

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Nathaniel Cunningham W9821                      Elizabeth Cunningham                      VA  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 20 April 2019

State of North Carolina }              Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions  
Randolph County        }              May Term 1818.

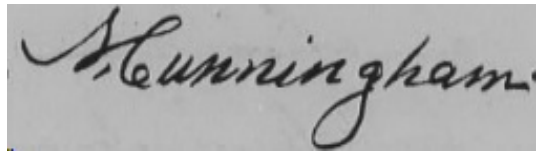
Nathaniel Cunningham maketh Oath that he entered the Service of the United States as a Regular Soldier in September 1775, or thereabouts, a private in Capt. Ballards Company in the 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia Regiment of the Virginia Line; that some time afterward he served in Capt. [John] Morton's Company in the 4<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment, from which Regiment he was transfered to the Life Guard of Gen'l. Washington, in which he continued about two years. That his time of Service expiring, he enlisted again as a Soldier and joined the first Virginia Regiment commanded by Col. [Richard] Parker, in which he continued untill the year 1779, when he was discharged . At the Capture of Charlestown [surrender of Charleston SC, 12 May 1780] he was sick, and Col. Parker having been killed there [24 Apr], this Deponent was discharged at Charlotte in North Carolina, by Lieutenant Col [Burges] Ball.

He further swears that after this Discharge from the Regular Service, he joined the militia and was in the Battle at Gen'l. [Horatio] Gates's Defeat [Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780], where he lost his Discharge given to him by Col. Ball.

That Maj'r. Cunningham of the Virginia Regiment afterwards gave him a Certificate of his service in the Regular Army, and the Certificate he exhibited to the Board of Auditors of Virginia, who settled the public accounts of the Soldiers of the Virginia Line; and the Board retained this Certificate upon their granting to him a Certificate to demand his Pay from the Government.

This Deponent further swears that from his reduced Circumstances, he needs the assistance of his Country for support.

[6 May 1818]



State of North Carolina }              Court of Pleas & quarter sessions  
Randolph County        }              August Term 1822

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August 1822 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record for the said County Nathaniel Cunningham aged 68 years, Resident in Randolph County in the said state who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 & the first of May 1820 that he the said Nathaniel Cunningham Enlisted for the term of one year on the [blank] day of September 1775 in Prince Edward County in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Robert Ballard of the Regiment commanded by Patrick Henry in the line of the State of Virginia as he understood on the Continental Establishment that he continued to serve in the said Corps, until the month of September 1776 when he was Discharged from the said Service in Williamsburg in the state of Virginia. That he in the same fall enlisted in Capt. Morton's Company in the 4<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment commanded by Col Robert Lawson in the Virginia line on the Continental Establishment for Two years, and he continued to serve in this Regiment untill March 1777 when he was Transfered to the life Guard of Gen'l. Washington, in which he continued to serve untill the Two years expired in the Fall 1778. He then enlisted for three years in the said guard & afterwards exchanged situations at the request of Col Parker of the 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia Regiment with a man in said regiment & that he served in the said regiment until 1780 in which year he was discharged by Col Parker [sic] & the Discharge given him by Col Bell [sic] at Charlotte in the state of North Carolina which Discharge he lost in the Battle at Gen'l Gates defeat in which he served as a Militia Man; that he was in the Battles of Trenton [26 Dec 1776], Princeton [3 Jan 1777], Brandywine [11 Sep

1777] & Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States, on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 & that I have not since that time, by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary War,” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1818 & that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities, contracts, or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed & by me subscribed as follows To Wit

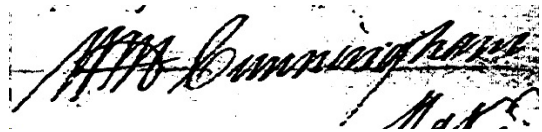
6 Head of Cattle \$30.	1 Calf 1.00	one Feather Bed \$18
8 Small Hoggs \$12.00	1 Table 4.00	1 Chest 4.40
1 Pine Table 1.00	6 Old Chairs 2.00	Cupbord Ware 3.50
1 Old Cotton Wheel 1.50	1 Flax Wheel 1.00	2 Shovel Ploughs 2.00
2 Hoes 1.00	1 Old pot 1.00	Dog Irons 2.50
1 Old Barrels 1.75	7 Sheep 7.00	1 Looking Glass 0.75
1 Ax 1.30	in all Ninety five Dollars Eighty Cts	

I Nathaniel Cunningham am a School Master by occupation, but am afflicted with a kind of consumptive cough that verry much prevents my attention to business I have in Family my Wife Betsey aged 52 years, Benjamin Cunningham my Son aged 17 years Lucy his Daughter aged 12 years  
Nathaniel Cunningham

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I do Certify that Nathaniel Cunningham in list into Continental Virginia Line as a Serjant for three years which time he served faithfully Given under my hand this 6<sup>th</sup> of Aug't 1783

Wm Cunningham Maj'r  
[William Cunningham R13534]



[G]ent'men please to Deliver my land warrant to the Bearer hereof  
& youl Oblige [illegible]  
Nathaniel Cunningham  
Aug ye 6<sup>th</sup> 1783



NOTE: On 18 Nov 1838 in Putnam County IN Elizabeth Cunningham, 66, applied for a pension stating that she married Nathaniel Cunningham in Caswell County NC on 25 Sep 1789, and he died in Putnam County 16 Aug 1832. Her application was supported by her daughter, Amelia Cunningham, who stated that she was born in Oct 1794 and had an older brother living in Illinois.