

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Jesse Nevill (Neville) S21899

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State of South Carolina Pickens District

On this the 2nd day of October in the year 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Honorable Richard Gantt, in the Superior Court of Sessions and Common pleas, now sitting at Pickens Court House, Jesse Nevill a resident of the State and District aforesaid, aged 73 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 the 7th of June 1832.

To wit: That he entered the service as a volunteer on the 6th July 1776, was 17 years old on 5th July 1776, under the following officers, General Rutherford, Col. Graham, Capt. George Paris. Took up arms in Rutherford NC and assisted to build the Fort at the head of White Oath Creek, Rutherford, then a part of Tryon County, where he then resided, was engaged in scouting about the mountains after Indians. Remained in active service this time for 6 months. Next, entered the service in South Carolina under Capt. John Earle, was stationed at \_\_\_ or Jamison's Fort on the South Pacolet River some time, then marched to Seneca station in Pendleton SC was under General Williamson (thinks also Col. Wood) Capt. Tutt was the regular Capt., though I entered the service under a militia Capt. Earle, was engaged against the Indians on the frontier. The Indians made some treaties, was in the service this time 4 months and was discharged: this was in 1777. Next in 1778 he entered the service the 3rd time in North Carolina at Mills, Rutherford or Tryon, under Capt. Porter and Col. Graham as I believe, was engaged in scouting and caught some Tories, remained in service this time 7 months. Next entered the service, the 4th time, at Francis Williams under the following officers, Col. Brennan [sic, Thomas Brandon?] who I believe was under General Sumter, and Capt. Wood. Kept a Garrison at Williams was engaged in keeping down the Tories, marched to North Carolina and carried 30 Tories taken in North Carolina to (among them Col. Mills) Salisbury NC remained in the service this time 3 months and was disbanded as before, the service being done for the time. Next for the 5th time, entered the service as a volunteer as before, under Capt. Carruth who was under Col. McLain & Lieut. Col. Hampton, was engaged this time in ranging and scouting the country for Indians & Tories, was in an engagement with the Indians, and with 8 men who beat off 55 Indians at Mills Gap, and killed some, was in the service this time 3 months. Next entered the service the 6th time as volunteer under Capt. Edward Hampton, Col. Branan & General Sumter, was in an engagement with Tories & British at the head of North Pacolet, killed a good many & chained them down to Princes, remained at this time 4 months in the service. Next for the 7th time, and enlisted under Capt. Miller whom I was with from his being Ensign until he was a General, entered in Rutherford NC, was stationed there some time, was attacked & bore upon by the British under Col. Ferguson. Retreated up into Burke [County] joined General McDowell, then marched down again into Rutherford and met the British and was beaten in an engagement with Ferguson. Then marched to Watauga and remained there till Col. Campbell, Col. Sevier and Col. Shelby raised forces and joined us. The whole forces then set upon the British and gained the Battle at King's Mountain. Miller was now promoted to a Colonelcy, and my Capt. was now Musick, while under Capt. Musick marched into the Indian nation on Eastatoe & Tennessee, killed & took a good many Indians under Big Acorn Chief, this time the deponent remained 12 months in the

service. The whole number of months served as an actual soldier in the cause of America was 40 months and now resides in Pickens District South Carolina.

And hereby releases every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open Court

S/ William L. Keith, Clerk

S/ Jesse Nevill

[Jacob Lewis, a clergyman, and John C. Kilpatrick gave the standard supporting affidavit

The State of South Carolina, Pickens District

Personally appeared Before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace &c Jesse Neville who being duly sworn Deposeth and Saith that he did not know it necessary to state that he had no documentary evidence of his Services, but he has none now. That he knows of no person now living who served with him during all his services, but there are now as he is informed & believes several persons living who were a part of the time with him, he served one tour each he is informed that Captain John McLean [sic, John McClain]<sup>1</sup> lives in Rayburn County Georgia and Burt Moore,<sup>2</sup> Samuel Earle<sup>3</sup> and Col. John Kilpatrick of this Pickens District S. C. with each of them he served one tour, and Stephen Fuller<sup>4</sup> either of Anderson or Pickens & he this deponent believes there were many others yet living who were in the Service with him at some time during the Revolutionary War. This deponent is unable by disease to go to procure the testimony of these men, but will get some friend if possible to procure the testimony of two of them --

1. This deponent saith he was born on the 5<sup>th</sup> July 1759 in Fauquier County Virginia, he was informed.

2. His age was set down or recorded in his Father's Family Bible which he took with him to Kentucky.

3. When called into service he lived in Tryon County N. C. which was afterwards divided & that part was called Rutherford, on Green River – after the revolutionary War he lived there till he moved to Pendleton Districts S. C. which has been divided & he has lived in that part now called Pickens where he has lived near 43 years & for the last 38 years at the place he now lives.

