

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Christopher Nutter W5434

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Virginia State } To wit.

Harrison county }

On this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July 1832, personally appeared in open court Christopher Nutter, a resident of the s'd. county & state, aged seventy two, who being first duly sworn according to law, on his oath, makes the following statement to wit. That he entered the service of the United States, in the volunteer corps of Virginia under the late George Rogers Clarke [sic: George Rogers Clark], to serve during the war, that he entered the service as aforesaid in the latter part of May or first of June 1781, that he left the village, where Clarksburg is now situated, and descended the West Fork, and the Monongahela, to Pittsburg, From thence across the Ohio, to its falls at now Louisville, where he landed with the rest of the company commanded by Capt George Jackson under whom he volunteered, on 19<sup>th</sup> August 1781. that he continued in service in the aforesaid company of volunteers under Capt. Jackson, George R Clarke the General, Zachariah Morgan, a colonel until after the surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781], when they were discharged, as he thinks in November of the same year, at Louisville, that he rec'd. his discharge there & then because of his indisposition, Jackson's company who were capable of returning being continued on the rolls and not discharged until after, on their return to Clarksburg. That while he was in service as aforesaid, he was with some continental troops, regiments not recollected, but remembers that a Capt. [Abraham] Tipton, and officer by the names of Cheney[?], another of the Blue, and a Major as he believes of the name of Walis, who were considered of the regular troops. that Capt. Tipton & Chaplin were killed near the mouth of Bear Grass, in going to Floyds & Sullivan's stations. that he was in no battle, but that a skirmish took place between the troops under the same command & while he was in service, at the Sandy Island below the falls, in which Capt. Johnson of the militia & Benj. Wright were killed, Capt. Killn, and Jonathan Wright and Michael Umbel, a man named Blair, & Armstrong & others were wounded. That he was in actual service at no other times, on enlistment, draft, or as a volunteer, except on the frontier of Virginia, against the Indians, at one time being called into service by Capt. Thomas Nutter of the Va. M'a. at several times, by Wm Louther [sic: William Lowther], as Capt, and subsequently as Major, in the course of all of which several services, he states that he was in service a period not less than two years, — that he has no documentary evidence, and knows of no one now living who can testify to his services except Jacob Bush [pension application W24685] & Alexander West [W6450] both of Lewis county in Virginia, and both of whom have made oath to the service under Clarke stated to have been performed by s'd. Christopher Nutter and which oath as certified by Wm Powers as justice of the peace in s'd. county of Lewis is here with filed. He the s'd. Christopher Nutter hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present one which he hopes to obtain hereby under the act of Congress of June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 - and declares that he is not now nor ever was on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

[signed] Christopher Nutter

State of Virginia }

Harrison County } To Wit —

On this 22 day of December 1832 personally appeared before me an acting Justice of the peace in and for said County of Harrison in the State aforesaid Christopher Nutter aged seventy two who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the Folling amended declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832

That he was born in Sussex County in the State of Delaware on the 21 day of January 1760 so understood by his parrents, has no record of his age only as his parents told him, and he made a record in his family Bibbel himself his parents moved to agusty [sic: Augusta] County in the state of Virginia and brought him with them when an Infant Stade there till 1769 and then his parrents moved to Fiatt [sic: Fayette] County in State of Pensylvaney and from there his parrents removed to what was then called West Augusty in march 1772 in that part of agusty

shortly afterwards Monongahela [sic: Monongalia, now in WV, formed in 1776] in that part of said County which now [since 1784] forms the County of Harrison where now he resides and has ever since resided since the year 1772 and that he was living in Nutters Fort [see note below] in said County of Harrison when he volunteered to the service of the United States as a militia man under Capt William Lowther as a soldier and served six months and in May 1781 he volunteered under Capt George Jackson as a militia man to go against the Indians in the Campaign of General Clark and served six months and in the year of 1782 he still lived in said County of Harrison and State of Virginia at Nutters Fort he volunteered in to the service of the United States as a soldier under Capt Thomas Nutter and served six months, and in the year of 1783 he still lived at Nutters Fort in said County of Harrison and State of Virginia he again volunteered served six months under Capt Christopher Carpenter and still lives in said County of Harrison on Elk Creek and in all of his Tours he served as a private soldier [signed] Christopher Nutter

NOTES:

Fort Nutter was a stockade fort on the east bank of Elk Creek, now in Clarksburg. It was built and manned by Christopher Nutter and his brothers John, Matthew, and Thomas.

On 13 Nov 1845 Rebecca Nutter of Barbour County, born 20 May 1768, applied for a pension stating that she married Christopher Nutter on 28 June 1785, and he died 21 Feb 1845. The file includes a copy of the record of marriage of Christopher Nutter to Rebecca Moorhead by Rev. Isaac Edwards. On 23 Mar 1855 she applied for bounty land, with James Nutter as witness. On 3 Oct 1855 she applied for an increase in her pension. On 14 Apr 1871 James Nutter, administrator of Rebecca Nutter, stated that she died on 16 Oct 1861, and he applied for several years' pension that she failed to collect.

The following in the pension file of William Powers (S18164) is a note by W. G. Singleton, who investigated numerous fraudulent claims from Lewis County. See the pension application of David W. Sleeth (S6111) for details.]

"Wm Powers. Served two years.

Christopher Nutter has known Mr. Wm. Powers since 1773. They were raised boys together and were in service some times together, at other times at different stations & under different commands in the western Region of Virginia all through the war of the Revolution. Powers is a man of 'truth & Honesty' He Nutter has understood that after Clark's expedition [George Rogers Clark's to Illinois, 1778] and during the War of the Rev. Powers commanded a company of Rangers

Note Isaac [sic] Powers. but declined to interrogate him in reference to his own case because I found it indispensably necessary to a successful prosecution of my investigation to make terms with some one or more of the Pensioners, for the purpose of Eliciting the truth. understanding that Mr. Powers and a Mr. Christopher Nutter were men of extraordinary memories and Intelligence and that they were early settlers of the County? and know every man in their region of country that were engaged in Indian fighting or otherwise. I determined to let them rest for the Present at least - through these Gentlemen I obtained most essential information.

I am inclined to think that they are entitled to all they draw. I derive this opinion from the General belief of the country in which they live. - without the aid of these men we should be unable to get along with the prosecutions & such instructed under the direction of the Secretary of War. under the circumstances I would respectfully suggest the propriety of continuing Powers & Nutter on the Pension Roll. Write to me on this subject

W. G Singleton Nov. 10, 1834.