

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edmund Newman¹ S1571

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State of Tennessee Knox County: County Court October Session of said Court 1832

On the 3rd day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court at a Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County being a Court of record and having a clerk and official seal, held for the County aforesaid by the Justices of said County, Edmund Newman a citizen of said County aged sixty-nine years who being sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of a law of Congress passed June 7th 1832 – That he was born in Shenandoah County in the State of Virginia on the 6th day of September 1763 – that he continued to reside in said County and State at the time of the commencement of the Revolutionary War, and during its whole continuance and afterwards until the year 1787 – That sometime in February 1781 he entered the service of the United States – that he was drafted in said County of Shenandoah for a term of two months – that he was enrolled at Millerstown in said County, into a Company commanded by Captain John Brown of said County, who was afterwards elected a Colonel of the militia of said County, and Lieutenant Ulrich Kenor [Ulrich Reaner?] of said County – That the object of the draft of said Company was to guard about 600 prisoners which had been taken somewhere in the South, by General Morgan, as he understood, and probably at the battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781] – that these prisoners had been guarded by some militia as far as Millerstown, whose term of service had expired, and to supply whose place, his company had been drafted – Applicant states that there were three companies drafted at the same time he was, one of which, was commanded by Captain John Sehorn [?], and the other he does not recollect by whom commanded – he thinks his Captain, Brown, being the senior officer, had the chief command, he states that they took possession of the prisoners, consisting of British regulars and Tories, on the same evening of his enrollment and started with them the next morning towards Winchester Virginia – that they marched from Millerstown, with said prisoners in charge, through Stevenstown, Newtown, and leaving Winchester to the right marched on to the barracks about six miles to the northwest of Winchester, where applicant and his Company remained guarding the said prisoners until the day before the two months for which applicant and his company had been drafted had expired, when they marched the said prisoners [word obliterated and illegible] Winchester and on the road to Fredericktown Maryland to nine miles below Winchester where the prisoners were put under the charge of a new guard and the time of applicant's service having expired, he and his company were discharged and went home – Applicant states that sometime in the month of June in the same year, 1781, he was again drafted in said Shenandoah County, for a term of two months – he states that two weeks before he was drafted, they had been a general draft of the militia of his

