

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Randolph Newsom S14019

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State of Alabama, Tuscaloosa County } SS

On this 22nd day of July 1833 personally appeared before the Judges of the County Court for the County aforesaid (the Court being open) Randolph Newsom a Resident of the County of Tuscaloosa and County of Alabama 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 provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year he thinks that the Battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] was fought -- (he knows it was fought after his enlistment as he was in it) with Captain William Caswell, and served in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Buncombe [Edward Buncombe], the number not recollected North Carolina line under the following named officers

He first enlisted for 12 months under Captain William Caswell, the Lieutenant was named Darnell [sic, Henry Darnell?] Ensign named Palmore [sic, Joseph Palmer] the Major of the Battalion not recollected the Regiment was commanded by Colonel Buncombe. This enlistment took place at Wilmington North Carolina, & he served out but five months, when a new arrangement was proposed, his officers & himself and many others enlisted for three years from the time of the new enlistment -- under the same officers -- this took place at New Bern, at which place he was then doing duty. At the time of his first Enlistment he resided in Sussex County Virginia, but he had gone to Wilmington on visit & there enlisted. -- During the time of his service under the two enlistments aforesaid, he was in several skirmishes & Battles, the first was at Bald Head Island at the mouth of Cape Fear River in North Carolina, the next was at Brandywine Creek in Pennsylvania Delaware, the next at Germantown [October 4, 1777] Pennsylvania, the next Stono [Stono Ferry, June 20, 1779] in South Carolina, which was the last in which he was engaged. In performing those services he marched through large portions of the States of North Carolina, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Delaware & South Carolina, and at the expiration of his term of service he was discharged -- but he has taken so little care of it that it is lost. -- He believes however because he is so informed, that he appears upon the Rolls of the North Carolina troops.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Moses M. Gun, Clerk

S/ Randolph Newsom, X his mark

[Thomas W. Cox, a clergyman, and Richard H. Odo & William Thompson gave the standards supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina, Secretary of States Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Rand'l Newson [sic], a musician in Captain Caswell's Company of the 5th Regiment enlisted in 1777 for three years, was omitted in January 1778 mustard 1779 – He appears again (Randolph Newsom a musician) and Captain Taylor's Company of the 10th Regiment, mustered for three years and 1779.

Given under my hand this 11th day of October 1833.

S/ Wm. Hill.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$88 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the North Carolina Continental line.]