7. He does not know any man who would refuse to testify to his character for veracity, but the most noted or influential are General Earle the adjutant General of the Militia. General Joseph Whitner Brigadier General Colonel McKinney who commands this Regiment he lives in---Col Grisham, Col Anderson, Col Kilpatrick who has known him from infancy and Samuel Earle who has also been acquainted with him from childhood and could name many others but thinks it unnecessary.

Sworn & subscribed to this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 1833 before me.

S/ S. C. Miller, JP

S/ Jesse Nevill {SEAL}

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State of South Carolina

Before me personally came Burt Moore of Pickens District & made Oath, That he was well acquainted with Jesse Nevill during the War of the Revolution -- Nevill lived in Rutherford County, NC and Deponent lived in Spartanburg County South Carolina about 10 miles apart -- Deponent was often at William Nevel's Mill the Father of Jesse Nevill & with whom he lived on White Oak Creek or Green River the plantation was on to River. The said Nevill was with this deponent had several skirmishes, one at Hampton's in Rutherford -- at the Iron Works on Lawson's Fork with Col. Cruger in

<sup>1</sup> [John McClain \(McLean\)\(McLain\) S31853](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Burt Moore W2155](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Samuel Earle S21174](#)

<sup>4</sup> [Stephen Fuller S37949](#)

which Cruger was driven back to the Main Army -- They were together with each other against the Indians & did much spoil in their Country -- By breaking up towns & driving the Indians -- This deponent does know that Jesse Nevill was one of the most active -- Efficient, bold & useful men in the upper part of the Carolinas and there is no man deserves more of his Country. This deponent has known the said Jesse Nevill since the War there is no more worthy or respectable Citizen, his word is unimpeachable.

Sworn to 5th of October 1835

S/ Joseph Grisham, Not. Public

S/ Burt Moore, X his mark

State of South Carolina

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Quorum for Pickens District in the State aforesaid Col. John C. Kilpatrick and Stephen Fuller persons to me well-known & residents in the neighborhood, who being duly sworn duly depose and say that is to say the said J C Kilpatrick saith that he is now in the 70th year of his age, that he was raised & resident in Spartanburg District about the time of the Revolutionary War, that from the time he was 12 or 15 years of age he was acquainted with Jesse Neville, the son of Capt. William Neville of Rutherford County in North Carolina a part of the time he lived in South Carolina & afterwards he lived 20 or 25 miles distant, but after Mr. Neville moved; We began in a few years to take part in the War of the Revolution. The said John C. Kilpatrick was intimately & well acquainted with Jesse Neville & his Family & connections who were all true, zealous & active friends to the American cause & The said Jesse Neville was much out in fact he was generally out in the Service; He was on the frontier and active against the Indians & Tories & he was ready & willing at every call, which was frequent. This deponent was in the service with the said Jesse Neville one tour he went with him under Capt. Parson, down on a scout near Ninety Six during the siege And afterwards, they went into the Cherokee Nation went to the Indian towns, Estatoe, Jocassee &c &c and the said Jesse Neville himself took the Big Acorn a prisoner at Estatoe. The said J C Kilpatrick does know that the said Jesse Neville was one of Bravest most active & efficient soldiers on the frontiers of South & North Carolina. And he this deponent does know from common report as well as his own knowledge that the said Jesse Neville was a man who rendered many services to the Country. That he has always supported the character of Honesty & Industry as has the good opinion of his neighbors & acquaintances. The said John C. Kilpatrick cannot state the dates & times of the services from the great length of time & loss of memory &c.

And the said Stephen Fuller saith on his Oath, that in the year 1779 or 1780 after the first siege of Augusta Georgia he this deponent went with Col. afterwards General Clark [sic, Elijah Clarke], into Rutherford County in North Carolina, where this deponent got acquainted with Jesse Neville and from September till May they the said Neville and Fuller were much of the time in the service of the Country in Scouting parties. This deponent did duty under Clarke & went with him back to the 2nd siege of Augusta. After the 2nd siege of Augusta in June or July after the capture of the Works, Storm of Grayson's Fort [sic, Fort Grierson] this deponent went back to North Carolina where he engaged again against the Tories, Indians &c and was there well acquainted with Jesse Neville who was one of the bravest & most efficient men of the frontiers, as all his connections was true to the cause of America. This deponent cannot state the particular Officers or dates of the Services when Neville & deponent were in the Services. The great length of time his age (80 years) & consequent loss of memory prevents his stating as many facts & occurrences as he otherwise would do.

Sworn to first of June 1833 Before me

S/ William May, J. Q.

S/ J. C. Kilpatrick

S/ Stephen Fuller