

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Newton R7635

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State of Illinois Pope County } SS

On this 4th day of June 1838 personally appeared in Open Court the County Court of Pope County & State of Illinois, Joseph Newton, a resident of the County of Hope and State of Illinois aged 75 years, 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 of the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That he was drafted and enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1779 -- in the regular troops, and served 6 months in the service of the United States in the Regiment commanded by Col. Parmer [sic, probably Col. Thomas Farmer] on the Continental line under the following named officers (to wit) Major Murphy, Capt. Hill [John Hill] Lieut. Duncan & Col. Parmer of the Regiment that he resided in the County of Randolph North Carolina when he entered in to the service and that they rendezvoused at the town of Salisbury North Carolina and then they marched to the Catawba River at the Island Ford and remained there until Lord Cornwallis¹ the British General came at which time a battle ensued the British attacked us, and the British [one or more indecipherable words] the River crossed the same and upon the intelligence of the Aid de camp of General Davidson the British had crossed the River and that then orders was given for them to retreat to the Widow Tirants [Tarrant's] and that the British overtook us & fired upon us.² At which time we retreated to the Island Ford and there rallied [?] and marched from thence to the Guilford Court house in Guilford County and there they had another battle [Battle of Guilford Court House, March 15, 1781] with Cornwallis. At Guilford Court house & General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] retreated to the old field at the Hilbery [Hillsborough ?] road and there General Greene gave orders to discharge the militia and they were there discharged. And this deponent further states on his oath, that in the year 1782 to the best of his recollection he enlisted again in the service of the United States for the period in time of 2 years under Capt. Benjamin Fulsom [Benjamin Folsom]. At the Station called Fulsom Fort on the Ogeechee River in the State of Georgia & continued in the service for the 2 years -- and the said court in the County of Wilkes after which period he was honorably discharged, and this deponent further states that he has no documentary evidence of his services nor does he know of any person living by whom he can prove his services rendered by him to the United States or any portion thereof. And this affiant now makes the following answers to the Interrogatories required by the law & war department. He then first states that he was born in the

¹ The events this applicant is describing occurred in February 1781, not 1779 as he states.

² Tarrant's Tavern, February 1, 1781: http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_tarrants_tavern.html

State of North Carolina in the year 1763. That he has no record of his age. He was living when called into the service of the United States in the State of North Carolina. He has since lived in the State of Georgia and Illinois and that he now lives in the state of Illinois. He now further states that for the first 6 months tour he was drafted. And in the last period of 2 years he enlisted did not volunteer nor was he a substitute. He states that the name of the field officers are Col. Parmer, Capt. Hill Major Murphy Capt. Fulsom &c he states that his said two discharges the one given by General Greene the other by Benjamin Fulsom and that the same our since lost he never had any commission at all.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

S/ Joseph Newton, X his mark

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The declaration of Joseph Newton, aged 82 years in order to procure a pension for his Services in the Revolutionary War under the Act of Congress in such cases made and provided, this deponent states that he entered the Service of the United States as a private being in the first place drafted and by the interference of his Mother, he was released not being 16 years of age, but having heard the sound of the fife & drum he ran away from his Mother and joined the Army as a Volunteer for 6 months, under command of Capt. John Hill, the Company then rendezvoused at Salisbury North Carolina where we underwent an inspection by Col. Farmer & Major Murphey -- and were continued at Salisbury for some length of time we were then marched under Col. Palmer & Col. Murphey to Beatties Ford on the Catawba River my Commandant still being Capt. Hill and Lieut. Dunkin [sic, Duncan?], and we had an engagement with Lord Cornwallis & his royal Army -- having heard that General Davidson was killed and his troops defeated, and when in the act of expiring he General Davidson sent his aid to Col. Palmer to retreat immediately from the River as the British had crossed the River and in all probability would surround him, Col. Palmer immediately obeyed the order, and we retreated in haste, to the Widow Tarrance's [sic, Tarrant's] thence the Line of battle was formed under our Col., -- where we met with a complete defeat during which engagement we lost many valuable men among others my Lieut. Dunkin, the defeat being so complete, the troops were all scattered we again rallied at Sloans ferry on the Yadkin River still under the command of Col. Palmer, where the enemy again met us when a cannonade was kept up during the greater part of the night from thence after joining the Main Army commanded by General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] we proceeded to Guilford Court House, where the Army lay all night here the Army underwent an inspection by General Morgan [Daniel Morgan], we were then marched 10 or 15 miles to the Widow Vaughn's, where the Army was refreshed, and during the night of the same day we received orders, & were marched back to Guilford Court House, the enemy having pursued us there, preparations were then made for a general engagement, and there the memorable battle was fought, which will never be forgotten by me, or the American people.

After this engagement, general orders were given by General Greene to discharge the North Carolina Militia where I received my discharge which I lost, notwithstanding we had received our discharges we were persuaded by our Capt. Hill to continue together for our own safety and that of the County through which we had to travel, as the whole country was infested by the Tories, this was in the year 1781 as well as my recollection serves me, previous to my Step Father's & my Mother's moving to North Carolina they resided in the State of Georgia -- this move was made in order to get rid of the Tories & Indians, and after the battle of Guilford

some months, we returned to the State of South Carolina on our way to the State of Georgia, where this deponent left his Stepfather & Mother and proceeded on to the State of Georgia, and on his arriving there he met with a recruiting officer by the name of Capt. Benjamin Fulsom, with whom he enlisted for 2 years, we were engaged in the defense of Fulsom's Fort, on the Ogeechee River being the frontier of Georgia in that service he continued until he obtained a full discharge for the 2 years service, which discharge was lost in his Pocket Book with his other discharge and although his Pocket Book was found the papers was so mutilated, that they could not be read. For this two-year service he knows of no living witness by whom he can prove the actual service and will therefore have to rely upon his own oath, and circumstantial evidence.

