

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of William M. Nance W5402
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of Virginia, Pittsylvania County, to wit

On this 17th day of September 1832. personally appeared in open Court before Stephen Coleman, John S. Adams, William M. Williams & Robert Wilson, the Court of Pittsylvania now sitting, William M. Nance a resident of Pittsylvania County & State of Virginia aged seventy two years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he was born on the 18th January 1760 in the County of Amelia now Nottoway Va. according to his fathers register which is not in his possession - that he entered the service of the United States as a Substitute for Wm. Mitchell in the year 1777 under Capt. Gabriel Fowlkes Sen'r. John Knight Lieut. and William Brookin Ensign at the Courthouse of Amelia County Va. and marched to Williamsburg and joined the Regiment under the Command of Colo. Vivian Brookin [or Brooking] & after remaining there a short time was ordered to Hampton where he joined the army under the command of General Thos. Nelson where he served several months, the particular time not recollect but thinks it was not less than three months and was disbanded at Hampton by Colo. Brookin without any regular discharge and returned home where he remained until early in the month of February 1779 when he was drafted and marched under Capt. William Fitzgerald, Lieut. Charles Irby to Halifax Town North Carolina where he joined Colo. David Mason and marched through Hillsborough, Salisbury North Carolina and joined Gen'l. [Benjamin] Lincoln at Stono Camp South Carolina and fought a hard battle with the British on the 20th of June 1779 [Battle of Stono Ferry] in which he was engaged from the commencement to the end after which he marched back to camp where he remained some time. knew Count Pulaskie [sic: Kazimierz Pulaski], Gen'l. Parsons &c and from thence was marched to Camden South Carolina and disbanded in August 1779 after serving a tour of six months during which time he was orderly sergeant and was disbanded by Colo. Mason and returned to Amelia Va. where he remained until the [blank] day of Dec'r. 1780 when he removed to the County of Pittsylvania where he has resided ever since and in the year 1781 he was drafted and marched from the County aforesaid under Capt Charles Williams Lieut. Dix or Hunt he does not recollect which, to York Town Va. where he was regularly engaged in the siege [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] until the surrender, two days after which he with the other sick of the troops from Pittsylvania was discharged by General Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens] which discharge is lost or mislaid.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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—

Subscribed & sworn to this 17th day of Septemb'r 1832

Wm. M. Nance

NOTE: On 23 Sep 1844 Elizabeth Nance, 77, applied for a pension stating that she married William M. Nance in 1782, and he died 8 Nov 1843. With her application she submitted the original family record of the dates of birth of their children in her husband's handwriting.