Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Peter Nance R7553

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State of North Carolina, Yadkin County

On this 5th day of July 1852 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pleas and Common Sessions now sitting, Peter Nance a resident of the said County and State aged 90 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated that he substituted in the place of his Brother John Nance who was a Volunteer in the Army of the United States in the year 1780 and served in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] of the South Carolina Troops. That his Brother John returned home sick about the first of March 1780 and continuing unwell he the said Peter went in his place and joined Colonel afterwards General Sumter about the 10th of March of that year and a part of the time he was under the command of Colonel Lacy [sic, Edward Lacey] his Captain's name was Frost, Lieutenant John Mayfield. That he entered the service about the 10th of March 1780 that he joined the Troops near Camden South Carolina and was discharged at Orangeburg about the 20th of December following by Captain Frost discharge being written by Lieutenant Mayfield. That he resided at the time of his service in the then Camden now Chester District that he placed his discharge on his return home in his Father's trunk which trunk was afterwards stolen by the Tories and the discharge lost that his mess while in the Army were Henry Hardin, James and Michael Gore, James Saunders and John Walker, when he first entered the Army he answered to the name of John Nance whose place he took and who soon afterwards died that afterwards he answered to the name of Peter Nance, he was at Fishing Creek with Sumter when he was surprised by a charge from Tarleton and a number of prisoners which he had taken rescued, he was also at the Battle of Hanging Rock which was fought in August 1780 where the Americans were victorious and where as well he recollects were the following Officers General Sumter Colonels Lacey, Hill and Irwin Major Davie and others from which place the Troops were marched to the fork of Broad and Tyger Rivers where they had another brush with the British and Tories and Sumter was wounded, during their march they passed through Winnsboro, that he has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service that the reason he has not made this application before is that he was ignorant of his rights having been a substitute he did not know that he was entitled. He hereby relinquishes all 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 or Territory.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Test: S/T. S. Martin, CCC

S/ Peter Nance

[Denson A. Poindexter, a clergyman, and James Sheek gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

¹ Sumter was wounded at the Battle of Blackstocks on the Tyger River in SC.