

Payable to Jesse
and Daniel Nelson,
only children.

2 Certs.
1838, 1843 &c

8045.
South Carolina.

Margaret Nelson, do.
widow of James Nelson
who was a Private
in the S. C. Militia

Husb^d. died 28th May 1835.

Inscribed on the Roll at the rate of
29 Dollars 66

Cents per annum, to commence on
the 4th day of March, 1843, ending
24 July 1845, she died.

Certificate of Pension issued the
18th day of Dec. 1846,
and sent to

S. A. Pettis, Esq.
Chesterville,
S. C.

[Act of March 3, 1843.]

and 17 June 1844.

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South Carolina

James Nelson
of ~~Sanford~~ in the State of S.C. who was a private in the Company commanded by Captain Taylor of the ~~Co.~~ commanded by ~~W. W.~~ in the ~~Co.~~ line for ~~Em~~ 27 ds.

Inscribed on the Roll of S.C. at the rate of 29 Dollars 66 Cents per annum to commence on the 4th day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 29 day of Nov: 1833 and sent to
James Elliott Wilmington
Arrears to the 4th of Sept 1833 \$ 74.16
Semi-ant. allowance ending Oct 31 34. 14. 83
\$ 89.00

{ Revolutionary Claim, }
{ Act June 7, 1832. }

Recorded by W. L. Williams Clerk,
Book E Vol. 67 Page 75

State of South Carolina
Fairfield District

Dec. Nelson Senr.
Substantive Copy Sheet 2 1st

1st Before me personally appeared James Nelson Senior of the District of Fairfield in the State aforesaid, being the identical James Nelson Senior who made his declaration in open court before the Honorable William D. Martin Esq. Judge of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of State of South Carolina, on the 2nd day of November A.D. 1832 in order to obtain a Pension under the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, which declaration and the proceedings had thereon are contained in two and half sheets of paper, and being duly sworn, on both sides that in the first tour of duty (the Florida expedition) mentioned in deponent's declaration he neglected to mention that a Brown known as burntfoot Brown commanded the British fort burnt on the St. Marys river. Col. Goodwyn a Militia Colonel and Col. Pinckney were commanding Regiments in Militia in this expedition. It was said at the time that there were fifteen hundred Militia from South Carolina and Georgia in this expedition. Col. Ford from neighborhood of the hanging rock to be along. It was supposed that the object of the expedition was to take St. Augustine. A few of the army followed Brown beyond the St. Marys a short distance and on their return the army held order to return home. Was in actual service as stated in the declaration three months fully commencing in June and ending in September.

2nd In the second tour to the Congaree fort Captain (now Colonel) Thomas Taylor commanded the Militia until the detachment of Artillery from Genl. Green's army arrived. Thinks this tour was performed in the Spring of the year and before the battle of the Antaw. Deponent has been informed by some of his fellow soldiers in this tour since his declaration was made that he served one and half months instead of three weeks as stated in the declaration and on reflecting on the circumstances then called to mind deponent recollects that the troops lay three weeks around the fort before it surrendered and is satisfied that the

~~to~~ other services rendered before and after the surrender must necessarily have taken up three or four weeks more. He now believes that the information received as above is correct and that he served in this town one and half months. No Officer in command above the rank of lieutenant.

3.rd In third tour to the three towns in Orangeburg Co. ~~led~~ ~~by~~ John Winn commanded. ~~He~~ But in service as stated in the declaration three weeks in this town.

4.th tour. In the fourth tour of duty mentioned in the declaration the defendant served between two and three weeks and as much as fifteen days

5.th In the fifth tour led. John Winn commanded the Regiment to which the defendant was attached. The Indian battle mentioned in this tour was on Long Camp - defendant understood now in Abbeville District S. C. The fifth ~~and~~ ~~the~~ tour mentioned is part of the tour to Augusta mentioned as the sixth in the declaration. Gen. Lincoln's wife visited the Militia during this tour. Defendant recollects seeing him. The Army fired a salute of thirteen guns on his arrival. One of the gunners received a wound in his breast and lost the fingers of one hand from one of the guns firing off in running down the cartridge. Was but in service in this tour to Augusta four months in all including the time he served against the Indians on the Enore mentioned in the fifth tour. Defendant in his declaration has stated the time under the true time as he believes and then believed, as his memory is bad as to dates, he is now advised that the best of his recollections is all that is reported and he endeavors to give them.

That defendant in every tour of duty served in the field, and was called into service by orders from his Captain under orders from the Colonel of the Regiment, and was attached to a corps regularly organized and embodied and called into service by competent authority as he believed and still believes, and that during the time the above and other services were performed he was entirely occupied with his military duties and was not employed

in any civil pursuit. That he was not in service at any time in which the Regulars were in company with the Militia, and has therefore named none of the Regular Officers. Understood that some regular troops were uncamped on the Ft. Manges some distance below the Militia, on the Florida expedition but deponent never saw them and does not at this time recollect the names of any of their Officers.

The Deponent saw other terms of duty not mentioned in the declaration or in this deposition. He was on a term of duty to the Four Hills in Orangeburg District S.C. John Woodward Captain of the Company & along and Col. Geo. Wain commanded the Regiment or Col. Goodwyn. Both were there and is uncertain which commanded. Was out a long time this time.

Was in a tour to Salt Hatcher ^{S.C.} not long before the Eutaw Battle. John Woodward commanded the Company. Thinks Col. Geo. Wain commanded the Regiment but cannot now speak with certainty. Was gone a long time this time. On this and the tour to the four hills deponent believes he served fully six months.

Deponent served some other terms not now recollecting he was out a great deal in the Revolutionary War as a soldier, and these two last terms have been recalled to his recollection by conversation, and incidents mentioned whilst making this deposition, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, which has failed greatly within a few years, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, ~~but according to~~ ^{not} to the date, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the period above, in the grade of a private to wit in all fifteen months and twenty one days, and for such service deponent claims a pension and bounties he served a longer period.

Given to & Subscribed before me this
26th June 1832
W. K. Davis. M.

James ^{his} Wilson Sen.
Mack

State of South-Carolina

District of Fairfield.

