

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Nathaniel Newman Hylton R5467

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State of Virginia)

County of Patrick} SS

On this 15th day of July 1837 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of the County of Patrick now sitting as a court Nathaniel N. Hylton a resident of Patrick County in the State of Virginia aged ninety three years who being first duly sworn according to the 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 he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated--That this declaimant volunteered in the company of Capt. William Calloway [William Callaway] in the County of Bedford now Campbell in the State of Virginia in the year 1780 [sic] and marched immediately to the head of the Appomatox river at the house of one Brambos and was stationed there about three days and this Declt. [declarant] marched again to Molly creek [sic: Mollys Creek] and remained there several weeks and finding Col. Tarleton was not coming up the County as it was anticipated [in June 1781], he was marched by his Lieut John Legg to Blufords gap [sic: Buford Gap = Montvale VA] to repel the incursions of the Tories from Green Basin on the West of the mountains and so immediately head quartered at New London [in present Campbell County] having been on this engagement at least three months. He this affiant was stationed at New London guarding the magazine as a minute man under Col. Charles Lynch and Capt Jerry Early [Jeremiah Early] in the company of Capt. John Callaway occasionally making little excursions against the Tories and to prevent the insurrections of the negroes in the surrounding county Time there 2 two years. He recollects guarding an Capt. Guttridge [probably Guthridge] a notorious traytor who was captured down below Williamsburg in Virginia and brought up to New London in Bedford County Va. to prevent the British from rescuing him, about eight months during this time before mentioned. He saw and was acquainted with Genl Stueben at New London when he was there which was about three weeks. In those excursions from the garrison at New London this affiant marched through Pittsylvania and Halifax Countys Va. to the mouth of the Horse Pasture now in the County of Henry Va. When this affiant made the excursion to the Horse Pasture he marched under one Capt. Thomas Henderson. This saw Genl. Bluford [sic: Col. Abraham Buford] as he passed New London on his way to the South before his defeat [at the Battle of Waxhaws SC, 29 May 1780]. But owing to this particular line of duty which he had to perform he never was in any battles, but was principally confined to the garrison before named and its vicinity. His great age and consequent loss of memory combined with the fact that he is an illiterate man has not only prevented him from stating accurately the dates and events of his service as completely as he would wish to do, but he thinks he is unable to state the service itself precisely. One thing, however, he is satisfied is time that he was engaged in the service of the United States more than two years at the places and under the officers before stated. His discharges have all been lost, and in fact his illiteracy and helpless situation has placed it beyond his power to report his claim as soon as he wished, for a Pension. In fact he has been dependent on the aid of others, and has been anxious for the last four or five years to take steps to secure from the government what he thinks he is entitled to from the hand of his country. This affiant is poor helpless and very nearly blind and has been unable to travel any distance for several years. He omitted to mention that he was a private during the whole of his service. He has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any living witness by whom he could prove his service. He was born in Va. in County of King and Queen and was removed by his parents to Prince George County in Va. and from thence he came down to New Kent and from New Kent to Hanover Va., thence to Goochland, thence to Albemarle thence to Amherst and thence to Bedford and from there to Patrick, all counties in Va. –

He hereby relinquishes any claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not found on the Pension Roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Nathaniel N. (his X mark) Hylton

NOTE: Nathaniel Newman Hylton died after 1840 without receiving a pension, possibly because his name was spelled Hilton or Helton in military records. On 15 June 1852 his son Edward Hylton in behalf of all the children applied for amount due.