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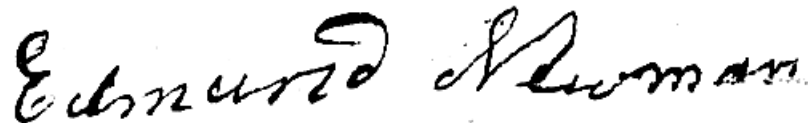
County, but it appearing that there was still a deficiency, applicant and forty-three others were drafted from his County and ordered to March directly to the main Army – he states that he and his forty-three companions marched without having any officer (but one they had appointed to take the command until they joined the main Army) through Fredericksburg, and crossed the Pamunkey River at Frazier's or Ruffin's ferry – after crossing the River and marching about eight or ten miles they passed a church in which about fifty or sixty of the Americans lay wounded, and the next morning joined the main Army in their encampment, composed of Continentals under Generals Lafayette and Wayne, and the militia under Generals Stephens [Edward Stevens] and Lawson [Robert Lawson] – he states that he does not know at this time who those wounded were whom they saw in the church, but he recollects of hearing the firing of cannon while they were crossing the River – Applicant states that upon joining the main Army he and his forty-three companions were put into a company under the command of Captain Thomas Marshall, who was clerk of the Court at Millerstown and who had gone with the first draft which was made from the County – he states that the main Army lay about a day or two at the encampment after he joined them, until he took up the march towards Richmond and arrived at a place called the Mobbed-hills [Malvern Hills], about eighteen miles below Richmond and on James River. There the Army encamped about two weeks, when it returned down the River, through Newcastle, crossed the Pamunkey River at Ruffin's ferry, and marched to Sandy-Point, where the Army encamped about two weeks – now here the Army recrossed the Pamunkey at the same ferry, and marched across to a point on the James River just above old Jamestown where the Army continued until the 2nd day of September, at which time, applicant's time of service having expired, he got his discharge and returned home – he states that it was nearly three months from the time he left home until he was discharged, but that his two months was not counted until after he had joined the main Army and had been regularly enrolled – he states that General Stevens, to whose division he was attached, told him the morning he was discharged, that the French had blockaded the mouth of the River, which is the first information he had of that fact – Applicant states that sometime in November of the same year 1781, Henry Bowman was drafted in Shenandoah County for a tour of two months, and being a man of a large family and unwilling to leave home, he hired applicant to serve as his substitute in the said tour – Applicant accordingly ~~enrolled in Shenandoah County into a company commanded by Captain Darby Downey~~ went directly to Winchester barracks, where he was enrolled into a company commanded by Captain Darby Downey, which company reached the barracks but a day before and was the company in which the said Bowman what have been enrolled, but on calling his name applicant answered and was enrolled in his stead – when applicant reached the said barracks he found 2600 British prisoners who had been taken at Yorktown at the surrender of Cornwallis – to guard these, applicant and his company were stationed at said barracks, until the two months for which he had substituted had expired when he was discharged and went home – Applicant states that sometime in the next summer (1782) he was drafted in Shenandoah County and went with eight or ten others from the same County, to Winchester barracks, where he was enrolled for a two months tour into a Company commanded by Captain James Simmervill of Frederick County, and Lieutenant Patrick Shannon of the same County – this company was composed of militia drafted from the Counties of Frederick, Shenandoah and Hampshire and all put under the command of the said Captain Simmervill and Lieutenant Shannon. Here applicant remained with his said company guarding 2600 British prisoners until the 2 months for which he had been drafted had expired, when he got a discharge and returned home – Applicant states that he has served altogether in the Army of the United States in the Revolutionary war 8 whole months viz. 3 campaigns of 2 months each as a

drafted militia private and 2 months as a substitute, as above mentioned – Applicant [paper to one, text missing] the record of his age which is Father gave him – In the year 1787 he removed to the same neighborhood and Knox County Tennessee where he has lived ever since. He states that he received a written discharge at the termination of each of his said campaigns but he has lost them all – and he has now no documentary evidence whatever of his services nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services – he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

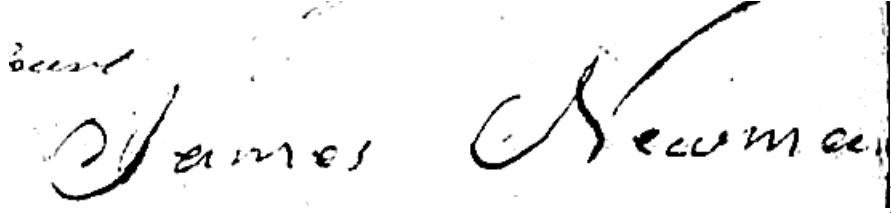
Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 3rd day of October 1832

S/ Wm Swan, D. C.

S/ Edmund Newman

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edmund Newman".

[f p. 9: James Newman a resident of Knox County Tennessee gave testimony that he has known Edmund Newman for at least 60 years and that he, the affiant, knows that Edmund Newman served at least 2 tours of 2 months each to guard the prisoners at Winchester and 8 another tour of 2 months at Yorktown and believes that the veteran served as he states in his declaration. The relationship, if any, of the affiant to the veteran is not stated

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Newman".

[f p. 10: Samuel Bowman also gave a supporting affidavit in which he added, among other things, that there is no resident clergyman in the neighborhood in which the veteran lives.]

[f p. 13: On April 19, 1855 in Knox County Tennessee, the veteran claim his bounty land entitlement as a veteran of the revolutionary war under the 1855 act. He signed this application with his mark. This application was supported by the affidavits of John and Jesse Newman, the relationship, if any, of the affiants to the veteran is not stated]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the Virginia service for 8 months.]