I William W. Davis a Justice of the Peace and one of the Quorum for Fairfield District aforesaid do hereby certify that James Nelson Senior who this day appeared before me and took and subscribed the foregoing Affidavit is the identical person named in the declaration mentioned by him in his affidavit, and that he is a credible witness, and that his statement is entitled to full credit.

Given under my hand at Winstanborough
Fairfield District on the same day and
year written in the Affidavit to wit the
26th June 1833. W. W. Davis, J. P.

State of South Carolina

District of Fairfield

I James Elliott Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions for Fairfield District do hereby certify that William W. Davis Esq^r is a Magistrate as above stated and that the foregoing signatures purporting to be his are genuine, that James Nelson Jun^r who made the foregoing affidavit is a credible witness entitled to all confidence and credit and has ever been within the recollection of the undersigned ^{since the war} a Soldier of the Revolution.

In testimony whereof I have
hunto set my official seal and
subscribed my name this 27th
day of June 1833.

J. Elliott
Clerk

State of South Carolina

Fairfield District On this 28 day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty six, 1846, personally appeared in open Court, and before the Court of General Sessions and Common Pleas now opened and held in the District of Fairfield and State aforesaid, Jesse Nelson, son of the late James Nelson a pensioner deceased, a resident of the District and State aforesaid, aged 55, 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th, 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows," Also the benefit of the act of March, 3, 1843, and June 17th 1844;

That this declarant the aforesaid Jesse Nelson in behalf of himself and the other heirs of said James Nelson pensioner deceased of Fairfield District, states, that the said James Nelson was a private Soldier the heirs understand, and as such he served the United States against the Common Enemy in the War of the Revolution, for which service he the aforesaid James Nelson was, allowed a pension under the act of Congress, passed June, 7th, 1832, at the rate of \$37-66 per annum, and that the said James Nelson was married in the year seventeen hundred and eighty eight, 1788, to Margaret Turner, and as husband and wife they lived together till the death of said James Nelson, who died on the 28th day of May Eighteen hundred & thirty five, (1835) and that his widow the aforesaid Margaret departed this life on the 23d or 24th day of July, Eighteen hundred & forty five, 1845, not having intermarried after the death of her said husband the aforesaid James Nelson deceased.

This declarant further states, that there does not exist to his knowledge any family Record showing the date of the marriage of the aforesaid parties, nor the births of their children.

Sworn to, and subscribed on the day and year first above written in open Court

Edward Frost
Presiding Judge

Jesse Nelson

State of South Carolina

Fairfield District } I Alexander W. Younger,
Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for the
District of Fairfield and State of aforesaid, do
hereby Certify, that satisfactory Evidence was
this day furnished ~~in~~ said Court, that
James Nelson the within named prisoner,
did at his late residence in the District of
Fairfield and State of aforesaid on the twenty Eighth
day of May, Eighteen hundred and Thirty five, 1835,
and that his widow Margaret did on the 23rd or
24th of July Eighteen hundred and forty five, 1845,
leaving surviving the following two Children,
viz, Jesse Nelson & Daniel Nelson who are
the only surviving Children of the said deceased,
and they are both of lawful age: And it was
also proven that the declaration Jesse Nelson is
a person to whose statements is due full faith
and credence

Whereupon the Court orders that the Clerk certify
the same. I also Certify that the foregoing
contains the original proceedings of the
Court in the matter of the application
of the heirs of James Nelson for a
Prisoner

I further Certify the records of my
office afford no Evidence of the
marriage of James Nelson & Margaret
Turner

In witness whereof I have
hereunto affixed my Seal
of Office and subscribed
my name 28 March 1846

A. W. Younger
Clerk of P.
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This service was not claimed by the
soldier, see his declaration

Comptroller Genl's office

Columbia S.C. April 20th 1846.

Book IV,

Indent 541.

Issued the first October 1784 to Mr
James Nelson late private in Martin's
troop, Col R's Regiment Sumter's brigade,
State troops for ninety four pounds
Sterling amount pay and bounty for
services in that troop with interest
thereon from the 1st April 1782 to date
hereof agreeable to Resolution of General
Assembly of Eleventh March last
Prin. L. 94: Int. L. 6: 11: 7 D.

Comptroller Genl's office

Columbia S.C. April 20th 1846.

Book O.

Indent 334

Issued the 21st April 1785 to Mr
James Nelson for forty one pounds
8/6³/₄ Sterling for three years of duty
in the militia before and since
the Reduction of Charleston &c
account audited.

Prin. L. 11: 8: 6³/₄ D. Int. L. 2: 17: 11 D.

I certify the above to be a true copy the Records in
this office

For Comptroller Genl
J. Aug. Place

This service was not claimed by the
soldier, in his declaration

Comptroller Gen's office

Columbia S.C. April 20th 1846.

BOOK M,

Indent 54.

Issued the first October 1784 to Mr
James Nelson late private in Martin's
troop, 2^d Regiment Sumter's brigade,
State troops for ninety four pounds
sterling amount pay and bounty for
services in that troop with interest
thereon from the 1st April 1782 to date
hereof agreeable to Resolution of General
Assembly of Eleventh March last
Div. 94; Int. Co. 11:72.

I certify the above to be a true copy of the Records in
this office

For Comptroller Genl.
J. M. Black

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I certify the above
this office

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WAR DEPARTMENT.

WIDOW'S PENSION.

I certify that in conformity with the act of July 7, 1838,
 Margaret Nelson, dec. late of S. Carolina
 widow of James Nelson ———
 who was a Private in the S. C. Militia ———
 and died on the 28th day of May 1835. ———
 is inscribed on the pension list at the rate of Twenty Nine —
 dollars and Sixty Six cents per annum, commencing on the
 1st March 1836, and terminating on the 4th of March,
 1841, unless the Pensioner married or died before the above mentioned
 date; in which case the pension is not payable after the time of such
 marriage or death, payable to Jesse & Daniel Nelson,
 only children. She died 24 July 1845.
 Given at the War Office of the United
 States, this 18th day of
 December one thousand
 eight hundred and Forty Six.

Secretary of War.

Examined and
 Countersigned.

Commissioner of Pensions.

Duplicate.

