

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Newton R7637

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State of Virginia County of Mecklenburg: SS

On this 15 day of April A.D. 1855 personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace within and for the County & State aforesaid Mrs. Martha Newton aged 74 who upon Oath before me declares that she is the widow of William Newton deceased who was a soldier in the War of the revolution, as she has often heard him say but that she has no perfect recollection when he served or how long only recollects distinctly his being in the service at the close of said War she believes he went into the service from the County of Mecklenburg Virginia with an officer named Fulks that she also recollects the name of Captain Graves as one of his Officers thinks he was at Yorktown at surrender of Wallace [Cornwallis, October 19, 1781]. She is informed that her declaration of 1855 for a pension & for bounty Land she stated that there was a private & public record of her marriage she states that she cannot read nor write and such a statement was an oversight when read to her – that she never said or intended to say that there was either private or public record of her marriage but then as now intended to state that she was married on the 29 day of October A.D. 1801 [last digit written over and unclear]¹ to her said husband William Newton – as stated in her declaration² No. __ with which she prays this may be filed as additional testimony,
That the reason why her said husband did not file his declaration he did not know that he was entitled to a pension.

S/ Martha Newton, X her mark

This is to certify, that it appears from a list in this office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line as settled their accounts and received certificates for the balance of their full pay, according to an act of assembly, passed the November session 1781, directing the Auditors of Public Accounts to settle and adjust the pay and accounts of said Officers and Soldiers from the first January 1777 to 31st December 1781, (see Hening's Statutes at Large, vol. 10, p. 462,) that a settlement was made on the 19th day of December 1783 in the name of William Newton as Sergeant Infantry and evidence of the indebtedness of the State to him was £80.9.9, delivered to himself but as the original settlements or copies thereof or not to be found in this office, the term of service embraced therein cannot be stated.

Given under my hand at the First Auditor's Office, Richmond, this

¹ 1801

² There is correspondence in the file that indicates that the earlier application was lost and is not contained in this file

3rd day of October 1855.

S/ G. W. Clutter
Audr P. Accts.

[No Seal of Office]

[facts in file: one of the affidavits in support of the claim of the widow indicates that she and her husband had 5 children (not named)]

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State of Virginia County of Mecklenburg: SS

On this 11th day of December in the year of our Lord 1857 before me the undersigned one of the Justices of the Court of Mecklenburg County, a court of record (held in and for said County) at the residence of Martha Newton in said County personally appeared Martha Newton, a resident of said County (whom I certify to be owing to advanced age and bodily infirmity unable to appear before the Justices of said Court in open Court, aged 76 years, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law doth on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress approved on the ____

That she is the widow of William Newton, deceased, who was a soldier, belonging to the militia or other troop of the State of Virginia in service during the War of the revolution, as is more particularly set forth in a declaration and proves heretofore filed by her and now on file in the Pension Office, and to which reference is made.

She further declares that she was married to the said William Newton at S. Yancies in the State of Virginia on the 29 day of October A.D. 1798 or 99: that her husband the said William Newton died on the last day of August 1850 or 51, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proofs hereto annexed, and those already filed in the pension office in support of her claim.

And further that she hereby appoints C W Bennett her true and lawful attorney authorizing him to attend to her claim, receive the certificate when issued and to do all other acts necessary and proper in the premises.

S/ Martha Newton, X her mark