

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Shadrach Nolen S4622

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State of Tennessee Hardin County

On this the 17th day of March 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of said County & State Shadrach Nolen a resident of the County & state aforesaid aged Eighty-Two 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 provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

That he entered in the Army of the United States about the commencement of the war between Great Britain & the United States but in what year he does not know, nor is he certain in what Regiment of the line. He was enlisted by two recruiting officers named Pannel and Walton in the State of Georgia who was with others under the Colonial Government forted at Petersburg in the State of Georgia as Rangers to protect the frontier settlements from Indian incursions & outrages & whilst there forted as a Ranger as aforesaid under the British government the above named Pannel & Walton came there -- this deponent & all the others there forted enlisted with them except the Capt. & first Lieut. This declarant & the others enlisted with him were required to meet others who were enlisted at Ogeechee [Ogeechee] fort in Augusta, where the bounty was to be paid to each of us, we met the enlistments from Ogeechee Fort at the appointed time & place & remained a day or two in Augusta & from thence went directly to Savannah in Georgia & there joined the Americans in Savannah under General McIntosh [Lachlan McIntosh]. This declarant was there put under the immediate command of Capt. John McIntosh who was shortly after promoted to the office of Major & this declarant states that he was under the command about or at the time of a Col. Harris. This declarant also states that there was there a Major Abersham [sic, John Habersham] & a Col. Elbert [Samuel Elbert]. While at Savannah this declarant with 47 others were disputatively [?] under the command of Lieut. Brown to assistance of Lieut. Col. Richard Winn who with the men under his command were forted some distance from Savannah & just before we reached the Fort, there were a body of Indians & a party of men called the Florida Scouts (refugees from the United States) attacked us & killed all the company except Lieut. Brown, this declarant & 2 others & the Fort under the command of Winn was taken. We then returned immediately to Savannah whilst stationed at Savannah this declarant was transferred to serve on a Row Galley which was commanded by Capt. Braddock, whose particular & especial duty was to prevent the British vessel *Otter* from landing her forces; whilst in the service on the row galley, the forces of the British vessel landed on either Amelia or Brushy Island & we also landed & had an engagement & drove them back to their vessel after

killing several, in that engagement a Capt. Ward was killed belonging to our enemy. This deponent enlisted for the term of 18 months. Shortly after the engagement above the Americans took the British pilot boat the *Otter*, the British abandoning & escaping through the swamp & marsh. This deponent does not recollect that any other material events occurred. He returned to Savannah & where his term of service to wit 18 months expired. He got his discharge in Savannah and went to his father's in Fairfield South Carolina. This declarant states that he served out the 18 months the time for which he first enlisted. His residence was at the enlistment in Fairfield South Carolina. This declarant remained at home until he made a crop & a man by the name of Morgan having enlisted for 3 years & he coming home employed this declarant to serve out the residue of his the said Morgan's time as a substitute. This declarant joined the Army under the command of General Huger [Isaac Huger] at the four holes bridge & joined Capt. Hopkins [David Hopkins] company as a substitute as aforesaid & served in Capt. Hopkins company, he thinks in the 6th Regiment & shortly afterwards marched to Stono where the British then were. This declarant was in that battle on the left wing under the command of Col. Henderson [William Henderson] & his Capt. Hopkins was absent at that time. Capt. Dogget [William Doggett] in the left wing was killed. Thomas Cotesworth Pinckney was engaged in service in that battle as a Major he thinks & commanded the left wing as he rode before us up to the battle ground. The American Army was there compelled to retreat. In the battle at Stono [Stono Ferry, June 20, 1779] this declarant was slightly wounded in the leg, from thence we marched to Charleston where I was taken sick with the fever & lay in the hospital in Charleston for 3 months, whilst sick in the hospital one of this declarant's neighbors being in Charleston with a wagon, this declarant got a furlough & was carried home in his neighbors wagon. This declarant remained sick at home until his furlough expired & Major Allison came after this declarant but he continued so sick that he could not rejoin the Army until Charlestown was taken by the British & the Army being dispersed did not get his discharge. This declarant does not know precisely the length of time he served as a substitute for said Morgan, but is confident he served six months. About 8 or 9 months after this declarant recovered from the sickness aforesaid this declarant enlisted for the Term of ten months under Capt. Walters [Philemon Walters] as a horseman in General Sumpter's [sic, Thomas Sumter's] Brigade in South Carolina in Newberry district he thinks at the house of said Capt. Philemon Walters he thinks in June in the year 17___. This declarant was shortly mounted and joined General Sumter on the Congaree under Capt. Walters & from thence marched to the Fort between Saluda & Broad Rivers, there this declarant with 100 or more under Capt. Walters & Col. Richard Hampton were detached to annoy the British under the command of Lord Rawdon who were then on march from Charleston to Ninety Six to drive off General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] who was then before Ninety Six attempting to take Ninety Six under a Tory called Cruger [John Harris Cruger]. This declarant & the others detached as aforesaid pursued the British who pursued General Greene & his Army from Ninety Six, towards the fish dam Ford on Broad River, whilst in pursuit of the British we cut through their lines 2 or 3 times. The British pursued Greene until they came to a little River he thinks called Ennerree [sic, Enoree River] which emptied into Broad River, from there they returned towards Charleston. Shortly afterwards, this declarant rejoined General Sumter at Congaree. From Congaree General Sumter & forces marched to Orangeburg. Though this declarant & others were in advance of the Army & at Orangeburg a body of Tories killed a Sgt. Hart & one or 2 others of our men of the advance party who were commanded by a Major Tunnel [?]. We remained at Orangeburg some & had frequent excursions into the surrounding country against the Tories who were in a swamp on Edisto & dispersed them, where Capt.