20. 856

James Nelson Sew

Fairfield Dubuque

I Cas^{no}

Admit at a private

8 mo + 27 days. 29. 1/4

Putnam Co. Sa. Feb. 16. 1830

1830

James Elliott

Winnsboro

J. E.

59.33

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

Pension Office,

May 21 1833

Sir:

The evidence in support of your claim, under the act of June 7, 1832, has been examined, and the papers are herewith returned. The following is a statement of your case in a tabular form. On comparing these papers with the following rules, and the subjoined notes, you will readily perceive that objections exist, which must be removed, before a pension can be allowed. The notes and the regulations will shew what is necessary to be done. These points to which your attention is more particularly directed, you will find marked in the margin with a brace, (thus: $\}$). You will, when you return your papers to this Department, send this printed letter with them; and you will, by complying with this request, greatly facilitate the investigation of your claim.

A Statement, shewing the Service of James Nelson Lee

Period when the service as rendered.	Duration of the claimant's service.			Rank of the claimant.	Names and Rank of the Company officers under whom he served.	Names and Rank of the General and Field officers.	Battles in which the applicant was engaged.	Country through which he marched.	Place of abode when he entered the service, and age at the present period.	Evidence by which the declaration is supported.
	Years.	Months.	Days.							
1778	-	3		Private	Capt Woodward	Col ^l Winn		Hudson & Augusta	84 years	By living Witnesses
12 months			21	"	Capt Taylor			from thence	Fairfield	
			21	"	Capt Woodward			to several places in	Detroit	
some in several other towns of country all under Capt John Woodward			4	"	Capt Woodward	Col ^l Hunter		to several places in both East and West Point	South Carolina	
but does not now recollect the dates nor particulars			8	"				through the State		
Was a planter in Augusta			27	"						

some in several other towns of country all under Capt John Woodward but does not now recollect the dates nor particulars Was a planter in Augusta

Yours respectfully,
J. L. Edwards

J. L. EDWARDS,
Commissioner of Pensions.

REGULATIONS UNDER THE ACT OF JUNE 7, 1832.

The following regulations have been adopted:

This law has been construed to extend, as well to the line, as to every branch of the Staff of the Army, and to include under the terms "Continental Line," "State troops," "militia," and "volunteers," all persons enlisted, drafted, or who volunteered and who were bound to military service, but not those who were occasionally employed with the army upon civil contracts, such as Clerks to Commissaries and to Store Keepers, &c. Teamsters, Boatmen, &c. Persons who served on board of Private Armed Vessels are also excluded from the benefits of the law, as well as persons who turned out as patrols, or were engaged in guarding particular places at night, and were not recognized as being in actual military service.

Four general classes of cases are embraced in this law:

1. The Regular Troops.
2. The State Troops, Militia, and Volunteers.
3. Persons employed in the Naval service.
4. Indian Spies.

As rolls of the regular troops in the Revolutionary War exist in this Department, all persons, claiming the benefit of this law as officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians or privates, will in the first instance, make application by transmitting the following declaration, which will be made before a Court of Record of the County where such applicant resides. And every Court having by law a seal and Clerk is considered a Court of Record.

DECLARATION,

In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th of June, 1832.

State, Territory, or District of } ss.
County of }

On this day of personally appeared (a) before
of A. B. a resident (b) of in the county of and State, Territory or District
aged (c) 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 provision made by the act of Congress, passed
June 7th, 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year (d) , with and
served in the (e) regiment of the line, under the following named officers:

[Here set forth the names and rank of the Field and Company Officers; the time he left the service; (and if he served under more than one term of enlistment, he must specify the particular period, and rank and names of his officers;) the town or county and State in which he resided when he entered the service; the battles, if any, in which he was engaged, and the country through which he marched. This form is to be varied so as to apply to the cases of officers and persons who belonged to the militia, volunteers, navy, &c.]

He hereby relinquishes every claim (f) whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State, or (if any) only on that of the Agency in the State of

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

A. B.

[And then will follow the certificate of the Court.]

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion (g) that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier, and served as he states.

I of the Court of
do hereby certify (h) that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said Court in the matter of
the application of for a pension.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office (i) this
day of &c.

If, on examination of the proper record the names of applicants, making such declaration, cannot be found, they will produce such proof as the rule given in note (j) points out.

Every applicant who claims a pension by virtue of service in the State Troops, Volunteers or Militia, except those who belonged to the New Hampshire Militia and State Troops of Virginia, will make and subscribe a declaration similar to the foregoing, with the following additions, viz:

(k) We, A. B., a Clergyman, residing in and C. D. residing in (the same)
hereby certify, that we are well acquainted with , who has
subscribed and sworn to the above declaration; that we believe him to be
years of age; that he is reputed and believed, in the neighborhood where he resides, to have been a soldier
of the Revolution, and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

[And then will follow the certificate of the Court.]

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion, after the investigation of the matter, and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department, that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier, and served as he states. And the Court further certifies, that it appears to them that A. B.
who has signed the preceding certificate, is a clergyman, resident in the

and that C. D., who has also signed the same is a resident in the
and is a credible person, and that their statement is entitled to credit.

I, Clerk of the Court of do hereby certify that the foregoing
contains the original proceedings of the said Court, in the matter of the application of
for a pension.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal
of office, this day of &c.

Every applicant will produce the best proof in his power. This is the original discharge or commission; but if neither of these can be obtained, the party will so state under oath, and will then procure, if possible, the testimony of at least one credible witness, stating in detail his personal knowledge of the services of the applicant, and such circumstances connected therewith, as may have a tendency to throw light upon the transaction.

If such surviving witness cannot be found, the applicant will so state in his declaration (l) and he will also, whether he produce such evidence or not, proceed to relate all the material facts, which can be useful in the investigation of his claim, and in the comparison of his narrative with the events of the period of his alleged service, as they are known at the Department. A very full account of the services of each person

will be indispensable to a favorable action upon his case. The facts stated will afford one of the principal means of corroborating the declaration of the applicant, if true, or of detecting the imposition, if one be attempted; and unless, therefore, these are amply and clearly set forth, no favorable decision can be expected. All applicants will appear before some Court of Record in the County, in which they reside, and there subscribe and be sworn to, one of the declarations above provided, according to the nature of his case.

The Court will propound the following (m) interrogatories to all applicants for a pension, on account of service in the Militia, State troops, or Volunteers, except the Militia of New Hampshire and the State troops of Virginia.

