

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abraham Nelson W865

Jennett Nelson f38NC

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State of Tennessee, Franklin County

This day Jennett Nelson personally appeared before me an acting Justice of the peace in & for the County & State aforesaid and made oath in due form of law that she is the widow of Abraham Nelson who died in 1825 or 1826-- said Abraham Nelson was a soldier in the war of the Revolution, had acted in said war in the capacities of both volunteer & Ranger affiant cant state in whose company said Nelson served – but was under the command during this War of Generals Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] – Morgan [Daniel Morgan] – Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] & Davidson [William Lee Davidson] – as affiant was informed & believes – affiant cannot procure his discharge nor does she know what has become of it – affiant is very old being now upwards of 90 & much afflicted with palsy – so much so as to be almost constantly confined to her bed. They were married in February 1787 – affiant knows of no one by whom she can make proof of the facts she has herein set forth – all the soldiers of that war who were acquainted with her husband being dead. This application is made for the purpose of obtaining a pension under an act of Congress providing for widows of Revolutionary soldiers.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this fifth day of November 1851.

S/ James Byrons, JP

S/ Jennett Nelson, X her mark

witness: S/. A. M. Wilson

[The soldier and his wife were married in Spartanburg District, SC in February 1787; her maiden name is not given. The following children and their birth dates are set forth in the file as well as the record of the births of 3 other individuals, relationship to the veteran not stated:

John Nelson was born December 9, 1790

Sarah Nelson was born February 13th, 1793

George Nelson was born February 7th, 1795

Elisabeth Nelson was born July 5th, 1797

Nancy Nelson was born December 8th, 1799

Enoch Nelson was born January 20th, 1802

Unicy Nelson was born January 21st, 1804

Janet Nelson was born October 10th, 1807

Rispah Nelson was born August 15th, 1809

Rebeckah Nelson was born June 11th, 1813

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Luisagaine Bally was Born November 27th 1831

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[p 18 gives a list of payments made by the State of North Carolina to “Abraham Nelson” for services during the revolution. The list is compiled from information and the office of the Comptroller of Public Accounts for the State of North Carolina]

[p 26: On January 29, 1852 in Franklin County Tennessee, A. M. Wilson, aged 81, gave testimony that he was well acquainted with the veteran in Orange County North Carolina; that the affiant cannot recall the length of the veteran service or the officers under whom he served but the affiant states that when a boy he was traveling through Guilford County with the veteran and the veteran pointed out the battle ground of the Guilford battle and stated that he, the veteran, was in that battle [March 15, 1781].

A. M. Wilson

[p 30: In a subsequent petition filed on August 2, 1852, Jennett Nelson adds that her husband served in the Orange County, NC militia.]

[Veteran’s widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4, 1836, for her husband’s service as a private in the North Carolina militia for 2 years.]