

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nathaniel Roundtree S31340

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State of Kentucky, County of Hart} SS

On the ninth day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the Hart County Court now sitting Nathaniel Roundtree a resident of Hart County and State aforesaid ^[indecipherable word] resident of the State of Tennessee Smith County, 72 years old in may last ^{he states he was born May 1760} 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 under the following named officers and served as herein stated 1st he entered the service at New London Campbell County State of Virginia under Captain John Cotrell and Lieutenant John Crage the Ensign's name not recollected he entered the service on the 15th of July 1780 and remained in service until 15th of August the same year this company was employed in guarding the Tories that was taken prisoner in Bedford and Campbell counties, Virginia he resided in Bedford County at that time he was Drafted for the above service he was discharged on the 15th of August before named in received a regular discharge ^{at the same place (New London)} but that he has lost the same there was no other Company or Regiment collected at the same place and that one company at a time was sufficient to guard the Tories (The Certificates ^{and affidavit} of Jeremiah Dawson is here with filed as evidence)

2nd he remained at home in Bedford County five days and was drafted again and proceeded from Campbell County under Lieutenant Andrew Irvin and from thence we marched under said Lieutenant to Hillsboro North Carolina and was put under Captain Phillip Wilber [sic, Phillip Webber] on the 15 September 1780 and remained in service until 13th of February 1781 and was then discharged which discharge he has lost at Hillsboro he Joined a Regiment but do not recollect the officers' names from Hillsboro the Regiment was ordered to march and Join General Gates [Horatio Gates] but just before they reached him they heard the Cannon firing and shortly received the news that Gates was defeated [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780]. In about six weeks our company and Regiment was put under the command of General Green [Nathanael Greene] he then went with General Greene to the High Hills of the Santee River to take up winter quarters after being there a short time and General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] and Colonel Washington [William Washington] and Colonel Lee [Henry ["Light Horse Harry"] Lee] marched out on a reconnoitering party the company which he was in was called out with Morgan his serving as one of Morgan's Infantry and got into the battle at the Cowpens [January 17, 1781] and there the British was Defeated and the Americans took 500 Prisoners he states that Morgan's men did not Join General Greene [Nathanael Greene] again until the Army of Greene was near Dan River the American Army then was retreating before the British he received his discharge at Pittsylvania old Court House State of Virginia on the day above stated (here with filed is Josiah

Harper Certificate and affidavit as evidence) he returned home to Bedford County State of Virginia remained at home about three or five days and was again Drafted and was put under Captain ~~Charles~~ Watkins the Colonel's name was Charles Lynch, John Calloway Major all from Bedford County Virginia and then marched from Bedford to North Carolina and again Joined General Greene near the Hanging Rock Ford on Haw River there was several skirmishing parties engaged at various times with the British at length the reinforcement that was coming to General Greene was attacked then Greene attacked the British at Guilford [March 15, 1781] the British commanded by Wallace [sic, Lord Cornwallis] kept the field and Greene marched to the Iron works 18 miles Distant from Guilford from the Iron works Greene Returned and pursued Cornwallis to Deep River Cornwallis there crossed on a floating Bridge Greene crossed also and pursued them to Wilmington in there he ^{Roundtree} got his discharge said discharge is since lost he served in this tour six weeks but was ordered out for a three months tour this service was done in the year 1781 (the Certificate & affidavit of Zachariah Worley is herewith filed).

In the same fall 1781 he thinks September he again was ordered out to the Siege of York in the State of Virginia remained there during the Siege present when Cornwallis surrendered his sword to General Washington – was at the taking of a redoubt on [word obliterated by an ink blot] Hill under a French officer got a regular discharge remained in service about six weeks. There is no person known to him in the State of Kentucky he can prove this last service by but that Jonathan Butler and White County Tennessee knows that he served this tour he has sent for his Certificate and Affidavit and expects to file it as evidence of this last service.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Nathaniel Roundtree, X his mark

[A. H. Buckner and Jeremiah Dawson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The court propounded the following interrogatories to wit

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer – I was born on the 16th day of May 1760 in Cumberland County State of Virginia.

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

Answer – I have seen my father's family Record in his family Bible I took a copy of my age from that which I left at my son Turner Roundtree's in Smith County Tennessee my father's family Bible I believe is with my sister Susan Mann in Todd County Kentucky

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer – In Bedford County Virginia I then moved to Lincoln County Kentucky I then moved to Mercer County Kentucky I moved from thence to Green River in the same neighborhood where I now live about the year 1793 or 1794 I moved to Wilson County Tennessee and lived there & in Smith County for many years & then moved back to Kentucky again live now lives in Hart County Kentucky

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer – I was drafted every time I was out

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer – I cannot state more than I have already done in my declaration

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer – I did receive four discharges as stated in my declaration the first was given by Captain John Cotrell the second Captain Phillip Webber in the third by Captain Charles Watkins they are all lost as stated in my declaration & the other I got at Little York but the officer from whom I got it I cannot remember

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer – I am well known by A. H. Buckner since about the year 1806 and to Jeremiah Dawson ever since he was a small boy and many others in the neighborhood

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State of Tennessee, Anderson County

This day personally appeared before me Arthur Crozier one of the acting Justices of the peace for said County & State aforesaid Thomas Butler² and after being duly sworn according to law saith

1st That Nathaniel Roundtree and myself were at the Siege of York and that we were messmates But how long witness does not know.

