

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Micajah Neal R7579

Mildred (Milly)

f87VA

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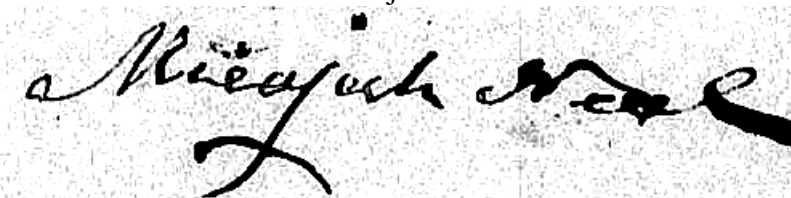
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State of Kentucky Shelby County Sct

On this 17th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the presiding Justice of the said County court of Shelby County Micajah Neal a resident of the County of Shelby & State of Kentucky aged seventy-nine years who being first duly sworn makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the winter he thinks of 1778 or '79 under Captain William Kirtly [William Kirtley] – shortly after he was placed under Captain Thomas Porter the Major was Jack Roberts & the Regiment was commanded by Colonel Francis Taylor – He cannot recollect the names of the Ensign & Lieutenants of his company – the Regiment he belonged to guarded the Albemarle Barracks which was Burgoyne's Army held as prisoners. He enlisted to guard the prisoners of Burgoyne's Army so long as it would be necessary. He continued between two & three years in the service as a guard – When there was danger of Cornwallis retaking the prisoners we marched them over the Blue Ridge to a place called Gilbert – after a short time they were marched back & again we marched them to Winchester where we remained some time we then marched them beyond Winchester & we were relieved by other soldiers in the [indecipherable word] Maryland troops – He returned to Winchester & he received his discharge he thinks from Major Roberts. After he was discharged he joined the militia & was at the taking of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781]. When he entered he resided in the County of Culpeper in the State of Virginia the government owed me pay & I sold to a Mr. Augustine Rucker my discharge – for a horse – He cannot recollect the exact time he was in this service he thinks above two years & six months.

S/ Micajah Neal

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Micajah Neal". The ink is dark and the background is a light, textured surface.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that my name is not on the pension roll of any Agency or any State or Territory. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Micajah Neal

Benjamin Washburn made oath in open Court that he knew Micajah Neal whose declaration is above & that he knows the Micajah Neal who makes this Declaration is the same Micajah Neal

that he knew in the revolution & that the statements in said declaration are true.

S/ Benjamin Washburn¹, X his mark

[f p. 9: On May 30, 1840 in Shelby County Kentucky, Milly Neill [sic], 75, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Micajah Neill [sic], a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him between the year 1780 and 1783, the precise time she cannot positively state; that her husband died February 26, 1835 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 8: certification by the clerk of the Orange County Virginia court that a marriage license issued on August 3, 1782 for the marriage of Micajah Neal and Milly Beazley.]

[f p. 12: Power of attorney dated March 16, 1853 executed in Shelby County Kentucky by Robert S Saunders, administrator of the estate of Mildred Neal, widow of Micajah Neal.]

[facts in file: the widow is certified to have died in Shelby County Kentucky July 16, 1840 survived by the following children:

1. Sarah wife of Peter Martin [in 1854, Sarah was aged about 69 and Peter, 72
2. Charles Neal
3. James Neal
4. Nancy wife of James Nay
5. John Neal
6. Ezekiel Neal
7. Thomas Neal
8. Dudley Neal]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

¹ [Benjamin Washburn S11696](#)