Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nicholas Loyd S4569 fn15NC
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State of Tennessee [Bedford County]

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832 --

On this 10 day of November in the year of our Lord 1832 --

Personally Appeared in open Court before the Worshipful Samuel Phillips, John B. Armstrong and John L. Null Esquires gentlemen justices of the peace appointed to hold the court of pleas and Quarter Sessions for Bedford County in the State aforesaid now sitting Nicholas Loyd age seventy-nine years seven months and days, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated (To wit) That he entered the Service of the United States as a volunteer in Captain Samuel Sneed ['s Company] in the County of Granville and State of North Carolina about the last of September in the year 1779 or 1780 but is not certain at this time which; and was marched to Hillsboro Orange County & State of North Carolina where he says he received a musket, cartridge boxes &c.; and attached himself to a Company commanded by Captain Richard Harrison Lieutenant James Hage, and Ensign Shadrach Parrish and was then marched into service about the first of October in one of the years last aforesaid and in a short time after he was marched under the command of General Butler [John Butler] and Colonel William Moore; to Bell's Mill upon Deep River he thinks in Chatham County NC where he was stationed for some time, and from there he was marched to the Island Ford on the Yadkin River in Roan [sic, Rowan] County NC about 7 miles from Salisbury where he was kept for about 3 or 4 weeks, and was then marched on through Salisbury towards the State of South Carolina to a place called the three mile Creek; where he saw the Americans, brought to that encampment a number of British and Tory prisoners, he recollects the British prisoners were in there Red coat uniform, he also States that he assisted at that place to build a log Pen to confine them in, and was kept there as one of the Guard for some weeks, he says he was then marched under Colonel Moore with about 400 chosen men; and officers; to attack a set of Tories which had embodied in Leadford's Cove on Callaway's Creek; and he says the Tories surrendered themselves as prisoners to Colonel Moore without much resistance, and that they marched said Prisoners to Colonel Butler's Headquarters where he remained with said troops

until his time of three months Service expired when he was discharged in writing by his Captain, and returned home; He further states that afterwards about the first of August in the year 1781, he enlisted under Colonel Robert Burton at Williamsborough in Granville County NC for six months; and was ordered to take charge of the public pack horses; as an enlisted Soldier, with others, he recollects Lewis Parrish as one; and John Suit, as another Soldier who was placed there at the same time; He says he was sent from that place to Guilford Court house with expresses; and to Governor Burke also, and to Colonel Joseph Taylor, but how often he went on these expeditions he cannot now recollect; He states that afterwards he was ordered to take charge of a public wagon and team; which he did and was engaged in conveying Governor Burke's household plunder from Buckingham County in the State of Virginia back to Hillsboro North Carolina under the command of Anderson Smith, and that he remained in the service of the United States as an enlisted Soldier under said Colonel R. Burton for 5 months he thinks he was discharged about the first of January 1782 in writing signed by said Colonel R. Burton and returned home making in the whole a term of Service of eight months (deponent declares; although said last mentioned Tower [tour] of duty was performed as above stated; it was not upon civil contract; but as an enlisted Soldier in the State troops of North Carolina and in that way he received his discharge. He says he has no documentary evidence whatever at this time; and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify as to his service; and that he hereby relinquishes all and every claim to a pension or annuity whatever except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency in the United States.

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Interrogatories by the Court

Int. 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: I was born in the County of Bute County in the State of North Carolina, on the 14th of March in the year 1753 agreeable to my Father's family record, now at my house in this County. --

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

Ans: I have my Father's family record at my house in this County where my age is recorded. --

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

Ans: I lived in Granville County State of North Carolina all the time I was in the Service of the Revolution, and after the close of the War I moved to South Carolina, and acted as overseer For one year for Colonel Hendiman [?], and there [sic, then] to the State of North Carolina again; and from there to Grainger County in the State of Tennessee and from there to Bedford County Tennessee about 25 years ago where I now live.

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

Ans: I was a volunteer the first tower and the last I was an enlisted Soldier. Int.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.

Ans: I recollect to have seen General Davidson, but do not now recollect the name of any other Regular officer whatever; I think the Regiment that I was in was the 4th but I cannot recollect the names or numbers of any other Regiment whatever at this time, and believe I have given a history of the most prominent circumstances of my service --

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

Ans: I did receive to discharges but what has become of them I cannot tell at this time Int.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.

Ans: Stephen Murphree, Esquire, William Norvill Esquire, and John S. Frazer, but has not formed an acquaintance with any clergyman.

Sworn to in open Court the day and year aforesaid

S/ Jas. McKisick, Clk S/ Nicholas Loyd, X his mark

[Stephen Murphree and William Norvill gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 8 months service in the revolution.]