

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Sherwood Nance S21394

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State of South Carolina, Union District} to wit--

On this 3rd day of October 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas and Sessions now Sitting for said District, Sherwood Nance, a resident of Union District, aged Seventy Eight 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 June 7, 1832 -- that he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein Stated -- "In January or February 1775, I entered the Service under Captain Dewitt [Matthew DeWitt] in Colonel Thaxton's [James Thackston's] Regiment, at Hillsborough in North Carolina, and was marched to a place called the Chappell, where we remained about one month, and were ordered home, and a short time we were ordered out under the same officers, and marched to Cross Creek -- where we remained a few weeks and were discharged. In August 1776, I again entered the Service as a Substitute for Edmond Adcock in Captain William Hubbard's company and Col. William Moore's Regiment in Caswell County North Carolina, and marched to the frontier after the Indians, and halted at Silver Creek and were ordered back to Salisbury where we remained some time, and then marched to Hillsboro where I was discharged by Col. Moore. In August or September 1780, I was drafted and entered Captain Wilson's [William Willson's] Company under Colonel William Moore, and marched to Hillsboro where we remained a week or 10 days -- and then marched to Bell's Mill on Deep River -- thence to the Yadkin River where we lay about two weeks -- and then marched to Providence [sic, New Providence], below Charlotte Court House, where we lay about six weeks -- about this time Colonel Washington's [William Washington's] troops and the militia under his command, took Colonel Rugeley and Major Cook and about 100 Tories [Rugeley's Mills, December 4, 1780],¹ who were conducted by a guard (of which I was one) to Salisbury Jail -- where I was discharged regularly by Colonel Moore. In June 1781 I was again drafted for a tour of two months, and went out under Captain Adam Sanders [Adam Saunders] as a guard to the wagons loaded with military stores-- and marched from Caswell to Salisbury, where a part of the loading was delivered, and then to Charlotte where the balance was delivered and then returned home, and was again ordered out as Guard to wagons from Caswell to Salisbury -- and employed in collecting provisions for the Army during the balance of my term -- I have no documentary evidence of my services, and know of no one now alive who served with me. I do hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or annuity whatsoever except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

In answer to the interrogatories put by the court I answer

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_rugeley_mills_2.html

1st & 2nd I was born in ~~Caswell County North Carolina~~ Charlotte County Virginia, on the 17th of October 1754 – and have the Record of my age at hand.

3rd I lived in Caswell, North Carolina when I was called into service, and have resided in Union, where I now live 31 or two years.

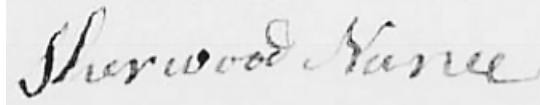
5th I recollect Colonel H. Dickson [sic, Henry "Hal" Dixon], Colonel Washington and Colonel Litrel [sic, John Luttrell] and General Morgan [Daniel Morgan].

6th I did receive my discharges, but have lost themselves

7th I refer to the Reverend Mr. Mitchell and Handcock Porter [sic] for proof of my moral character.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Sherwood Nance



S/ Jno M. O'Neill, Pres. Judge

[Elias Mitchell, Sr., a clergyman, and Handcock Porter gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of South Carolina, Union District

Sherwood Nance Personally appeared before me and deposes as follows in order to Explain & make more explicit his application for a pension under the act of the 7 June 1832-- States as follows, on his first Tour of duty out under Captain Dewitt he served one month returned home and in a few days thereafter was ordered out again under the same officers & remained out some time, certain one month more but believes longer, again in August 1776 I entered and substituted under Captain W. Hubbard and was discharged at Hillsboro after serving a Tour of three months, again In August or September 1780, I was Drafted under Captain William Willson [sic] and was again discharged at Salisbury by Colonel Moore after Serving on another Tour of three months. Again in 1781 June, I was drafted & served another Tour of two months under Captain Adam Saunders, as a guard to military Stores, during which time I found my own horse. Again I served another Tour of Duty of six weeks during which time I was a Waggoner to the baggage under Colonel Williams – and was discharged near Guilford Court House N. C.

This deponent is confident that he did serve at least 11 months & two weeks and thinks longer.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 10th May 1833

S/ John Parham, JP

S/ Sherwood Nance

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 10 months in the North Carolina militia.]