth of July 1833.
S/ S. Sebastian, Clerk

S/ Richard Nall, X his mark

[Lemuel Russell gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Thomas Younger, a citizen of Williamson County aged 74 years personally appeared in open Court & being duly sworn upon his oath declares that he first became acquainted with Richard Nall in the year 1781, when he was a prisoner in custody of Lord Cornwallis Army with Major Nall his father & brothers – he also saw him in the service of the United States in the fall of 1782 or the commencement of the next year taking a prisoner to Hillsboro North Carolina – he shortly after moved to the neighborhood of said applicant & became well acquainted with him & has known him ever since & knows him to be the same individual who he saw in the service of the United States as aforesaid – he is unable to say what length of time said Richard Nall served – he had the reputation in the neighborhood where he lived immediately after the war of having been long a revolutionary soldier & he always so understood & believed in fact to be – he believes the said Richard Nall to be of the age stated & he has no doubt that he served as stated in his Declaration two years & upwards.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court.

S/ Thos Younger



Test: S/ S. Sebastian, Clerk

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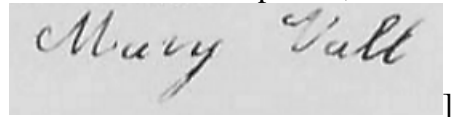
William Nall a citizen of Williamson County aged 63 years personally appeared in open Court & being duly sworn upon his oath declares that he is the brother of said applicant & was a boy at the time of the services were performed by said applicant, that he recollects well his brother having been in the service of the United States with our father Major Nall, he recollects several campaigns frequently their going out & returning home & remembers upon two occasions to have seen them engaged in battle with the Tories – he believes the applicant to be the age stated as he has frequently saw it in his father's Bible & he has no doubt that he performed the services as stated in his declaration.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court.

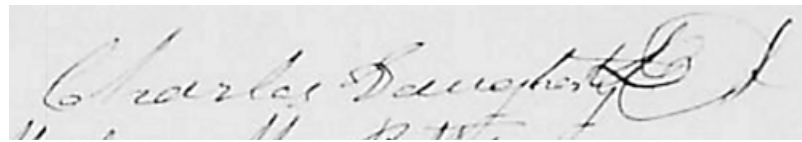
S/ William Nall, X his mark

Test: S/ S. Sebastian, Clerk

[p 11: On April 1, 1853, Mary Nall, 46, a resident of Bon Aqua in Hickman County Tennessee, applied for a widow's pension stating that her husband Richard Nall was a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$100 per annum, that she married said Richard in November 1836, that Richard died April 13, 1846.



[p 15: On December 20, 1856 in Hickman County Tennessee, Mary Nall, 49, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war soldier; in this document she states she married her husband in Hickman County Tennessee in 1834; that they were married by Neil White, a Justice of the Peace; that her name prior to her marriage was Mary Daugherty; and that she remains a widow. She signed this document with her mark. Her execution of this document was attested by Charles Daugherty of Hickman County Tennessee whose relationship, if any, to the widow is not stated.



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$100 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the North Carolina cavalry militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]