

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Basil O'Neal (Neal) BLWt81555-160-55 Sarah f41VA
Transcribed by Will Graves 12/13/12

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State of Georgia County of Columbia: SS

On this 30th day of April 1858 personally appeared before me, the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace, within and for the County and State aforesaid, (duly authorized by law to administer oaths), Sarah H. Neal or O'Neal, aged 60 years, a resident in the County and State aforesaid, who being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of Basil Neal or O'Neal, deceased, who was a soldier in the Regiment of ___ commanded by Major John Graves, in the war with the Indians and Great Britain, before and during the Revolutionary War,

That her said husband entered the service of the United States at ___ on or about the ___ day of ___ 18__ for the term of ___ and continued in actual service in said war for the term of at least fourteen days, and was honorably discharged from said service as will appear by the Muster Rolls of said company, not having any knowledge of the matter of her said husband's discharge. She further states that she was married to the said Basil O'Neal, in the County of Columbia, State of Georgia, on or about the 22 day of July 1829, by William Wright a Justice of the Inferior Court and that her name before her said marriage was Sarah H Green, that her said husband died at his residence in said State & County on the 14th day of October 1848, and that she is still a widow. There being no public record of our marriage but a private one kept in the family Bible.

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty Land to which she may be entitled under the Act approved March 3, 1855, never having received Bounty Land under this or any other act, nor made any other application for Bounty Land except the present. S/ Thomas Lumpkin of Washington DC is hereby authorized to prosecute this my claim and to receive any warrant that may be issued thereon.

S/ Sarah H Neal

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This is to Certify that Basdal
Oneale Dead Faithfully Serve a
Soldier under me against the
Indians in the year [illegible]¹ Certified by me
S/ David Chadwell

¹ The War Department read the year as "1778"

This is to Certify that Basdal
Oneal did Faithfully serve a
Soldier under me against the
~~King of Great Britain~~
and was discharged by me
David Hudson

Henry County Sct

I do hereby certify that Basil Oneal hath taken and subscribed the oath or affirmation of allegiance and fidelity as directed by an act of General Assembly entitled An act to oblige the free male inhabitants of this State above a certain age to give Assurance of allegiance to the Same, and for other purposes. Witness my hand and seal, this 20th day of September 1777

S/ Will Tunstall {Seal}

Henry County Sct, that Basil Oneal hath taken and
subscribed the oath or affirmation of allegiance and fidelity, as directed by an
act of General Assembly intituled An act to oblige the free male inhabitants of
this state above a certain age to give assurance of allegiance to the same, and
for other purposes. Witness my hand and seal, this 20th day of
September 1777
Will Tunstall

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House of Rep. Washington June 3, 1858

I certify that Basil Neal, sometimes called O'Neal, was well known to me for years before his death, that he resided near my father's residence in Columbia County Georgia. I have often heard him speak of his services as a revolutionary Soldier & have no doubt whatever of his Services. I further state that I have no doubt of the genuineness of the old scrip sent to the Department (originally to me). Mrs. Neal is my cousin, & lived with my father's family, & was married by him to Mr. Neal at my father's residence & now lives with a large family of children at the former residence of Mr. Neal.

S/ Augustus R Wright²

² WRIGHT, Augustus Romaldus, a Representative from Georgia; born in Wrightsboro, Ga., June 16, 1813; attended the public schools at Appling, Ga., the grammar school, Franklin College, and the University of Georgia at Athens; studied law at Litchfield (Conn.) Law School; was admitted to the bar in 1835 and commenced practice in Crawfordville, Ga., moving the following year to Cassville; served as judge of the superior courts of the Cherokee circuit from 1842 until he resigned in 1849 to resume the practice of law; moved to Rome, Ga., in 1855 and continued the practice of law; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-fifth Congress (March 4, 1857-March 3, 1859); delegate to Georgia Secession Convention (opposing secession) and to the Confederate Secession Convention; offered provisional governorship of Georgia by President Lincoln, but declined; served as a member of the

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Camp on Shoulderbone November 3rd 1786

This is to Certify that Basil O'Neal has served his Tower [tour] a faithful Soldier at the
[indecipherable word]

Given under my hand.

S/ John Graves Majr

Camp on Shoulderbone Nov 3rd 1786
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his Tower a faithful Soldier ~~at the Tower~~
Given under my hand ~~John Graves~~ ~~November 3rd 1786~~
John Graves Majr

Confederate Congress; during the Civil War organized Wright's Legion, which was mustered in with the Thirty-eighth Georgia Infantry; after the Civil War resumed the practice of law at Rome, Ga.; member of the Georgia Constitutional Convention of 1877; died March 31, 1891, at his home "Glenwood," later a part of the Berry School, near Rome, Ga.; interment in Myrtle Hill Cemetery.

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