1. Where and in what year were you born?
2. Have you any record of your age, and if so, where is it?
3. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary war, and where do you now live?
4. How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute? And if a substitute, for whom?
5. State the names of some of the Regular Officers, who were with the troops, where you served; such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your services.
6.

{	To a Soldier. } Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?
{	To an Officer. } Did you ever receive a commission, and if so, by whom was it signed, and what has become of it?
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.

The Court will see that the answers to these questions are embodied in the declaration, and they are requested to annex their opinions of the truth of the statement of the applicant.

The applicant will further produce in Court, if the same can be done, in the opinion of the Court, without too much expense and inconvenience to him, two respectable persons—one of whom should be the nearest clergyman, if one lives in the immediate vicinity of such applicant, who can testify, from their acquaintance with him, that they believe he is of the age he represents, and that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood to have been a Revolutionary soldier, and that they concur in that opinion. If one of these persons is a Clergyman, the Court will so certify, and they will also certify, to the character and standing of other persons, giving such certificates.

The traditional evidence of service is deemed very important, in the absence of any direct proof, except the declaration of the party. And the Courts are requested to be very particular in the enquiry whether the belief is general, and whether any doubts have ever existed upon the subject.

Applicants unable to appear in Court by reason of bodily infirmity, may make the declaration before required, and submit to the examination, before a Judge or Justice of a Court of Record of the proper county, and the Judge or Justice will execute the duties, which the Court is herein requested to perform, and will also certify that the applicant cannot, from bodily infirmity, attend the Court.

Whenever any official act is required to be done by a Judge or Justice of a Court of Record, or by a Justice of the peace, the certificate of the Secretary of State or Territory, or of the proper Clerk of the Court or County, under his seal of office, will be annexed, stating that such person is a Judge or Justice of a Court of Record, or a Justice of the Peace, and that the signature annexed is his genuine signature.

No payments can be made on account of the services of any person, who may have died before the taking effect of the act of June 7, 1832; and in case of death subsequent thereto, and before the declaration herein required is made, the parties interested will transmit such evidence as they can procure, taken and authenticated before a Court of Record, showing the services of the deceased, the period of his death, the opinion of the neighborhood respecting such services, the title of the claimant, and the opinion of the Court upon the whole matter.

[a] The declarant must appear in open Court, unless prevented from doing so by reason of bodily infirmity; in which case the declarant will file the rule laid down for his guidance.

[b] The declarant must make his declaration in the county where he resides. If he should fail to do so, he must assign a sufficient reason for not conforming to the rule.

[c] The age of the claimant must invariably be mentioned.

[d] The declarant must mention the period or periods of the war when he served.

[e] Every continental officer or soldier must give the name of the Colonel under whom he served; otherwise a satisfactory examination of the claim cannot be had. Every claimant must state, with precision, the length of his service, and the different grades in which he served, in language so definite as to enable the Department to determine to what amount of pension he is entitled. In a case where the applicant cannot, by reason of the loss of memory, state precisely how long he served, he should amend his declaration by making an affidavit in the following words:

"Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace, &c. A. B. who, being duly sworn, deposed and said, 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 periods mentioned below, and in the following grades:—For ——— year ——— months, and ——— days, I served as a ———. For ——— months and ——— days, I served as a ———; and for such service I claim a pension."

It is important, in all cases, to determine with precision the period for which each applicant served, and the particular rank he held, as the law directs the pension to be paid according to the grade of the pensioner and the length of his service. The use of the phrase *about three or four months*, is too indefinite, and all such qualifying expressions are objectionable. Some persons who apply for pensions merely state that they served two years in the militia, &c. without specifying the tours, the names of the officers, and other particulars respecting their service. This form of declaration is highly objectionable. It must, in every case, be clearly shown under what officers the applicant served; the duration of each term of engagement; the particular place or places where the service was performed; that the applicant served with an embodied corps called into service by competent authority; that he was either in the field or in garrison; and for the time during which the service was performed, he was not employed in any civil pursuit.

[f] The law makes the relinquishment indispensable.

[g] The opinion of the Court is always required.

[h] The Clerk must give his certificate in every case.

[i] The Clerk must affix his seal, and if it has no device or inscription by which it can be distinguished from any other seal, or if he has no public seal of office, the certificate of a Member of Congress, proving the official character and signature of the certifying officer, should accompany the papers.

Mode of authenticating papers.

In every instance where the certificate of the certifying officer who authenticates the papers is not written on the same sheet of paper which contains the affidavit, or other papers authenticated, the certificate must be attached thereto by a piece of tape or narrow ribbon, the ends of which must pass under the seal of office of the certifying officer, so as to prevent any paper from being improperly attached to the certificate.

Proof of Service.

[j] In a case where the name of the applicant is not found on the records of the Department, he must prove his service by two credible witnesses who are required to set forth in their affidavits the time of the claimant's entering the service, and the time and manner of his leaving the same, as well as the regiment, company, and line to which he belonged. The magistrates who may administer the oaths must certify to the credibility of the witnesses, and the official character and signature of the magistrate must be certified by the proper officer, under his seal of office.

[k] The notes from [a] to [i] are all equally applicable to the cases of Militia men, Volunteers and State Troops. The proof required by rule in note [j] applies to continental troops only.

[l] This traditional evidence is indispensable in militia cases.

[m] If a witness cannot be found, the declarant must state the fact.

[n] The answers to the interrogatories must all be written, and sent to the War Department, with the declaration.

June 7, 1940.

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Mr. Desmore O. Nelson
235 East 22nd Street
New York City

BA-J/ADY
James Nelson
W. 9586

Dear Sir:

The data contained herein were obtained from the papers on file in the Revolutionary War claim for pension, W. 9586, 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 Winstons 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 Salkehatchie, 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 Goodwyn; 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 Goodwyn; was at Crane 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 28, 1835, in Fairfield District, South Carolina.

His widow, Margaret Nelson, died July 23 or July 24, 1845.

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^{was}
It is stated that in 1798 soldier and Margaret had a family of some four or five children, their names not stated. There are no further family data.