Alexander was wounded. We took a good many Tories prisoners at Cow Castle Swamp and brought them to Orangeburg & put them in jail. From Orangeburg this declarant & a man named Johnson were dispatched by Col. W. Hampton [Wade Hampton] to Buck Hall to Capt. Simmons' to procure provisions for the Legislature which was then in session at Jacksonborough. Previous to this time this declarant was taken with the smallpox at Whitstone's Mill & this declarant was sent to Col. Bob Gooden's where he remained until he got well & before he joined the Army under General Sumter the battle at Eutaw [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781] had been fought. He has no documentary evidence nor does he know any person who can prove his services. This declarant served in the Revolutionary War in the whole 2 years & 10 months, 10 months of which time he served in the Cavalry. This declarant was born in Frederick County Virginia & from the best information in the year 1752, but I have no record of my age. I have lived in Pendleton County South Carolina 20 odd years since the war, from there I removed to Hopkins County Kentucky from thence to Dickson County Tennessee & from thence to Hardin County Tennessee where I now reside & have resided for nearly 12 years past. The declarant received discharges from 2 of his terms of service mentioned above, the first & 3rd terms of service both of which were destroyed by giving way yet in removing. This declarant is known [to] Archelaus Walker, James K. Martin who can testify as to my character for veracity & their belief of my services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he states that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this 17th day of March 1834.

S/ John Houston, clerk

S/ Shadrach Nolen, X his mark

[Archelaus Walker, a clergyman, and James K. Martin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee Davidson County

This day personally appeared before us the Subscribers two of the acting Justices of the Peace in and for the County & State aforesaid & Justices of the Court of Pleas and quarter sessions of said County John Anderson¹ a citizen of the County and State aforesaid who being duly sworn deposeth & saith that he was personally acquainted with Shadrach Nolen (a citizen of the County of Hardin & State aforesaid), during the Revolutionary War, in the State of South Carolina in the year 1780 & 1781 and that I am certain that the said Shadrach Nolen belonged to & did actually serve in the regular troops of Cavalry in General Sumter's Brigade, who commanded at the time above mentioned and that the said Shadrach was in the regular service when I joined the Army. And that the said Shadrach Nolen above mentioned whom I saw & knew in the Army in Sumter's Brigade is the identical person who now has in his possession a pension certificate issued to Shadrach Nolen by the Secretary of War dated the 14th day of April 1834 for \$41.66 per annum during his natural life, which from an endorsement on the back appears to have been recorded in the Pension office Book E. Vol. 7 page 90. And I do also further depose & say that I resided near 18 miles from Nashville the place of holding court in my County & owing to infirmity from disease & old age I am unable to attend court to make this statement & that owing to the nature & continuance of my disease, I have not been able for some times passed to attend court & do not think it probable that I will be able to attend court for that purpose.

S/ John Anderson

¹ [John Anderson W884](#)

