

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Nolte (Nolter, Nulton, Nolton) R7738
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State of New York } Declaration, to obtain the benefit of the act of 7 June 1832.
Court of Oyer & Terminer } July 17th 1839
Erie County Ss: }

Personally appeared in Open Court, John Nolter, who being duly sworn did depose and say that he was a Private in Captain Baron's [possibly Le Brun de Bellecoeur] Company of Infantry in the first partizan Legion of Brig'r. General [Charles] Armand's Corps in the Revolutionary War. That he enlisted at Lancaster, Pennsylvania in 1779 & was in the service to the close of the war in 1783 & was discharged at Yorktown in Pennsylvania the 15th day of Nov'r. 1783.

That Casper Shaffner [or Casper Schaffner] was Cornet of the Regiment in which he served, and when deponent prepared in papers in 1806 to go to Washington to get his bounty land said Casper Shaffner made out a copy of his discharge and at the same time made out for deponent the paper hereto annexed.

Deponent further says that he resided after the war in Bedford, Pennsylvania until 1807, when he left that state and removed to upper Canada where he has ever since resided. That his oldest son John Nolter is now in his forty sixth year of his age, that his said son has always lived with him & since deponent has become feeble & old, he has lived with & been dependent on his said son.

Deponent further says that he is now in his Ninety fourth year of his age, and when he resided at Bedford in Pennsylvania, he was well acquainted with several of the old Soldiers who served with him during the war – one of them, Frederick Hinsey [sic: Frederick Henze (Hentze), pension application W3251, was of the same Regiment with deponent. That he was also familiar with another soldier who belonged to the Pennsylvania Line by the name of Stuffel Hyde [possibly Christoffel Heide]. That Deponent was at the Battles at Camden, South Carolina fought under the General Command of Gates [Horatio Gates, Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780], & was defeated & the regiment in which he served was scattered. That Gen'l. Wayne then succeeded Gates in the command [sic: Nathanael Greene, not Anthony Wayne].

Deponent also testified that he was at the Siege of Yorktown in Virginia & was present at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis & the British Army [19 Oct 1781].

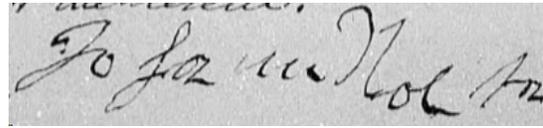
That he well recollects that on the Surrender of Cornwallis, there was a small smith's shop or Forge, belonging to the British which fell into the hands of the americans & was attached to wheels & was drawn by horses. That he deponent being a good Teamster was deputed to drive the team that drew the shop. That he drove it from Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg], 12 miles from Yorktown, to Charlesville in albermarle County [sic: Charlottesville in Albemarle County] where the Regiment stayed during the winter following – after that he was at Stantown [sic: Staunton] & winchester, & then at york in Pennsylvania where he remained with the Regiment till they were discharged.

Deponent further says that his brother in law Adam Sammel, formerly of Bedford Pennsylvania, had the Charge of the Deed or Patent of the Bounty land of Deponent & that he does not now know where said Adam resides but believes he is in Ohio. That the said Adam Sammel has said Patent now, unless it is lost.

Deponent further says that the said Adam Sammel was an officer in the last war attached to a Volunteer Regiment from Bedford in Pennsylvania, & was wounded at Baltimore Point at the Battle where General Ross the British Gen'l. was killed.

Deponent further says that he has never received anything for his Revolutionary services. That he has never yet until now applied for his Pension. That the land that was allotted to him he never took possession of. That it proved to be nearly or quite valueless & deponent suffered it to revert to the Government for taxes & he now relinquishes all claims to any Pension except the present.

[signed in German Johann Nolte]



A Copy of Discharge

This is to certify, that John Nolte, a private in the Compagnie of Cap. Baron in the first Partisan Legion, under my Command, has served faithfully & bravely to this Day, is hereby discharged from the Service of the united States, in Pursuance of Orders received from the Commander in Chief, bearing Date the third instant.

I farther certify that John Nolte a private in the Compagnie of Cap. Baron having been inlisted in the State of Pensylvania in intituled by the Resolution of Congress, of the 13th February, 1779, to the Benefits that have been, or hereafter shall be granted by the said State to the Noncommissioned Officers and Soldiers of the said Line.

Given under my Hand and Seal at York Town this fifteenth Day of Novbr. 1783.

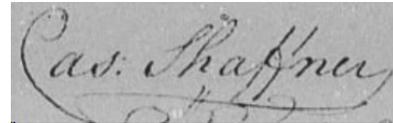
Armand M'qis [Marquis] de la Rouerie Brigad. General
Entered in the Books of Legion.

attest

Godfried Swortz [sic: Godfried Schwartz]/ Adjutant of the Legion

I do hereby Certify, that John Nulton was a Private Soldier in the Legionary Corps Commanded by Brigadier General Armand that he served as such untill the 15th day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty three, when the said Corps was dessolved by Order of Congress at the Close of the Revolutionary War. Given under my hand this 8th day of March 1806.

Cas. Shaffner late Cornet
in Gen'l. Armand Legion



Province of Canada }

County of Brant } Ss At a Surrogates Court held in Brantford in said County on the thirteenth day of September in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty four, Before me Stephen James Jones Esquire Surrogate of the said County of Brant, personally appeared John Nulton a resident of Burford in said County aged sixty four years, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefeit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed the 15th of May 1828 the 7th of June AD 1832 and of all Acts of Congress amending the same or in any way relating to the service hereinafter stated.

That he is a son of John Nolton deceased (or Nulton) who was a During War Soldier of the Revolutionary War, and belonged to a Company of Cavalry, the Declarent has heard his Father relate his services and tel of his Officers names but cannot be verry definite or positive in giving their names. He thinks he served a part of the time under Captain Brown. A man by the name of McDugal was Quarter Master of the Regiment, which was commanded by a French Officer by the name of Ormung or Armond – but may not be correct in the names.

The declarent further says that his Father the said John Nolton (or Nulton) received his Bounty Land in the year 1805 or 1806, while he resided in Bedford County State of Pensylvania and afterwards sold it to George Feather of that County. That the annexed power of Attorney to Martin Riley dated March 25th 1805 was executed in the presence of this deponent for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty Land, but that afterwards finding that the power of Attorney was also a sale of the Land, his Father obtained it, went to Washington himself, Obtained his Land, and the Pattent was forwarded to Henry Woods Esq. of

Bedford for his Father by the Hon. John Rhea Esq a Member of Congress, that the said power of Attorney was with his Fathers papers at his death and since that time has been in possession of the Deponent. The Deponent further says that the family were called Nulton, altho his Father wrote it Nolten, that he was a German That his Father the said John Nulton died on the 8th day of August Eighteen Hundred and forty three in the town of Brantford in the County of Brant, that his wife the Mother of this deponent died in September 2^d day 1817 and that the Deponent, Conrad Nulton, Elizabeth Rogers and Catherine Killeens are his only children him surviving and who are now living in the Province of Canada.

The Declarent further says that his said Father never obtained his pension, or made application therefor, that the deponent nor any of the Heirs have received the pension due to the said John Nulton at the time of his death or have made any application therefore. That this application is made for the purpose of obtaining the pension due the Heirs of the said John Nulton from the passage of the Act or acts to the date of his death.

John hisXmark Nulton

[A statement similar to the above was made on 13 Jan 1855 in Erie County NY.]