Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nathaniel Everitt S6829 Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of North Carolina Washington County

On this the 18th day of February 1833, personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting Nathaniel Everitt a resident of Washington County State of North Carolina aged 70 years, who being 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 --

Declaration

I was born in this County (then Tyrrell) in March 1763, my age is recorded at home in a prayer Book & on a piece of paper. I was drafted to serve in the Militia of this State in the spring of 1778 (I think in the month of May); I was drafted in Tyrrell County to serve for 12 months and was conducted to Edenton this State by Captain Clement Hall; at Edenton I was placed in a Company commanded by Captain James Goodman and Lieutenant Dillen [?]; our Company after some time spent at Edenton, was marched with others through Bertie on to Halifax this State, where we made a halt; at this place, we met other troops from New Bern this State and we were at Halifax organized into a Regiment the no. [Number] or name of which I do not recollect, but the Regiment was commanded by Colonel Lamb. I do not remember the names of any of the field officers of the Regiment if there were any – after remaining some time at Halifax (where I got sick) we were marched higher up the Country, and at some little town above Halifax I was discharged on hiring a Substitute, I was too sick to continue with the troops -- my discharge was signed by Captain Goodman, but I have long since lost it -- I lived in this County, then called Tyrrell County, at the time I was called into service -- I have always since and do yet continue to live in the neighborhood where I was born. There is no clergyman living in my neighborhood, but I refer the court to Arthur Rhodes and Henry Norman for further proof. I was discharged as I have before said by reason of my father having procured for me a Substitute -- I served I think about seven months, for I was drafted in May, and reached home a few weeks before Christmas.

Nathaniel Everitt hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State or of the United States to his knowledge –

S/ Nathaniel Everitt, X his mark

Test: S/ J. E. [could be C.] Norcome [?], Clk

State of North Carolina, Washington County

On this 18th day of February 1833 version appeared in open Court of Pleas & Quarter

Sessions for the County of Washington now sitting, Arthur Rhodes and Henry Norman who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on their oath's make the following certificates -- Certificate of Arthur Rhodes

I was born in this County in October 1763, it was then called Tyrrell County -- I have always lived in this County except about two years that I followed the sea -- I yet continued to live in this County -- I have known Mr. Nathaniel Everitt from the time we were children, I think he is about the same age with myself perhaps a little older.

I know he was drafted to serve 12 months in the militia of this State some time in the spring of 1778 for I went up to draw at the same time with him and three others -- I drew clear Mr. Everett was drafted he N. Everett left here with Captain C. Hall, how long he was about in service I do not remember, but he must have served more than six months, for I lived near his father at the time. Mr. Everett is reputed in the neighborhood where he resides to have served in the Revolution, nor have I ever heard it doubted --.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year above stated.

Test: J. C. Norcom, Clk

S/At. Rhoads

Certificate of Henry Norman

I was born in Tyrrell County this State. I don't know what year for I cannot read, but I am five or six years younger than Mr. Nathaniel Everitt I have always lived in the County in which I was born -- I have known Mr. Nathaniel Everitt ever since I was a small boy, for I lived with his Father from the time I was five or six years old, until I was 19 -- I know that he was drafted to serve in the State Militia, he was drafted in what was then called Tyrrell County now Washington County he left some time in the Spring and returned home a short time before Christmas, in very bad health, so much so, he was not expected to recover from it -- I do not recollect the year in which he was drafted, or the length of time he served; but I heard it said at the time he was drafted to serve 12 months -- I believe Mr. Everett is about the age he states there is about 70 -- he is reputed in the neighborhood to have served in the Revolutionary War, in fact, I never heard anyone express a doubt about it --.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day & year above mentioned.

Test: S/ J. C. Norcom, Clk S/ Henry Norman, H his mark

Nath'l Everitt Amended Declaration

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned a Justice of the peace for the County of Washington State of North Carolina, Nathaniel Everitt, who, being duly sworn, deposeth & saith, that by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service; but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the period of seven months as before stated, and should not have recollected that had it not been for Mr. Rhoads who revived his memory on that point; he is also unable for the same reason, to state the names of any of the Field officers except that of Colonel Long -- nor has he any recollection of the name of any Field officer of the regular Army who was with the troops --. There is not a Clergyman within 15 miles of my house --. There is no other persons living by whom I can prove my services except Mr. Rhodes & Mr. Norman, whose affidavits the Court has taken & as they & the Court have both certified their belief in my veracity I have no means of

bringing further proof, unless the department will except the affidavit of Isrial Pierce [sic, Israel Pearce] lives in another County. S/ Nathaniel Everitt, X his mark S/W. R. Norcom, JP 19th August 1833

State of North Carolina Washington County

Be it remembered, that before me William R. Norcom a justice of the Peace in & for said County & one of the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of said County and the said Court being a court of record: Personally appeared before me Israel Pearce and maketh oath upon the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God deposeth & saith that he knows Nathaniel Everitt of Washington County, that he is about the age of 65 or 70 years -- that during the Revolutionary War, he knows that the said Everitt was drafted in the Militia, that said Everitt served in said militia -- he thinks about nine months, and was then discharged, that he does not now recollect the name of the Captain he served under nor does he now recollect in what Regiment he belonged I know that Everitt served because I had a brother in the same Regiment.

Subscribed & sworn to before me this 29th day of June 1833 S/W. R. Norcom, JP S/ Israel Pearce, P his mark

[Facts in file: A note in the file indicates that the veteran died May 22, 1836.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina Continental line.]

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¹ S3660 Israel Pearce