Very truly yours

A. D. HILLER
Executive Assistant
to the Administrator

No 12726 } 9150
 } 1306

Margaret Nelson and
Widow of James
Jr

act 7 May 1838

Acted 8mo 27th Dy^{mo}

\$ 29⁶⁶ per ann

from 4 March 1836 to 4

March 1841 payable to

Jesse Nelson and Samuel

Nelson only summing Chidern

of Margaret Nelson ad.

Acted acts 3 March 1843 and

17 June 1844

\$ 29⁶⁶ per ann

from 4 March 1843 to 24 July

1845, ^{including open account} payable to Chidern above

S. A. Bell

Chestnut Hill

DC

V 12720.

Margaret Nelson dec.
N. C.

Set to Hon. J. Graham 14.th May 40

Act 7th July 38

Wilmington
Nov. 13th 1833

Sir

Mr. James Nelson Jun.^r an appli-
- cation for a Pension under the Act June
7th 1832 has been consulted with
- regard to the Letter of J. Q. Brown Esq^r
of Sept. 16. 1833 stating that Mr. Nelson
- can be allowed a pension for \$1100 the 27
- days the service proved in the declaration
- and not additional service proved subse-
- quently to the declaration being made
- by disposition forwarded. The latter service
- have as certainly rendered as were the for-
- mer, and were neglected because Mr. Nelson
- had more leisure and a better opportunity
- of reflection when the disposition was made
- than he had during the week of heat when
- his declaration was made. If however the
- rule stated be inflexibly fixed Mr. Nelson de-
- sires me to state to you that he must acquie-
- - sce and receive his pay for the \$1100 27 d.
- having known when the firm certificate
- that the additional service were rendered
- and that he ought to be paid therefor.

Mr Nelson is unable at present to travel
and cannot without much inconvenience
obtain the witness of a third person to sub-
stantiate his deposition. His character for
truth and integrity with stands very
high. I saw a gentleman in Colchester
about 34 miles above Mr Nelson last
week who says he served one of the
terms in Wangelburg ~~at~~ mentioned
in the deposition with Mr Nelson and
has a distinct recollection of the service.
And if Mr Nelson was able to travel
about I have no doubt he could name
the other terms also.

Very Respectfully,

Your H. Servant

Geo. Buchanan.

James Nelson Sr. S.C. act 7 June 1832 of 29. 6 p^{cs} ann^{ds}
To what time was he last paid?
E.C.A.

Pension Office
Dec 11th 1843

Paid to 11th March 1834.
1843.

10.150

South Carolina

Margaret Nelson, de^{ce}

Widow of James Nelson
who was a pensioner under the Act of 1837
and who died on the 28th May 1835
of Fevers in the State of S. Carolina
who was a Dr^{um} in the Compy.
commanded by Captain Taylor of the
Reg^t. commanded by Col. Wins. in
the S. C. War for 8 mo.
27 days.

Ref^d

Inscribed on the Roll of Charleston, S. C.
at the rate of 29 Dollars 66
Cents per annum, to commence on the 4th day of
March, 1836.

Certificate of Pension issued the 18th day of
Dec. 1846 and sent to S. A.
Beltz, Charleeville, S. C.

Total amount, \$ 148.30

[Act July 7, 1838.]

Recorded by D. H. Moody, Clerk,
Book 9, Vol. 1, Page 311.

Payable to Jesse & Daniel
Nelson, only children

Valrico Florida

May 12, 1936

Veterans Administration
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir -

Can you give me any information about three
Revolutionary war soldiers - James Nelson or Nelson; William
Nelson or Nelson; & Joseph Nelson or Nelson - all of the old
96 District, South Carolina -

After the war James Nelson
or Nelson lived in Edgefield - west Abbeville - I do not
know where the other two moved to - I do not know names of their wives

I will greatly appreciate any data on their war or pension
record - Thanking you kindly - I am

Sincerely yours

I want this for D.A.R. purposes -

Mrs. J. H. Letton
Valrico, Florida

MRS. J. H. LETTON
VALRICO, FLORIDA

Rev WIDOW, &c.

File No.

9588

Margaret Nelson

Wid

James Nelson

Print Rev. War

Act:

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[Arrangement of 1870.]

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South Carolina
Fairfield District

I A. M. Young
Clerk of the Court of General Sessions
and Common Pleas for Fairfield
District and State of South Carolina do hereby
Certify that Mr. J. Franklin before
whom the foregoing affidavit was
taken is an acting Magistrate as above
and that the foregoing signatures
purporting to be his are genuine

In testimony whereof I have
hereto affixed my seal
of office and subscribed
my name at Office in
Wainsborough this 20th November
A. D. 1846

A. M. Young Clerk
By C. B. Thompson D. C.

State of South Carolina

Wilmington District } I James S. Mims a Clergiman
a resident Citizen of the District aforesaid do hereby certify
upon oath, that I was present & performed the usual
Ceremonies at the death & burial of Margaret Nelson
and an old Lady of the District aforesaid, the widow
of the late James Nelson deceased, which took place
in the latter part of the Month of July eighteen
hundred & forty five AD. I also certify that said Margarett
Nelson is the lawful mother of Jesse & ^{Gamit} ~~James~~ Nelson of
said District

Sworn to and subscribed this 20th Novr 1846.

Before me

H. J. Franklin }
Magist. S.C.

James S. Mims

South Carolina

Wilmington District } I H. J. Franklin a Magis-
trate in and for said District do hereby certify
that James S. Mims who has this ~~sworn~~ day
sworn to and subscribed the above affidavit before
me is a Clergiman as above stated, and to his
statement, I do give full faith and credence
Given under my hand and seal

this 20th November 1846

H. J. Franklin

(Magist. S.C.)

June 7, 1940.

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BA-J/MMHF/ADT
James Nelson, W. 9588

Mr. Desmore O. Nelson
235 East 22ⁿ Street
New York City

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to your ancestors with your surname who served in the Revolutionary War. You state that you are endeavoring to trace your line to Thomas Nelson of Virginia, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and would like to have the records of James, John and William Nelson of Georgia or South Carolina.

There is no claim for pension or bounty land on file based upon service in the Revolutionary War of Thomas Nelson, Jr., a signer of the Declaration of Independence, nor for service of a James, a John or a William Nelson who served in the Georgia troops. Such claims are the source of Revolutionary War data furnished by the Veterans Administration.

