

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of James Noland W9202  
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State of Kentucky, County of Estill

On this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before John W. Moore, Nicholas Merrill & Sampson Walters Justices of the County Court in & for the County aforesaid now sitting James Noland, a resident of said County of Estill aforesaid aged 92 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<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

That in the fall of 1775 he enlisted in the service of the United States or United Colonies as a minute man for 12 months – he enlisted in Loudon [sic, Loudoun] County State of Virginia under Captain Simon Triplett – John Thornton was his Lieutenant & William Grayson was his Colonel. He was marched down to Hampton in Virginia & stationed there that winter of 1776 – in the summer 1776 he was marched to what is now called Alexandria – then called Bell-Haven & there stationed till he was discharged – at the expiration of his 12 months. That he was in Bell Haven when the Declaration of Independence was declared. His recollection is that he had a written discharge from Captain Triplett – that it was afterwards destroyed when his House was burnt in North Carolina. That after the expiration of his years service he removed to the State of North Carolina – and there fought the Tories to the end of the War. That in 1780 Colonel Frank Lock [sic, Francis Locke] & Major John Johnson raised a Company in Rowan County North Carolina to protect the Country against the Tories & British – that said Block & Johnson commissioned him the applicant a Captain of said Company – his commission was verbal not written – that he continued to command said Company till the end of the war & was for more than 12 months actually in Service – that he was in a skirmish near the Moravian Towns in North Carolina against Captain Wright a Tory Captain who had 280 men – Wright was defeated. He was also in skirmish on Rocky River near the Yadkin [River] – where the Tories & British were defeated. He was also in many other skirmishes till the end of the war – that he served more than two years as a soldier & Captain of said Company raised by Locke & Johnson during the Revolutionary war – that he at one time rode an express from Salisbury to Deep River – went on to Haw River-- went for General Smallwood – that he was born in Charles County State of Maryland – moved from there to Loudoun Virginia & was a resident of Loudoun when he enlisted for 12 months – moved from there to Rowan County North Carolina & from there to Kentucky where he has resided ever since & has resided in Estill County aforesaid 20 years or more – that he has no record of his age, but always understood that he was born in the year 1740 – That he has no documentary evidence by which he can prove his services – that he considers himself entitled to a pension for 12 months as a soldier & for 12 months during the time he commanded a Company of volunteers in North Carolina as Captain aforesaid: that for the last 12 months or more he claims as Captain. He states further that such was his Captain Zeal in the cause that the Tories in North Carolina offered \$500 for his head, that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure to establish his services except Jesse Noland<sup>1</sup> of Estill – that he believes he will recollect his services – that he trust he is known and Estill County almost every body – that Henry Beaty has long known him & Lewis Moore & Benjamin Straughin Esq.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

S/ James Noland, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

I Jesse Noland of Estill County Kentucky aforesaid do hereby certify that I am reputed Brother of James Noland who has subscribed & sworn to the foregoing Declaration – that I am 71 years of age

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1 [Jesse Noland S14039](#)

in December next – that I know & well recollect that said James was a soldier of the Revolution in 1775 & 1776 as he has stated in his Declaration – that he well recollects his enlisting in 1775 under Captain Simon Triplett – that he was also discharged at the end of his Term of 12 months – that he also recollects his services as he has stated in his Declaration in North Carolina in Rowan County that he was with him in North Carolina on several occasions & in several skirmishes – that he believes from his own knowledge the Declaration of said James [is] strictly true -- & that he is 92 years of age.

S/ Jesse Noland

[Lewis Moore & Benjamin Straughin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[On October 1, 1838, Barbara Noland, “an aged woman” made application for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of James Noland, that she was married to him by Parson Griffy who belonged to the “old English Church” in the County of Loudoun in the State of Virginia on December 26, 1774, that she was somewhere between 14 and 15 years old when she was married, that her first child Stephen Noland, now of the State of Indiana, was born June 6 about five weeks before the Declaration of Independence; that her husband served under Col. Peyton and Captain Simon Triplett at the time that Lord Dunmore burned Norfolk. “... The next winter after his time was out in Virginia they moved from Loudoun County Virginia where they had resided since their marriage, to Rowan County in the State of North Carolina. There her husband was much in the service against the British & Tories, she thinks some times as a private, and she knows for some time as a Captain; and when her husband was out fighting the battles of his Country, she was at home ploughing and working in the field to raise something to live upon. She recollects distinctly that in the month of February some few weeks before the battle of Guilford, Lord Cornwallis's Army passed by their house, whilst her husband was from home in the Army, and that all their possessions, even to their poultry, were taken and consumed by the British soldiers. She remembers killing a British officer, whilst the soldiers were plundering her house, that she willingly gave up everything she had to help them on to Virginia, for she is new they would never get back, if they got there; and it turned out to be true that Lord Cornwallis and his Army were that year taken at York town in Virginia....” she states that the continued to reside in Rowan County North Carolina until 1812 when they moved to Estill County Kentucky where her husband died December 26, 1833 being at the time of his death a pensioner at the rate of \$280 per year.]

[Silas Noland, a son of James and Barbara Noland, gave oath and Estill Kentucky that he was born and raised in North Carolina and moved to Kentucky with his parents in 1812, that he has never heard the legality of the marriage of his parents questioned, that his father died on December 26, 1833 a pensioner of the United States; and that he, Silas, was born June 6, 1776.]

[Francis Noland, 54, another son of James and Barbara Noland, gave an affidavit substantially identical to that of his brother Silas-- Francis does not give the date of his birth]

[Barnett McMonigle, a neighbor, gives an affidavit in support of Barbara Noland's petition.]

[The following information is given in the file:

Children of James and Barbara Noland

Stephen Born born June 6, 1776 in Loudoun County Virginia

Silas born October 11, 1778 in Rowan County North Carolina

Rasha (son) born July 29, 1781

Francis born 1785 in Rowan County North Carolina

John (7<sup>th</sup> child) born June 9, 1792

James, age not stated

Jesse, brother of James, the veteran, also living in Estill County, Ky.,]