

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Nicholas Belleville: R728

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State of New Jersey }
Mercer County } S.S.

On this thirty first day of December One thousand eight hundred and forty four, personally appeared before the Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas now holden at Nottingham in and for said County, Annie B. Clark [sic: Clarke] of the City of Trenton, who being first duly Sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Acts of Congress passed June 7 1832 and July 7 1838 So far as relates to the Service of her grandfather Doctor Nicholas Belleville, late of the City of Trenton, a Surgeon in the Army of the United States in the Revolutionary war. That the Said Doctor Nicholas Belleville, as she has often heard and believes, came to the United States in the early part of the year 1777 [arrived at Salem MA 22 Jul] from France, with Count Pulaski, and being attached to the family of the Count as Physician; that immediately on his arrival, after joining the army he was commissioned a Surgeon in the Army of the United States by Surgeon General Shipper [sic: William Shippen, Jr.] - that before the close of the Revolution he left the army [fall 1778], located himself in the City of Trenton as a Physician, where he continued until his death. That he left a widow, Ann Belleville, and one child, viz: Mary Clark, who died before her mother. That Ann Belleville departed this life on the twenty eighth day of June Eighteen hundred and thirty seven leaving four grandchildren her surviving viz. Susan E Hunt, Israel Cark, Annie B Clark, (this declarant) and Nicholas B Clark who claim the pension due their grandfather, Surgeon Nicholas Belleville, in the Revolution (whose service she is unable to specify as to length of time) from the 4th day of March 1831, to the 18th day of December 1831 - and under the Act of July 7 1838 in behalf of Ann Belleville the widow of her said grand father, from the 4th day of March 1836 to the 28th day of June 1837. She further declares that her grandfather and grandmother Nicholas and Ann Belleville were married on the [blank] day of January Seventeen hundred and eighty. That Nicholas Belleville died on the 18th day of December 1831, and Ann Belleville his widow died on the 28th day of June 1837, which dates are written in full above. That she was not married to the said Nicholas Belleville prior to his leaving the Service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January Seventeen hundred and ninety four viz. at the time above stated
Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court on the day and year above written Annie B. Clarke

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On the 4th day of January 1845 before the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, personally appeared Doctor James T Clarke of the City of Trenton known to me as a person of the highest credibility, in the fifty seventh year of his age who being duly sworn according to law on his oath saith: That he was well acquainted with Dr. Nicholas Belleville late of the City of Trenton. deponent married his daughter Mary in the year 1809. and practiced Medicine with the said Dr. Belleville for some time, and has often heard his said father in law speak of his arrival in this Country Early in the year 1777, with County Pulaski from France to join the Americans in their struggle for freedom. Soon after his arrival he was commissioned a surgeon in the army of the united States which Commission deponent has often seen and read. It was dated 1777. at Valley Forge in Pennsylvania and signed by Surgeon General Shippen of the American army. he has not see the said Commission since the death of his said father in law it being kept with many other important papers among which were high testimonials of his profession of Surgery from the Paris School of distinguished Professors, all of which papers are lost or destroyed, have made diligent search for some years for the same. deponent is unable to specify how long his father in law was in the Army and Hospital department of the United States, believes he was attached to the latter when he came to Trenton. he married Ann Britton of this City in the early part of 1780. when he permanently settled himself in the

Practice of Medicine in this City. he died on the Eighteenth day of December Eighteen hundred and thirty one leaving Ann Belleville his widow and one child him surviving viz Mary Clarke (deponents wife) the said widow Ann Belleville died on the twenty eighth day of June Eighteen hundred and thirty seven, deponents wife died before her mother leaving four children, all of whom are still surviving namely Susan E Hunt, Annie B Clarke, Israel Clarke and Nicholas B Clarke, all of lawful age [signed] James T. Clarke

NOTE: With the application is a copy of a bond signed 10 Jan 1780 by Nicholas Belleville and Robert Burchan for the marriage of Belleville to Anne Britton.