

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Frederick Nance (Fredrick Nantz)¹ W186 Maria f47VA
Transcribed by Will Graves 1/2/13

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State of Kentucky Washington County Sct.

On this 28th day of October 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Washington County now sitting Fredrick Nance aged 72 years in February last, a resident Citizen of the aforesaid County & State aforesaid, who being duly sworn according to law made the following Declaration in order to obtain the provisions of the Act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832: He states that he entered the Army under Captain James Foster of Amelia County & State of Virginia, & his Subaltern Officers was Samuel Jones and Samuel Book as lieutenants, as I believe, & his brother Robert Foster his Ensign. [Illegible interlineation one or more words] said Continental service I entered on the 3rd day of December 1776 & when I received marching orders I was very unwell, but started as soon as I was able to March, & when I got to Alexandria in Virginia, I met with a Lieutenant Campbell a regular Officer, to whom I reported myself, he directed me to wait there & take the smallpox, which I did, This being in the month of December 1777. On getting well on the first day of April 1778 we marched, thence through George Town [Georgetown], from thence through Bladensburg to Baltimore, on our way to Lancaster in Pennsylvania; from thence to the Valley Forge, where we joined our respective companies & Regiments, as well as I recollect, it was on the 15th day of April in the same year. The Company to which I belonged was attached to the 15th Virginia Regiment, then commanded by Colonel Abraham Buford [Abraham Buford], & the Major was Gustavus P Wallace, some short time after I joined the Regiment, I was taken from the company I then belonged to, which was then commanded by Captain Samuel Jones. The former Captain Foster having resigned. I then was attached to the Company of Captain Thomas Wills & appointed a Sergeant in his Company his Lieutenant was John Critenden [John Crittenden] his Ensign Luke Kinnon [Luke Kennon], & the Adjutant to the Regiment was Albington Jones [Albrighton Jones] & our Sergeant Major John L. Crute² who received a Commission at Petersburg Virginia, & went on with Colonel Buford to the South, where they were met by Colonel Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton] [Buford's defeat or the Battle of the Waxhaws May 29, 1780] & the most of his Regiment cut to pieces, said Crute among the rest. This happened in the summer of year of 1780 & is now I expect a United States pensioner. In the month of December 1778 just before Christmas if I recollect right General Washington took up his winter quarters at a place called Middlebrook in New Jersey and from thence in the month of May following a number of the Commissioned Officers of the line & myself as a Sergeant with some others were detached to the State of Virginia to take charge of the Eighteen

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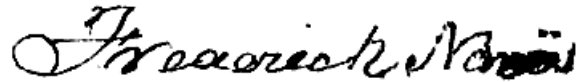
² [John L. Crute S24980](#)

months drafts raised in that State. Daniel Vasser³ & myself were two of the sergeants from our Regiment & rendezvoused at Petersburg State of Virginia, during the summer of 1779 at which time many of the regular troops from the North marched through Petersburg to the South to aid General Lincoln, among the rest was my former Colonel Buford who was stationed at Petersburg to superintend the recruits & take care of the Sick, at which place I continued with him until the 3 or 4 day of December, my time then having expired, Colonel Buford then & there gave me a written discharge & at the same time gave me his friendly hand & expressed a great deal of sorrow at parting with me, which discharge I lost with my pocket book which contained several valuable papers. I further state that on the muster & pay rolls of the 15th & 11th Virginia Regiment's my name as a Sergeant may be found if those roles are now in existence, which will establish my being a three years Revolutionary Soldier. Then again in the summer of 1780 I entered the militia service as a volunteer under Captain Thomas Moore of the County of Prince Edward & State of Virginia our Brigade was made up by the neighboring Counties under the command of Brigadier General Robert Lawson after marching the abuse having ceased which started us after serving 8 weeks we were discharged at Petersburg. Then again in January 1781 I marched again & joined General Green [Nathanael Greene] at Caswell Court house in North Carolina on the 7th day of February following & continued with him until the 11th of May as a private Soldier & that term I was discharged which tour was [indecipherable word or words] upwards of three months, in which time on the 15th of March I was engaged in the battle of Guilford Courthouse. Then as soon as I returned home I was appointed a Lieutenant in the Militia in the County of Lunenburg Virginia & marched on the 25th July to watch the movements of Cornwallis & joined the southern division of the Militia at a place called Newsoms Springs on the South side of James River. After waiting there some 3 or 4 weeks we marched to Gloster [Gloucester] Point on York River opposite York town, where the American Army captured Cornwallis [October 19, 1781]. After the necessary arrangements was made Captain Joseph Night [Joseph Knight?], to whom I was Lieutenant had charge of about 25 Refugees which we conducted to the City of Richmond & put them in Jail which service ended on the 6th of November 1781 & then we were discharged. This tour consisted of three months & twelve days. In the performance of my services as a regular soldier I was in General Woodford's Brigade which consisted of the 3rd, 7th, 11th and 15th Regiments & my field Officers in the expedition under General Greene was Nathaniel Cocke & Hayms Morgan [Haynes Morgan] were the Colonels & Edward Stephens [Edward Stevens] was the Brigadier. The Yorktown tour by Colonel was William Green & Lewis Burwell & the Major was Anthony Street, I was a resident of the State of Virginia during the whole of my Revolutionary services & I moved to Kentucky in the fall of 1801 to Washington County where I have resided ever since & where I now reside. The sundry Interrogatories to be propounded to all applicants I answer thus. I was born in the County of Lunenburg Virginia in 1761 and I have no record of my age but from the best information it is as above stated, 3rd I have stated above where I formally lived & where I now live, 4th I was called into service by Volunteering & enlistments I never was drafted, 5th I have stated above sundry Officers with the names & numbers of the Regiments. 6th above I have named the only discharge I ever received that was written, all the rest was verbal, I received 2 Commissions as a Militia Officer each time. 7th The names of sundry one [?] my Neighbors (to wit) Jacob Seay, Esquire, Samuel Grundy, Samuel Overton, Edward B Gaither & sundry other of my neighbors. Lastly I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State. The

³ [Daniel Verser \(Vasser\) W19575](#)

above statement is made to the best of my knowledge but I am in hopes you have some record evidence in the War Department will with my statement should I have made any [indecipherable word] statement for lack of memory. My whole services performed if I mistake not as a regular from the time I enlisted until discharge was 3 years. My Volunteer & militia services in all is 8 months & 5 days.

S/ Frederick Nance [?]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frederick Nance". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat fluid and personal.

[David C Proctor, a clergyman, and Samuel Grundy & Samuel Overton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 10: On November 30, 1844 in Washington County Kentucky, Maria Nance, 58, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act as amended through the 1844 act stating that she is the widow of Frederic Nance, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him November 29, 1818; that he died July 14, 1835; and that she remains his widow. Her name was signed to the application by J H Polin.]

[f p. 13: On November 29, 1844, David C Walker gave testimony that Frederick Nance was married to Maria Cosby in November 1818.]

[f p. 14: copy of a marriage bond issued in Washington County Kentucky November 27, 1818 issued to Frederick Nantz and Dabney C. Cosby to secure the marriage of Frederick Nantz to Maria Cosby.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$120 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a Sergeant for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]