The record of a James Nelson (W. 9588), and of a John Nelson (W. 8486), of South Carolina have been found and are furnished you herewith.

If these are not the records of your ancestors, another search of the records will be made for those of another Thomas Nelson who may have lived in Georgia after the Revolutionary War and of a William Nelson. If you will furnish some of the following data in regard to them, should you need their records, it will aid in identification: approximate dates of birth and death, places of residence at enlistment and after service and given name of widow.

Very truly yours

A. D. HILLER
Executive Assistant
to the Administrator

May 20, 1936.

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Mrs. J. H. Letton
Valrico
Florida

BA-J/ady
James Nelson
W.9588

Dear Madam:

The data contained herein are obtained from the papers on file in the Revolutionary War claim for pension, W.9588, based upon the military service of James Nelson in that war.

James Nelson was born August 6, 1748, in Orange County, North Carolina.

While a resident of Fairfield District, South Carolina, about four miles from Winnsboro on Mill Creek, he 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 Salkehatchie, 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 Goodwyn; 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 Goodwyn; was at Crane 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, while 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 28, 1835, in Fairfield District, South Carolina.

His widow, Margaret Nelson, died July 23 or July 24, 1845.

The pension due their mother was allowed the surviving children: Daniel Nelson and Jesse Nelson. Jesse Nelson, the second son, was born August 16, 1790 and in 1846 was a resident of Fairfield District, South Carolina.

It is stated that in 1798 soldier and Margaret had a family of some four or five children, their names not stated.

Very truly yours

A. D. HILLER
Executive Assistant
to the Administrator

May 20, 1936

BA-J/AWF

Mrs. J. H. Letton
Valrico
Florida

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to James, Joseph, and William Nelson (Neilson), soldiers of the War of the Revolution from South Carolina.

Revolutionary War data furnished by this office are obtained from claims for pension and bounty land, which have been made to the United States, based upon service in that war. A search of the records fails to show such claims on file on account of the Revolutionary War service of a Joseph Nelson (Neilson) who served with the South Carolina troops.

In order to identify the record of the William Nelson (Neilson) of South Carolina, in whom you are particularly interested, as much as possible of the following data relative to him are essential- approximate dates of birth and death and places of residence at enlistment and after service.

The record of James Nelson which is furnished you herewith, was obtained from the claim for pension, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War. This is the record of the only James Nelson (Neilson) who served with the South Carolina troops, found on file in the Revolutionary War records of this office.

Very truly yours

A. D. HILLER
Executive Assistant
to the Administrator

September 27, 1932.

BA-J/ADY
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
James Nelson
W.9588

Mr. W. A. Wilson,
1545 Walnut Hill Circle,
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter relative to one James Nelson, a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

The data contained herein are obtained from the papers on file in the Revolutionary War claim for pension, W.9588, based upon his military service in that war.

James Nelson was born August 8, 1748 in Orange County, North Carolina.

While a resident of Fairfield District, South Carolina, about four miles from Winnsboro on Mill Creek, he 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 Salkehatchie, 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 Goodwyn; 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 Goodwyn; was at Crane 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.

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Very truly yours,

A. D. HILLER
Assistant to Administrator.

1545 Walnut Hill Circle
Birmingham, Alabama
September 8, 1932

Bureau of Pensions
Washington, D. C.

(BA-J/ADY)

Gentlemen:

Here is further information concerning James Nelson of South Carolina. He was placed on the pension roll November 29, 1833, being then 86 years old. He resided in Fairfield District. This James Nelson issued an order on the treasurers to pay his indents to Mayor John Nelson. At that time, June 10, 1784, he was living in Charlotte, N. C.

Can you furnish me with some details of his family? All data concerning this man will be appreciated.

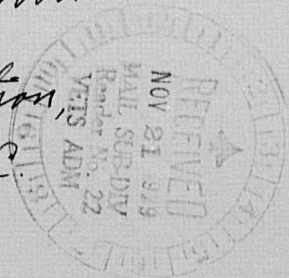


M. A. Wilson

D. O. Nelson
235 East 22nd Street
New York City

November 18th 1939.

Vetrows Administration,
Washington, D. C.



Gentlemen:-

I am endeavoring to obtain
some information regarding my
Ancestors who fought in the
Revolutionary War. To identify
myself further, I am a
graduate of West Point, class
of 1913 and my military service
is a matter of record in the

Adjutant General's Office, War Department,
Washington, D. C.

One of the signers of the Declaration of Independence was Thomas Nelson of Virginia and I am endeavoring to trace my line back to him. I understood that there were three Nelsons from Georgia, James, John and William who had Revolutionary War service and I would like any data you have on them.

These three names also appear in the South Carolina records. They may or may not have been the same men. I would like all the data you may have on them also. In the South Carolina records John is referred to as Major John Nelson and there appears to be considerable record regarding him.

Assuring you of my appreciation of your assistance and cooperation,
Very truly yours,
Desmore O. Nelson

WAR DEPARTMENT.

WIDOW'S PENSION.

I certify that in conformity with the acts of March 3, 1843, ³
and 17 June 1843. ³

Margaret Nelson dec of S. Carlin
widow of James Nelson
who was a Private in the S. C. Militia
and died on the 28th day of May 1835
is inscribed on the pension list at the rate of Twenty Nine
dollars and Sixty Six cents per annum, commencing on the
4th March 1843, and terminating on the 24 July 1845, ~~unless~~
~~the Pensioner married or died before the last mentioned date, in which~~
~~case the Pension is not payable after the time of such marriage or death.~~
when she died; payable Given at the War Office of the United
States, this 18th day of Dec.
only children. one thousand eight hundred and 46.

Secretary of War.

Examined and Countersigned.

Commissioner of Pensions.

Duplicate.

