

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Achilles Eubank W27743      Nancy Eubank      VA  
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State of Missouri    } SS  
County of Cooper    }

On this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and thirty four personally appeared before the Circuit Court sitting in and for said County, Achilles Eubank a resident of the County of Cooper and State of Missouri aforesaid, aged seventy six years on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of July last, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States from the County of Goochland in the State of Virginia some time in the month of July in the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven for the term of six months, as a militiaman, under Charles Gwatkins Capt. William May Lieut. & John Milam Ensign; that his company belonged to a Regiment commanded by Colo. John Bowman (the other Officers not now recollected) and was sent some time in the month of August next ensuing to Kentucky at Boonsborough [sic: Boonesborough] for the purpose of guarding and protecting the families at that place, that he arrived at Boonsborough about the 1<sup>st</sup> of October of the same year where he remained guarding the Fort 'till the 8<sup>th</sup> of February in the year 1778, when Dan'l Boon [sic: Daniel Boone] was captured at the lower Blue lick on Licking River with twenty seven other men by the Indians, while engaged in making salt, when he was immediately dispatched to Virginia as an express in company with Squire Boon [sic: Squire Boone], and his term of six months had expired upon his arrival and he received no formal discharge – that shortly after his arrival in Virginia some time in the Spring of 1778 he enlisted as a regular soldier for the term of three years from the same County under Capt Samuel Woodson (the other officers not now recollected) was marched to Jamestown and from there to the Eastern shores of Virginia, where he was taken sick and remained sick several months, and was there while sick (it being supposed that he would not recover) discharged by Major Spencer whom he now recollects was major of his regiment, after having then been in the regular service six months – that he recovered in a short time and returned home, and in the fall season of the year 1778 he again entered the service as a militiaman and as substitute in the place of William Gowen from Bedford County in the State of Virginia for the term of three months, under Jacob Early Capt, and served in a Regiment Commanded by Colo. Charles Lynch, Major John Callaway & either Robt. Adams [Robert Adams] or James Adams was also Major of the Regiment, and was marched to Petersburg in Virginia, and was there placed under the command of Gen'l. Robt Lawson [Robert Lawson], where he remained 46 days and was then discharged by his Capt. and returned home. That some time in the month of February in the year 1781 he again entered the service from Bedford County Va. as a volunteer for the term of three months under Capt. Charles Gwatkins, and served in a Regiment commanded by Colo. Charles Lynch and Major John Callaway, and marched from thence to Dan River and crossed it shortly after Cornwallis had crossed [see endnote], and joined the main army on the waters of Haw River in N. Carolina under Gen'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene], that he afterwards was attached to Colo. [William] Washington's troop of horse as part of the infantry and was in the battle of Guilford Court House [15 Mar 1781] where the Americans were compelled to retreat – upon Cornwallis' retreat to Deep River he pursued him, and saw him just as he had crossed the River at Ramsey's Mills, crossed the River and continued his pursuit 'till Cornwallis took shipping at Wilmington [see endnote], when he returned to the mills and remained there a day or two, and was then discharged by his Capt & returned home after a three months tour of service. He recollects that the battle of Guilford was fought on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March.

That he again entered the service as a volunteer about the first of Sept. in the year 1781 for the term of three months from Bedford Cty Va, under Capt. John Trigg, John Leftwiche [sic: John Leftwich] Lieut, and Uriah Leftwiche [sic: Uriah Leftwich] Ens. and was shortly after detached with others to guard the

provision waggons under one Reynolds waggon master, continued in that service till they arrived at Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg], and was there disbanded and went on to join his company who marched to little York, and after he had joined his company at York he was detached by Governor [Thomas] Nelson of Virginia as a waggoner and served in that capacity, driving Gen'l. [Peter] Muhlenberg's forage waggon, during the siege at York, was present when Lord Cornwallis surrendered his sword to Gen'l. Lincoln [19 Oct 1781; see endnote]. After the surrender he was discharged by Nelson Governor of Virginia and returned home he further declares that he has lost his discharges – That he served one year and nine months in the Army of the revolution as aforesaid for which he claims a pension.

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 any agency in any state.  
Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.



Questions by the Court.

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

An. I was born in Goochland County in the State of Virginia on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of July in the year 1758

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age?

I found my age recorded in my father's bible, which is now destroyed or lost

3<sup>d</sup> Where were you living when called into service Where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live.

When called into I lived in the State of Va have since lived in Ky and now live in the State of Missouri.

4 How were you called into service.

I volunteered twice, enlisted twice, and went as a Substitute once

5 State the names of some of the regular Officers

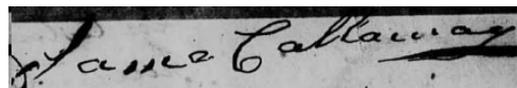
I have stated in my declaration all I know about them.

6 Did you ever receive a discharge from the service. I have received discharge as in my declaration stated and since lost them

7. 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 of your services as a soldier of the revolution

I can state Robt. P. Clark, J. Wilson James Mear and many others.

Be it remembred that on this 16th day of August in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and thirty four Personally came James Callaway [pension application W9771] before me a justice of the peace within and for the county of Howard and state of Missouri and made oath that Achilles Eubank of Cooper County in the State of Missouri personally known to him and that his first acquaintance with the said Achilles Eubank took place in the year 1777 in the month of October at Boonsborough which he entered under Capt Charles Watkins and remained under the same at that place untill January following then I the said Callaway left Boonsborough and went to the saltworks to make salt to support the garrison and I know nothing more concerning the said Achilles Eubank for the space of five years as I was taken [the rest illegible]



NOTES:

Gen. Cornwallis did not cross Dan River. Gen. Nathanael Greene crossed on 14 Feb 1781, leaving Cornwallis on the south bank.

Cornwallis did not take shipping at Wilmington. On 23 April 1781 he began marching his army

overland into Virginia.

Cornwallis did not personally surrender his sword. Claiming sickness, he delegated the task to his second-in-command, Gen. Charles O'Hara, so Washington delegated the acceptance of the sword to his second-in-command, Gen. Benjamin Lincoln.

On 28 March 1878 Nancy Eubank, 69, applied for a pension stating that as Nancy Wear she was married by Rev. James Suggett to Achilles Eubank on 13 Aug 1837, that she had not been previously married, but that Achilles Eubank had been widowed many years previously. The file includes a copy of the marriage record, which states that Nancy Wear was about 27 at the time of her marriage. On 1 April 1878 Nancy Eubank indicated that she had no children, and that Achilles Eubank died on 16 Aug 1844 of "old age probably."