

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Newton R7636
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State of North Carolina, Cleveland County

On this 25th day of May 1846 personally appeared before me one of the acting Justices of the peace for said County Martha Newton and after being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath made the following affidavit (viz.):

That she is the Daughter and one of the heirs at law of Margaret Newton who was the widow of William Newton deceased who was a private Soldier in the War of the Revolution whose heirs have made application for the Pension that was due their deceased mother on the account of the Service of their Father the aforesaid William Newton. That she is in possession of an old Bible That has all the births of the children of the said William & Margaret Newman registered in & that it is in the hand writing of her Father the aforesaid William Newton written many years ago & that the original Record is hereto appended. She Further Declares that this Family Register has been in her possession ever since the death of her Father the aforesaid William Newton.

Sworn to and subscribed this 25th of May 1846 before me.

S/ Joseph Carroll, JP

S/ Martha Newton, X her mark

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Ebennezer Newton Was born in year 1779 the
28 [last digit is unclear] day of September
Martha Newton Was Born in the year 1782 the
13 day of may
John Newton Was Born in the year 1785 the 26
day of December
William Newton Was Born in year 1787 the 11
day July
James Newton Was Born in the year 1792 the
22 day July

*Ebennezer Newton
Was born in year 1779
the 28 day of September*

*Martha Newton Was
Born in the year 1782
the 13 day of may*

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Born in the year 1785
the 26 day of December*

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Born in year 1787 the
11 day July*

*James Newton Was Born
in the year 1792 the 22 day
July*

[p 6: Ebenezer Newton executed an affidavit dated August 3, 1854 in Jackson County North Carolina.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ebenezer Newton". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. There is a vertical line to the left of the signature, and a small bracket-like mark at the end of the signature.

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State of North Carolina, Cleveland County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions May Session 1846

On this 22nd day of May 1846 Personally appeared in Open Court now in Session William Newton a resident of the aforesaid County and State and after being first duly Sworn according to law, doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by an act of Congress passed July 4th 1836 and if not that act the acts July 7th 1838 and 3 March 1843 entitled and Act Granting half pay and pension to certain Widows.

That he is the son and one of the heirs at law of Margaret Newton who was the widow of William Newton who was a private Soldier in the War of the Revolution of the North Carolina Militia and served the United States against the Common Enemy the following towers [sic, tours] (Viz.) That he was Drafted and Served four tours the length of them tours Supposed to be three months tours they further think or understand that he served at one time something longer than three months but am not certain. That one Mr. Dickson was the General the balance of the officers did not known to this deponent but thinks that one Mr. Martin was their Captain the whole amount of Service Supposed to be Sixteen months. He further declares that his Father and Mother the aforesaid William and Margaret Newton was married Some time prior to the Surrender of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] and prior to the last period of his Father's Service the precise date of the Marriage unknown but was married before he Entered the Service of the United States he further declares That his Father the aforesaid William Newton died April 6th, 1824 and that his Mother the aforesaid Margaret Newton died the 4th day of December 1843 and that she remained a widow from his death to her death.

This Claimant further declares that he knows of no other Record that gives any account of the Marriage of the aforesaid William and Margaret Newton then the one that is hereunto appended which is an old Recommendation [?] & Certificate Give to his Father & Mother from a Church in the County of Lincoln and that the Original is hereunto appended which was written many years ago this deponent further declares that all the heirs at law who survived the aforesaid Margaret Newton are Ebenezer, Martha, himself William Newton and that they are all of full age and that they all Reside in this County except Ebenezer Newton who resides in Macon County North Carolina.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year first above written.
Witness: S/ Rich'd Champion, Clk

S/ William Newton, X his mark

This is to inform whom it may concern that this is to certify that the [indecipherable word] William Newton and his wife have lifed [sic, lived] her [sic, here] a Considerable time and it is free of all publick Scandall and being about to Removed from this place, and day may be Received as members of any Christian Society and we Can Recommend them as [faded, illegible text] have always born a [faded, illegible text] Character.

Given under our hands in the forks of the Catawba River [faded, illegible text] ford.
December 15th 1794
P.S. From our Society

S/ [Illegible signature]

S/ John M. [illegible last name]

S/ Alexander Hamilton

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State of North Carolina, County of Cleveland

On this ___^{4th} day of September 1855 personally appeared before me J. F. Williamson one of the Acting Justices of the peace within and for said County Miles Pool, age 66 – who, after being duly sworn according to law, maketh oath & saith, that he became acquainted with William Newton about the year 1800, and knew him intimately until his death which he thinks was about 26 years ago; That he also knew his wife Margaret Newton well, and formed his acquaintance with her at the same time he did with the aforesaid William.

And upon many and repeated occasions, he heard William Newton speak of his Services in the revolutionary war and the events of that war &c. That he heard him say, That he was in the battle at Ramsour's Mill [June 20, 1780], Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780], and the Cowpens [January 17, 1781]; and that he lived in the time of his Service in Tryon County N. C. now Lincoln County. That in his lifetime (William Newton) had the reputation and character of having served as a Soldier; was looked upon and recognized by all who knew him as having served in the revolution &c. That he (the deponent) had this conversation with him a long before the passage of any pension laws was passed, by which he might be benefited. That he heard his wife Margaret Newton frequently speak of her husband's Services in the war also, and the occurrences of the war, and also stated that they lived in Tryon County (now Lincoln) in that time. That he heard her speak of these things between 40 and 50 years ago, he thinks. That they aforesaid William Newton, was a man of good moral character when he (the deponent) knew him first, was a Member of the [indecipherable word, could be "Lincoln"]¹ Church, and remained one until his death. As was also his wife Margaret.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and date above mentioned.

S/ Miles Pool

S/ J. F. Williamson, JP

[Mary Pool, 65, wife of Miles Pool gave an affidavit identical in content to her husband's affidavit.]

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