Mr. James Nelson's
Declaration of Pension

South Carolina }
Fairfield District }

James Nelson: 2,

Before me personally appeared Jeremiah Taylor and being duly sworn makes oath that he ~~is~~ ^{will be} ~~now~~ seventy years of age next January and has resided in Fairfield District ~~ever~~ since the beginning of the Revolutionary war. He became acquainted with James Nelson the applicant, at the Florida expedition mentioned by him in his Declaration. This Deponent was with him in the expedition in Col. Goodwyn's Regiment and knows that he served in that expedition under the officers as he has stated. Deponent thinks he then served four months instead of three as he has stated and that the Col. Williamson mentioned by him was a Brigadier General in the said expedition. This Deponent was with the said James Nelson at the Fort Congaree and ~~the~~ surrendered and knows he served as he has stated there but thinks it was much longer.

The expedition under Captain Strother and Col. Henry Hunter and taking the Tory Dick Smith Deponent did not see but recollects the report of the circumstance at the time & then understood that the said James Nelson was one of the number.

The said James Nelson is a man of high respectability and this Deponent has no doubt but he served at least as long as he has stated and he

believe I never. Also served with him the town to
Augusta. You & William Cunningham. but George and the Regiment
sworn to and subscribed
before me ~~the~~ day and year ~~1733~~ }
applied in open court } Jeremiah D. Taylor
Notary

J. P. White celsu. Geo.

Mr. James Nelson's
Declaration in person

J. P. White
celsu.

Jas. Nelson's 2

I Common Cason of the District of Fairfield in
the State aforesaid aged seventy eight years, hereby
certify in Write that I am well acquainted with
James Nelson who has subscribed and sworn to
the above declaration. That I have known him
ever since the Florida expedition in 1778 or 9
That said Nelson was a soldier in the Militia
in that expedition under Captain John Wood
-wood. Deponent was along and well remembers
to have found an acquaintance with said
Nelson at that time, and has known him
ever since. That he has heard three months or
a week or six days or deponent believes.

Said Nelson is a man of respectable stand-
-ing in society and thinks he was with
deponent in some other terms of duty. It was
always understood at the close of the Florida
-expedition was and has never been contradic-
-ted; that said Nelson performed his duty as
a good soldier whenever called upon, and
that he had performed other terms of duty
besides the one to Florida. Deponent has no
doubt that he served more than twelve
months in all in the Militia. And
would give very good credit to his declaration.

Sworn to and subscribed before
me this 15th day and year
aforesaid in open Court }
J. M. McCallister

Common Cason

And the said Court do hereby certify,
and declare their opinion, after the investiga-
-tion of the matter, and after putting the in-
-terrogatories prescribed by the War Depart-
-ment, that the abovesaid applicant James
Nelson Jun.^r was a revolutionary soldier and
served in the States. And the Court further
certifies, that it appears to them, that Major
Henry Moore, Jeremiah Taylor and Gen-
-eral Benson who have signed the preceding
-certificates, are resident in Fairfield Dis-
-trict aforesaid, and are credible persons,
and that their statements are entitled
to credit. November 3rd 1832

W. D. Martin
Residing Super

South-Carolina

I James Watt Clerk of the Court of
Common Pleas and General Sessions, in and for
Fairfield District in the State aforesaid do hereby
certify, that the foregoing contains in two and
half sheets, the original proceedings of the said
Court, in the matter of the application of James
Nelson Junior for a pension.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto
set my hand and seal of this Office
this second day of November A. D.
1832.

J. P. White
Clerk

State of South-Carolina
District of Fairfield

On this second day of November in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open court before William D. Mentis Esq. one of the Justices of the Court of Common Pleas and Criminal Justice of the State of South Carolina, now sitting at Fairfield Court-House, in the District and State aforesaid, James Nelson, a resident of the District and State aforesaid, aged eighty four 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 7th 1832

That Deponent was born in the New State of North Carolina, Orange County, on the 6th day of August 1748, that his age was recorded in his fathers family Bible, which Bible fell into the possession of one of Deponents oldest brothers, that Deponent does not now know where the Bible now is, as his brother removed long since to the ~~state~~ north western part of the State and one now dead as informed.

The Deponent lived on the same plantation where he now lives, when called into service, has lived there ever since, and now lives there about four miles from Winyabough, on Mill Creek. Deponent was drafted every time he was called into service. He never received a discharge in writing, was always informed by his Captain that orders for their discharge had been received. ~~He~~ ~~acted~~ served always as a private.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers, and served

as herein stated.
1st That he served as a private soldier in the Florida expedition, in the year as he believes 1778. Captain John Woodward commanded the company and Colonel John Winn commanded the regiment. Captain Woodward and his company joined the expedition at Augusta, was stationed there some time and then marched on to the objective at Spanish Wright's Plantation, Georgia. There an eclipse of the sun took place, nearly total at that place. Thence marched to Ft. Mifflin, the British got on the Ft. Mifflin then burning. ~~General~~ ^{General} Williamson was one of the militia commanders, also ~~General~~ ^{General} ~~was out in this town three months, and until regularly discharged by his captain.~~

2nd Was in a town of duty when Major Maxfield surrounded the fort at Mifflin, was drafted to join Captain John Taylor, did join his company at the fort, and held the British there until a detachment of artillery from General Green's army arrived when the fort surrendered. Captain Thomas Taylor (still alive) now known as Colonel Taylor was present at the surrender. ~~and~~ was about three weeks ~~out~~ in service in this town.

3rd Was in a town of duty under Captain John Woodward destined for Orangeburg. Was stopped at the town was in Orangeburg. Next by word received that the enemy had been dispersed a drive back by the Militia. Thinks the British ~~had been~~ were commended by Colonel Cruger. Was out three weeks in this town.

11th

Was in a tour of duty under Captain Kemp Stutter
Captain Henry being commended one company
and Colonel Henry Hunter was commander
of the whole detachment. Took Captain ~~Stutter~~ Dick
Smith a long Captain and his men prisoners
in Lewis Creek Highland District. Dependent
saw in a number of other tours of duty all
under Captain John Woodward, but do not now
recollect the date nor particularly ^{any} ^{place}.

5th

Was in one tour against the Indians on the
river, where Major McCarty of the American
Militia was mortally wounded, and nine
Indians killed, and the remainder dispersed
but McCarty was shot by a wounded Indian
~~who~~ ~~the~~ The Indian was ~~the~~ lying in the
ground and as Lt. McCarty passed he raised
himself from the ground and shot him.

