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Pension Application of Zachariah Nance S31272

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State of Illinois

Sangamon County Ss.

On this sixth day of March in the year one thousand Eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared before the County Commissioners Court of Sangamon County and State of Illinois Zachariah Nance of the County and State aforesaid aged seventy two years and ten months 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 Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven on the Seventeenth of February at Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] Virginia under Captain John Blane a recruiting officer and was afterwards attached to the Company of Captain James Pendleton in the First Regiment of Artillery in the Virginia Continental Troops Commanded by Colonel Charles Harrison Edward Carrington Lieutenant Colonel Holdman or Holderman [sic: Christian Holmer] Major. Captains Pierce [William L. Pierce, Jr.], [Anthony] Singleton, Burnell [sic: Nathaniel Burwell] and Baytop [sic: Thomas Baytop] command Companies belonging to the same Regiment; I think also that Captains Dandridge and Dickens also commanded companies in the Regiment. When I entered the service I resided in New Kent Co. Virginia. Our Regiment was organized at York Town. The Companies of Pendleton, Dandridge and Baytop were left in Garrison at York Town under Lieutenant Colonel Carrington and the remainder of the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Harrison was marched to Portsmouth opposite Norfolk. our Regiment was united again in the following fall or winter and was marched for inoculation [against smallpox] to a place called Ceelies near Hampton. Early in the Spring we took up the line of march for the north and joined the army under Gen. Washington at the Valley Forge Pennsylvania sometime in May Col. [John] Lamb's and Col. [John] Crane's Regiments of Artillery had arrived before us and the three Regiments were placed under the command of Gen. [Henry] Knox. In June when the English had evacuated Philadelphia [18 Jun 1778] the army left the Valley Forge in pursuit of them through State of New Jersey. We came up with them at Monmouth about the middle of the day on the 28 June 1778. The action was commenced by Gen Lafayette with an advanced detachment a General Woodfort [sic: William Woodford] or some other officer was sent to support him; and then a third detachment under Gen. [Charles] Lee who took command of the Front Division of the Army. Gen Washington when he came up finding that the front division were retreating ordered them to halt and charge the English which they did. When the main army came up the Brigade of Artillery was placed in the Front and Center. The action continued until night when the English retreated We laid on the Field of battle all night and in the morning the English had retreated with such precipitation that it was thought impracticable to overtake them. The next day we took up our march to the White plains [NY] where we laid all summer. In the fall the Brigade of artillery was marched to Pluckamin [sic: Pluckemin] in New Jersey where we wintered. In the spring 1779 Captain Pendletons Company with two pieces was attached to Gen. [Anthony] Wayne's regt Infantry. We then went in the lines and early in the summer we passed West Point and marched to Sandy Beach on the North River. Here we laid till the 15th July. Then we marched to the neighbourhood of Stony Point where we arrived late in the evening. About 12 P.M. we stormed the fort; Col [François Louis Teissedre de] Fleury a Frenchman commanding the advance party. Our Company of Artillery was marched in with Lint stocks and Pot Fires to take possession of the cannon and with my own hands I broke open the magazine and took out a Barrel of Powder, with which we opened and kept up for some time a cannonade on the enemies shipping. We took some five or six hundred prisoners. The English were commanded by a Colonel [Henry] Johnson. We burnt the Fort and

carried off the military stores We then marched back to Sandy Beech where we remained during the summer. From this we were marched to a River of which I have forgotten the name where we remained till January 1780 when we joined our Regiment at Morristown in the State of New Jersey where our Regiment had taken up winter quarters During this winter as indeed during the previous winter we suffered very severely from the cold. On the 22nd February I received a written discharge which I have since lost. We enlisted for three years and a large portion of our Regiment was now discharged

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any state in the union

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. [signed] Zacchariah Nance

NOTE: A register of the family of Zachariah Nance and his two wives is in the pension application of his widow, Elizabeth Nance, whose application was based on the service of her first husband, Lewis Bingley (W24325). That record shows that Zachariah Nance died 22 Dec 1835 at age 75.