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Mr. Devereo O. Nelson
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RA-3/ADY
James Nelson
V. 9288

Dear Sir:

The data contained herein were obtained from the papers on file in the Revolutionary War claim for pension, W. 9288, based upon the military service in that war of James Nelson.

James Nelson was born August 6, 1748, in Orange County, North Carolina. The names of his parents are not shown.

While a resident of Fairfield District, South Carolina, about four miles from Winnsboro on Mill Creek, James Nelson enlisted in June 1778, and served three months as private in Captain John Woodward's Company, Colonel John Winn's South Carolina Regiment and went on the Florida Expedition. He continued to serve as a private in the South Carolina troops on various tours, no dates of service given. He was on a tour to Salkahatchie, South Carolina, in Captain John Woodward's Company in Colonel John Winn's Regiment; was in the battle of Long Cane; in an expedition to Augusta under Colonel Oodwyn; at the surrender of Fort Congaree in Captain John Taylor's Company; in a tour to Three Runs in Captain John Woodward's Company in Colonel John Winn's Regiment and in a tour to Four Holes in Captain John Woodward's Company under either Colonel John Winn or Oodwyn; was at Crano Creek in Captain Kemp Strother's Company, Colonel Henry Hunter's Regiment where they took Captain Dick Smith (a Tory Captain) and his men prisoners; was in a tour against the Cherokee Indians under Colonel John Winn. He stated that his entire service amounted to fifteen months and twenty-one days.

He was allowed pension on his application executed November 2, 1832, at which time he was a resident of Fairfield District, South Carolina. He was also known as James Nelson, Senior.

He married in Fairfield District, South Carolina, in 1788, day and month not stated, Margaret Turner.

Soldier died May 23, 1845, in Fairfield District, South Carolina.