5th
manuscript

Was in a tour to ^{August} ^{the} ^{three} ^{months} ^{ago} ^{Williamson} ^{and}
Dependent near collecting to make an
publication of this nature, but taking no
memorandum of the ~~by~~ length of time
he served in all, but is fully satisfied
and believes he served in the different
tours he performed ~~two~~ months and
such is the impression resting in his
mind, perhaps he served some longer
but is satisfied it was not less.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to ~~service~~
except the present, and declares that his
name is not in the pension roll of the
agency of any State ~~is~~

I have to and subscribed the same ^{his}
and you refused in ^{McCart}
J. Elliott & Co. Du Bois

South Carolina
Trinquier District

Before me appeared Major Henry
Moore and being duly sworn makes oath that
he is the same person who now is receiving
opinion from the United States as Captain
Lieutenant of Artillery, 4th Regiment, Col. Abbott.
That he became acquainted with the above
named applicant James Nelson in the year
1775, that said James Nelson was then
living where he now resides, and excepting
the time spent was in the Army
has known him to reside there ever since
the time of their acquaintance in 1775
When the Revolution was ~~out~~ over the Sepa-
-ratist and said Nelson renewed their ac-
-quaintance and said Nelson then and
ever since has had the reputation
in his neighborhood of having been a sol-
-dier in the Militia in the United States
service during the Revolutionary War
and of having acted his part faithfully
that he is a man of respectability and
standing in Society, and has no doubt
of the truth of every thing he has stated.
His character as a gentleman, and a man of
veracity the deponent is willing to vouch for.

Given to and Subscribed before
me this 20th August 1832
in open court

J. Elmore
Deo

Henry Moore

12726.

Margarete Nelson
dec 2

S. C.

Oct. 7 July 38

m 88. a 35

~~Monday and 24 July, 1845~~

Samuel Arnold

State of South Carolina
Fairfield District) Be it known, That before
me, the subscriber a Magistrate in and for the District
of Fairfield & State aforesaid personally appeared Jesse
Nelson, an applicant for a pension, son of James Nelson
late pensioner deceased of said District, and made oath,
in due form of Law, that he is known and reputed
to be the second Child, Child of the aforesaid James
Nelson & wife Margaret; that he was born on the 16th day
of August, seventeen hundred & ninety, 1790, and that he
has had until quite lately a record of his age, which
he himself copied from an old original family Rec-
ord of his parents many years ago, and that he believes
it to have been correct and true, but that his said Record
has been left in the State of Indiana with other papers
and cannot now be easily obtained, should it prove
to be still in existence, a fact of which deponent can-
not now testify to—

This deponent further maketh oath, that
diligent search has been made recently for the old origi-
nal Family Record of his parents but it could not be found,
and that he believes it has been lost or destroyed since the
death of his father and is not now in existence

Suborn to, and subscribe this 28th day of March, 1846.,

Before me,

H. S. Trautler

Magt

Jesse Nelson

South Carolina
Fairfield District) Personally appeared before me, the
subscriber, a Magistrate in and for said District &
State, Thomas Robinson, a resident of said District &
State aged Fifty five years, and made oath, in due
form of Law, that he has from his boyhood lived
a near neighbor to, and has been intimately acquai-
-nted with the above affiant Jesse Nelson, son of the
late James & Margaret Nelson both deceased, and that
he believes that the above statement made by said
Jesse Nelson of his age to be correct and true; That he

deponent and the said Jesse Nelson was school boys together and that he has often had his mother, and the mother of said Jesse Nelson speak of their different ages, and that he has always understood that said Jesse Nelson was born in August, in the year Seventeen hundred and Ninety, 1790, and that he deponent was born on the 6th of October following

This deponent further states on his oath, that said Jesse Nelson is the second Child of the aforesaid James & Margaret Nelson, or at least is so reputed, a fact of which he deponent has no doubt

Sworn to, and subscribed this 28. th day of March, 1846.

Before me

A. S. Traubler
Magt

Theo Robertson

State of South Carolina
Fairfield District ³ Personally appeared before me the subscriber a Magistrate in and for the said District & State Major Bonni Robertson, a resident of the said District aged seventy four (74) years and made oath, in due form of law that he has ever since the day of the Revolution lived a near neighbor to, and been well acquainted with James Nelson late prisoner deceased of Fairfield District, also with his wife Margaret who departed this life sometime in the summer past. In the year 1835, when Mrs. are now applying for a pension. That he deponent lived in the immediate neighborhood of the parties aforesaid at the time they were married, which marriage took place in Fairfield District South Carolina in the month of _____ and in the year Seventeen hundred and Eighty seven, or Eighty eight, 1788, and as husband and wife they lived together up to the death of said James Nelson. This deponent further states on oath, that after mature reflection he is assured in saying that the said marriage took place at the time above stated to wit, in the year 1788, that he deponent was himself married in the year 1793, at which ^{time} the aforesaid parties

had a family of some four or five children, the oldest of whom was nearly or quite half grown, a fact, which he distinctly recollects

Deponent also makes the oath, that Jesse Nelson who has sworn to, and subscribed, the foregoing Affidavit is the second son of the aforesaid James, and Margaret Nelson, and that he believes the statements made by the said Jesse Nelson, of his age, in the above Affidavit, are correct and true, and that he was born in the year 1790, as he has stated; deponent further states that said Jesse Nelson is a person of intelligence, and respectability and to his statements is due full faith & credence

Sworn to, and subscribed this 28th day of March, 1846,

Before me,

H. T. Frankelin

B. Robertson

Magt

And I the said Magistrate do hereby certify, that I am personally acquainted with Jesse Nelson, Thomas Robertson, and Major Benjamin Robertson, who have this day sworn to, and subscribed, the foregoing affidavit, before me, and that they are all persons of respectability and intelligence and unimpeachable character, and to their statements, is due full faith and credence

Given under my hand and Seal

March 28th A. D. 1846,

H. T. Frankelin

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South Carolina }
Fairfield District } J. Alexander W. Young Clerk
of the Court of Common Pleas for said District
do hereby certify that H. T. Frankelin, Esq.
is an acting Magistrate as above stated
that the foregoing signatures purporting to
be his are genuine - In testimony whereof I
have affixed my Seal of Office
and subscribed my Name
this 28 March 1846

J. W. Young
Clerk