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Pension application of Benjamin Standifer (Standerford) W822 Nancy fn58NC
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[fn p. 9]

State of Tennessee, Bledsoe County

On this fifteenth day of August in the year 1832 personally appeared in open court before the worshipful jurors of the County Court of Bledsoe County aforesaid now sitting Benjamin Standifer a resident of said County and State, aged sixty eight years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make this following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1802---That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated, that at the age of sixteen years and in the month of May, (the precise year he does not recollect, but by adding sixteen years the time he entered the service to 1764, the year in which he was born, will make 1780), he entered the service as a volunteer under Captain Douglass [probably John Douglass of Caswell County] who was under Colonel Dudley [Guilford Dudley¹] in Orange County in the State of North Carolina, for three months, that he marched from Orange County through the counties of Caswell, Rowan, Chatham and Guilford in the same State and was then discharged after serving three months as an orderly Sergeant---in a few days after the expiration of the aforesaid time he volunteered again and entered the service for three months under Captain Abraham Allen who was commanded by Colonel Maybin [sic, Robert Mebane], under the command of Brigadier General Butler [John Butler]. He was marched through Hillsborough North Carolina, then across Haw River to Lindley's Mill where he was in an engagement² with the Tories under the command of Colonel O'Neal [sic, Col. Hector McNeill] who was killed. This engagement he thinks was in the month of August after he first entered the service from Lindley's Mill he marched down to a place called Cross Creek where the Tories had taken refuge in the swamps, where he was again discharged after serving three months as orderly sergeant---Shortly after the last aforesaid time, he again volunteered and entered the service under Capt. Davis Grisham for the term of twelve months that during this time he performed—divers short tours of service, not being required by his Capt. to be out long at any one time, but to be always, in readiness to march on a moment's warning to oppose the outrages of the Tories

¹ [Guilford Dudley W8681](#)

² September 13, 1781 http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_lindleys_mill.html and <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/lindleysmill.htm>

upon the Whigs and their families. He has no doubt but that he was in actual service under Captain Grisham six months---During the whole of his service he served as a mounted rifleman and was an orderly Sergeant the first six months of his service.

He has no documentation evidence of his service, nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. He further states that he was born in the State of Maryland on the 17th day of May 1764. He lived in Orange County in the State of North Carolina where he entered the service from which he moved to the State of Georgia where he resided about twenty five years when he moved to Bledsoe County Tennessee where he has lived something over five years---He has stated the names of his officers as far as he can recollect and the general circumstances of his service---He never received a discharge, not believing it would be of any benefit to him. He states that he is known in his present neighborhood by John Patton, and George Walker clergyman, Jesse Walker a justice of the peace for Bledsoe County, and William Walker a respectable farmer of said County, and others but he thinks it unnecessary to extend the list,

He hereby relinquishing his every claim whatsoever 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 to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid---

This claimant further states that in the engagement at Lindley's Mill, Col. Litrell [sic, John Luttrell] and Major Nolls [sic, John Nall] were killed by the Tories---That he has no record of his age but from the statement of his parents he believes he is as old as he has states.

S/ Benjamin Standifer, X his mark

[John Dalton, a clergyman, Jesse Walker and William Walker gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 13: On May 5, 1853, Nancy Standifer, resident of Hamilton County, Tenn., aged 73, made application for a widow's pension stating they were married December 29, 1802 in Oglethorpe County, Ga.; that her maiden name was Nancy Echols; and that her husband died in Beldsoe County, Tenn., March 18, 1839.][She died in Hamilton County, Tenn on February 28, 1864, at age 86, him survived by the following children: Joshua, Sarah Howard, Milly Chipman, Leroy.]

[fn p. 17: Their marriage entry in Oglethorpe lists his name as "Benjamin Standerford" and hers as "Nancy Echols." The license was issued December 29, 1802.]

[A grandson, William Standefer was living in Hamilton County, Tennessee in 1870 at which time he was 33.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$55 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for one-year service as a private and Sergeant in the North Carolina militia.]