2nd Witness does not recollect the Captain's name he recollects adjutant MaCollister [sic, McAllister?] and some of our officers perhaps. That he volunteered and went on following the Siege and after he reached there, he was put in the fatigue company and that he was shifted about so much and young, that he cannot recollect many particulars.

Witness believes that said or Roundtree belonged to the Militia, he is certain that he Rountree was then and there in the service – and further this deponent saith not.

S/ Thomas Butler



Sworn to and subscribed before made this 11th day of October 1832.

My fees \$1.00

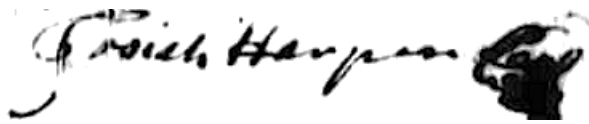
S/ A. Crozier, JP

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State of Tennessee, Smith County

July the 26th 1832 this day came Josiah Harper before me David Winfree one of the Acting Justices of said County and certifies on oath that Nathaniel Roundtree now of Hart County Kentucky was a Soldier in the Revolutionary war belonging to the Virginia militia from Bedford County and served a tour of duty in Captain Philip Webber's Company Commencing on the 15th of September 1780 and ending on the 15th of February 1781 and was discharged on the said 13th February at Pittsylvania old Court house and that he served in the Second Battalion the number of the Regiment not Recollected, but the higher officers were Colonel [last name obliterated by an ink blot, begins with the letters "Ge.."] and General Stephens [Edward Stevens] and that we both served in the same company. Sworn to and Subscribed this day and date first above written.

S/ Josiah Harper {Seal}



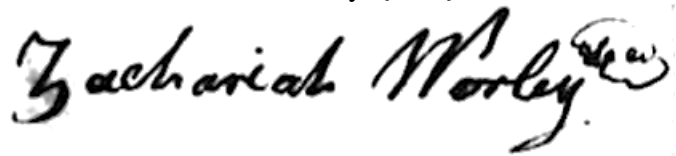
S/ David Winfree, JP

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State of Tennessee, Smith County

August the 3rd 1832 This day came Zachariah Worley³ before me Daniel McEachern one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for said County and after Being duly sworn deposeseth and says that at the time of the Service of Nathaniel Roundtree sworn to by Josiah Harper in the above certificate I the said Worley was not personally acquainted with said Roundtree and was in the Regular service myself But on my return home from the service in February 1781 I became acquainted with Nathaniel Roundtree at Bedford County Virginia who had just returned from the service as I was informed and had served two tours of service there Being a call again for soldiers Nathaniel Roundtree and myself went out in service again in Captain Watkins company Charles Lynch Colonel John Calloway Major all from Bedford County and went to North Carolina and joined General Greene and was in the Battle at Guilford Courthouse were messed together Roundtree and myself at that time and served six weeks and I understood that Roundtree had been in Gates Defeat but am not knowing of it of my own knowledge. Sworn to and subscribed this day and date above written.

S/ Zachariah Worley, {seal}



S/ D. A. McEachern, JP

State of Kentucky, Hart County

This day Jeremiah Dawson⁴ came before me Charles Murray a Justice of the peace for Hart County and made oath that Nathaniel Roundtree of said County was a Soldier of the Revolutionary war that he served a tour with him in Captain C. Watkins Company we marched from Bedford County in February 1781 and marched to North Carolina and joined General Greene and was in the battle of Guilford and served six weeks together our Majors name was John Calloway & Colonel Charles Lynch. Sworn to before made this eighth day of October 1832.

S/ C. Murray, JP HC

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State of Kentucky, Hart County: To wit

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace for Hart County Kentucky Nathaniel Roundtree who being sworn by me according to law, deposeseth and saith that in the four tours which he served in the American Army of the revolution in the United States he served as a Sergeant during the winter of 1780 and 1781 five months and a small part of another tour as a common soldier, he had discharges in writing for each tour but has lost them all, his entire service was nine months and 17 days at as nearly as he can now recollect from his old age, the length of time since the services was rendered, and his consequent loss of memory he cannot

3 [Zachariah Worley W1972](#)

4 [Jeremiah Dawson R2778](#)

for the reasons above stated swear to the precise time of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than nine months in 17 days – He has no documentary evidence in his possession of his services as above stated or any part thereof – In his former declaration he stated he could prove a part of his service by a Mr. Jonathan Butler of Tennessee, when it should have been Thomas Butler whose deposition or affidavit has been obtained & forwarded with his declaration to the department, Said Roundtree also stated that on his former declaration the reason why he did not obtain the certificate of a clergyman was owing to the fact that none was resident in the neighborhood, nor could he obtain and that he is apprised of who could certify to the tradition of his services which circumstance that no clergyman could be procured in the neighborhood to certify as required by the war department, was certified to the Secretary of war by the County Court of Clark County Kentucky – given under my hand this 23rd day of February 1833.

S/ C. Murray, JPHC

[p 4: Dudley Roundtree, 64, gave an affidavit in support of the application made by his brother Nathaniel Roundtree in which he states that he was too young to serve in the war himself but that he recalls his brother leaving his father's house in Bedford County Virginia to enter the service at New London.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40.22 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private and Sergeant in the Virginia militia. The amount of the pension was based on service for 4 months and 17 days as a private and for 5 months as a Sergeant.]