

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of James Nance: S17166

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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 and Robert Wilson the Court of Pittsylvania now sitting James Nance Sen'r. formerly a resident of Amelia County Va. aged seventy 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 the 7th 1832 - That he was born on the 2nd day of February 1762 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 drafted soldier on the 9th day of February 1779 under Captain William Fitzgerald, Lieutenant Charles Irby, Ensign Bolling Hall and marched to Halifax Town North Carolina where he joined Colo. David Mason of Va. and marched from thence to Hillsborough & Salisbury North Carolina and joined General [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 for some time. that he knew Count Pulaski, Genl. Parsons &c. and from thence was marched to Camden South Carolina and discharged in August 1779 after serving a tour of six months.

that he acted as fifer and was disbanded by Colo. Mason and returned to Amelia Va. on the 10th day of August 1779-

In the year 1780 he served a tour of duty of about two months under Capt. Gray belonging to the United States army Commanded by Colo. White, the fall of the same date he was called on to render service agreeable to drafted members and served a tour of three months under Capt. Irby, the Lieut's. name not recollected, was marched to Petersburg Va. from thence to Cabbin Point [sic: Cabin Point in Surry County], thence to Mackey's Mills, thence to Nansemond, thence to a place not recollected & returned to Nansemond - & then enlisted in the Cavalry under Charles Irby for during the War upon condition that he could procure a horse, was priviledged to go home and got a horse and return to Camp, and in the event that he could not procure a horse his absence was to be counted as on furlow. When he got home it being inconvenient to procure a horse and a young man in the neighbourhood by the name of Elisha Gunn being called on to join Gen'l. [John] Green in opposition to Lord Cornwallis, the said Gunn and himself changed tours and being organised he marched under Capt. Overstreet and joined head quarters on Troublesome Creek, North Carolina after various marches they met the British and had a severe battle at Guilford Courthouse North Carolina [Battle of Guilford Courthouse, 15 March 1781] - after marching to Deep River at Ramsey's Mills Chatham County N.C. he was honourably discharged [page torn] Brigadier General [Robert] Lawson of the Virginia troops - after which he returned to Amelia County Va there he remained until the 5th day of January 1801 at which time he removed to Wake County North Carolina, where he has remained ever since, and being on a visit to see his friends in Pittsylvania County Virginia avails himself of this opportunity to make his declaration, having it more in his power to establish his service here than in North Carolina - serving as a Militiaman there was no written discharge required or given to such.

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 September 1832 James hisXmark Nance Sen'r.

The State of Alabama} On this 9th day of April 1835 before me, the subscriber a Justice
County of Madison ss} of the peace for the said County of Madison, personally appeared
James Nance Sen'r. who on his oath declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged
to the company commanded by Captain Gerald _____ in the Regiment commanded by Colonel
Mason _____ in the service of the United States; that his name was placed on the Pension Roll of

the State of North Carolina from whence he has lately removed; that he now resides in the County of Madison in the State of Alabama where he intends to remain and wishes his Pension payable at the Pension Agency in Decatur, Morgan County, State of Alabama, in future. The following are his reasons for removing from the State of North Carolina to the County of Madison, Alabama: All his children are married and have left him - he has a son living in the said county of Madison, and with him he expects to spend the remainder of his days. Sworn and subscribed to before me, the day and year aforesaid. [signed] James Nance Sr

NOTE: On the pension application is the notation that James Nance died Feb 1840.