Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Sneed S9482 Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of North Carolina Wake County

On this the 3rd Monday of November A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court Before the Justices of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting (it being a court of record, with [indecipherable word] and [indecipherable word] Jurisdiction according to the forms of the common law) Robert Sneed of said State and County aged seventy-three years on the 23rd of January 1833 next ensuing 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 entered the Service of the United States in the war of the Revolution as a Militia man by draft on the 9th day of February 1779 for the Term of six months under Captain William Fitzgerald, Lieutenant Charles Irby and Ensign Bolling Hall [Bowler Hall], all of whom as well as this deponent lived in the State of Virginia and then County of Amelia, and now Nottoway County – The Regiment to which this declarant was attached was commanded by Colonel David Mason Lieutenant Colonel Lewis Burwell and Major — Hubbard. That the Company rendezvoused at Green's Church in Amelia now Nottoway County and marched thence to Halifax North Carolina where they joined the Regiment – and marched thence to Hillsboro North Carolina & to Salisbury North Carolina & to Charlotte North Carolina to Camden South Carolina and then to headquarters on Stono River South Carolina. That he was with the Army at the time of the battle of Stono [Stono ferry, June 20, 1779], but was not in the engagement – But was on the sick list – that he remembers among the officers of the regular service General Lincoln and count Pulaski. That he thinks a Colonel Henderson & a Colonel Pinckney but not certain whether the two latter were regular or state officers. That he served his full period of six months and was then marched to Camden South Carolina and was there disbanded –

That he was again called into the militia service in the fall of 1780 the month and a not now remembered – for the period of three months – in the company commanded by Captain John Dennis & Lieutenant Francis Fitzgerald – Ensign Francis Epps all of Amelia County now Nottoway – and was marched to Petersburg Virginia and there engaged under a Colonel Raleigh Downman & a Major Edmonds – and as this declarant thinks both the field officers above named were in the regular or Continental service – That he was first marched to Cabin Point and thence to Mackey's Mills near Smithfield Virginia and at the termination of his Tour which he fully served he was marched to Petersburg Virginia and there discharged.

That in the spring (he thinks March) 1781 he was again called into the militia service by draft – for three months – and was placed under a Captain of artificers whose name he thinks was Anderson – and was marched to the Point of Forks – where he served as an artificer his full term of three months and was discharged at the City of Richmond – That he is in possession of no

documentary Evidence of his service, but can prove the two first terms of service by James Nance¹ – who served with him and the whole period by John Sneed.

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 or Territory whatever.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court –

S/ Robert Sneed

Robt Ineed

James Nance of the State and County aforesaid personally appeared in open court & being 1st duly sworn according to law, deposeth and saith, that he was born in the County of Amelia – now Nottoway in the State of Virginia on the 2nd day of February 1762 as he is informed and believes, that he has known Robert Sneed whose declaration as above set forth from the earliest period of his life being born and raised within one half miles of each other. That he knows the statement of service in the war of the revolution by said R. Sneed for the first period of six months and the second of three months to be true, and accurately set forth – he having served in the same company in the six months Tour and in the same Regiment in the three months tour; and he believes the third tour of service as served by said Sneed was duly performed by him – as he knows that on his Nance's return from a tour of service in the South in the battle of Guilford – in the month of April 1781 he was informed that said Sneed was in service at the Point of Forks as an artificer. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year above written in open Court.

S/ Jas Nance

State of North Carolina Wake County: Superior Court of law & Equity scoring Term 183 [last digit missing]

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Amended declaration of Robert Sneed an old Soldier of the Revolution whose Declaration appears to have been made in the court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions November Term 1832 and for amendment thereof the said Robert Sneed appeared in open court before Robert Stronys [?] one of the Judges of the Superior Court of Law & Equity for the State and County aforesaid – (it being a court of record) and having been duly sworn hath answered the Interrogatories prescribed in the manner following to wit

Qu. 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born on the 23rd day of January A.D. 1760 in the County of Amelia in the State of Virginia now the County of Nottoway.

Qu. 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. I have not now a record of my age But I have often seen it in a Bible belonging to my father in Virginia and derived my knowledge explosively from that record.

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¹ James Nance S17166

Qu. 3rd. Where were you living when called into the service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary war & where do you now live?

Answer. I lived in the County of Amelia in the State of Virginia – (now the County of Nottoway) when called into the service. I continued to live there until the year 1790 and then moved to the County of Wake in the State of North Carolina, where I have continued to reside ever since.

Qu. 4th how were you called into service, were you drafted – did you volunteer – or were you a substitute?

Answer. I was called into service by draft on each of the 3 tours that I served.

Qu. 5. State the names of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served; such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service –

Answer. I remember General Lincoln at Stono and Count Pulaski – and a Colonel Henderson who I think was a regular and such others as I have mentioned in my former declaration my memory is not sufficient to serve me so far as to specify any particular Regiment either regular or militia except that in which I served. The general circumstances of my service I have stated in my former declaration.

Qu. 6th. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service etc.?

Answer. I never received a written discharge being always in the militia if I did I do not now remember it – and must have lost it.

I am known to all my neighbors – among others to our representative in Congress Doctor Ballenger and James Nance and John Sneed whose depositions are annexed to my former declaration.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court.

S/ Robert Sneed

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$48 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the infantry and as an artificer for one-year in the Virginia service.]