S/ Joseph Newton, X his mark

Commonwealth of Kentucky Muhlenberg circuit

We _____ & _____ residing in Christian County Certify that we are acquainted with Joseph Newton who has subscribed & sworn to the above declaration, that we believe him to be 78 years of age, that he is reputed & believed in the neighborhood where he now resides & where he formerly resided to have been a Soldier of the Revolution, & that we concur in that opinion -- Given under our hands this 19th day of September 1842

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Commonwealth of Kentucky Muhlenberg Circuit September Term 1842

The Declaration of Joseph Newton a revolutionary soldier aged 82 years, made in order to procure a pension, was exhibited in the Court & sworn to by the said Newton -- and thereupon William Crabtree³ aged 85 years made his statement on oath before the Honorable John Calhoun as to the services rendered by the said Newton; and James Harkins & Jacob Oglesby who are credible witnesses, came into court & declared and oath that they were well acquainted with said Joseph Newton and have been for many years, and that they believe him to be a man of truth & credibility, that they have often heard of said Newton services in the Revolution, and verily believes the statements in his Declaration are correct: All of which is ordered to be certified to the War Department.

In witness whereof I Charles F. Wing Clerk of the Circuit Court of the Circuit aforesaid, have hereunto set my hand & affixed the seal of said Court offers at the Courthouse in Greenville this 20th day of September 1842 and in the 51st year of the Commonwealth.

S/ C F. Wing

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State of Kentucky Muhlenberg County Circuit

This 20th day of September 1842 personally appeared before John Jackson the Judge of the Muhlenberg Circuit Court (to wit) in the State of Kentucky, William Crabtree aged 85 years - - who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he has been acquainted with Joseph Newton who is an applicant for a pension to the United States under the acts of Congress from early childhood, as they resided in the same neighborhood in the State of North Carolina, in the time of the Revolutionary, that the said Joseph Newton acted as a private in the company commanded by Capt. Hill -- for the term of 6 months, although this deponent was in the service they were not attached to, or belonged to the same company, but they had the pleasure of meeting at Guilford on the evening before that memorable battle, and were more than glad to meet the next morning after the engagement, to find that both men still alive, orders being

³ [William Crabtree R2421](#)

then given to Capt. Hill to discharge his Company to which said Newton belonged, this is all the Service that this deponent knows of his own personal knowledge, that was rendered by said Newton, although he has been informed and verily believes that the said Newton did entered the regular Services in the State of Georgia under Capt. Benjamin Fulsom for the term of 2 years, this information, this deponent has received from respectable persons, who are now dead who stated the said Newton did serve out his full term of enlistment. And I the said John Calhoun Judge as aforesaid do certify that the said William Crabtree is a person of good character and entitled to credit. Given under my hand at Greenville this date above.

S/ John Calhoun

[p 8: On December 20, 1852, in Pope County, Illinois, Isaac Newton, 44 [last digit is unclear], filed as the administrator of the estate of Ann Newton, widow of Joseph Newton, a claimant for a pension for his services in the Resolution; he states Joseph Newton was his father; he relates what he recalls of his father's statements regarding his services (which contains details not set forth in Joseph's declaration above, for example he says his father was in the battles at Guilford Court House, Eutaw Springs, and Cowpens); that his parents were married ___ in ___; that his mother's maiden name was Ann Stephens, that at the time of her marriage to his father she was the "widow Robinett"; that his father died in Williamson County, Illinois March 24, 1844, aged about 80; that his mother died in Williamson County April 18, 1851 aged about __; that his parents had the following children now living: James Newton, Sarah Deason (who is now a widow), Rebecca Trammel wife of Philip Trammel; Temperance Aplin (widow); Nancy Buckner wife of David Buckner and this deponent, Isaac Newton.



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[p 85: On January 17, 1853 in Pope County Illinois, David Buckner gave testimony that he is the husband of Nancy Buckner formerly Nancy Newton 1 of the heirs of Joseph Newton; that the old family Bible of Joseph Newton is now in his possession; that during the lifetime of the widow Ann Newton, she attempted to apply for a pension and the person who undertook to draw her application got permission to tear out the page of the family record showing the marriage of the veteran and his wife; that the deponent understood that the page was to be sent to Washington City; that the widow died shortly thereafter and no action was ever taken to seek a pension on her behalf; that the deponent thinks the family record showed that they were married some time in 1790 or 91.



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[Supplemental declaration dated January 2, 1854 given in Pope County, Illinois by Isaac Newton, aforesaid, now 43; Joseph Newton born 1783 in NC; first drafted in 1779 or 1780 while living in Randolph County, NC; served in Georgia under a Capt. Elsberry and Col. Jack Clark; that Elsberry was killed in battle; that deponent's parents married in Randolph County, NC [year still now stated]

[Facts in file: Joseph and Ann Newton lived in Christian County, Ky in 1812; in either 1820 or

1823, they moved to Gallatin and Williamson Counties, Illinois; Joseph and Ann had a son named John who died prior to Joseph's death; As of 1854, John's children who were still living were: Job S., about 35, Joseph, about 32, Rebecca Fielding, about 30, Sarah McDaniel, about 28 and F. M. Newton, about 25.]