

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Newman S1299

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State of Tennessee } To wit — 1837
Rutherford County }

On this 21st day of October personally appeared John Newman a resident of the County of Rutherford aforesaid, and State aforesaid, before the Honorable the Circuit Court began and held at the Court house in Murfreesboro in & for the County aforesaid, aged about 78 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 made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. that he enlisted in the army of the United States in October 1776 with Captain John Moseby [sic: John Mosby] and served in the second Georgia Regiment of the Georgia line under the following named officers towit Samuel Elbert Colonel, John Stirk Lieut Colonel, Benjamin Porter Major, John Moseby Captain, John Habersham brigade Major, Jacob Winfrey & John Clark Lieutenants and Robert Moseby [probably Robert Mosby] Ensign. He resided at the time he entered the service in Buckingham County and state of Virginia. He enlisted, he believes, about the 20th day of October. This enlistment was for three years. During the march to Georgia and on the way, towit about six miles from Prince Edward Courthouse in the State of Virginia, in the month of January 1777, this declarant again enlisted under the same officers for during the war, for which he received ten dollars bounty and the promise of two hundred acres of land. This declarant between the time of the second enlistment & the battle of Savannah, was in several marches, and among others the Florida expedition under the command of Gen Robert Howe. this declarant was with his company at the battle of Savannah, fought on the 29th day of December 1778, where this declarant lost his right arm, which was shot off near to his shoulder by a cannon ball. He was, after the fighting was over taken prisoner by the British, and kept in Savannah till his arm was healed (about 3 months) and was then sent on board a prison ship some fifteen miles below the Town of Savannah. He remained there till about the last of August 1779 when he was exchanged, and delivered over to the american Troops at Puyrersburg [sic: Puryrsburg] on Savannah river in South Carolina. At the time he was exchanged he was so swollen, he could not travel, and remained there about one month, and then went to Augusta. There he applied to General [John] McIntosh for a discharge. "Damn you!" said he, pointing to declarant's shoulder. "you have a better discharge than I can give you. I have no right to discharge you, as you were enlisted for during the war." This declarant at that time was doing nothing for the service, was receiving no clothing or pay, nor had he received any since the battle of Savannah. He then applied to Gen Elbert for a discharge, who told him he could not give one until the war was over. He left Augusta about the first of December 1779 and reached home in Amherst County Virginia about Christmas and was not called on afterwards. In 1784 this Declarant received from Gen Samuel Elbert a discharge as a private soldier who had served according to enlistment for during the war. About 26 years ago this declarant placed his discharge in the hands of Hon. Felix Grundy who has since told declarant he had lost it.

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 except only on that of the agency in West Tennessee, the same being for an Invalid pension.

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