

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James L. New S16211

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State of Ohio County of Logan: SS

On this 23rd day of October in the year 1832 personally appeared in open court before George B. Holt President and James McPherson and Robert Smith his associate judges of the court of Common Pleas of the County of Logan aforesaid now sitting James L New a resident of Zane Township in the County of Logan and State of Ohio aged 68 years on the 12th day of February A.D. 1832, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated (viz.) He entered the service as a substitute for one Gideon Roach who was drafted for a term of six months in Charles City County in the State of Virginia in the month of May in the year 1781 but what time in the month of May he cannot now recollect. The company to which he belonged was raised in Charles City County Virginia by draft, and was commanded by Captain William Lovely, Lieutenant __ Lewis, Ensign __ Tribu the Christian names of the Lieutenant & Ensign he cannot recollect – Colonel __ Gaskins [probably Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Gaskins], Major __ Willis, Surgeon __ Munroe were officers in his Regiment whose Christian names he cannot recollect – Captains Woodson, Warman, Coverly and Parker and Kirkpatrick and Lauch were commandants of Companies in the Regiment to which this applicant and his company belonged. This Regiment was under the command of General Wayne [Anthony Wayne]. Applicant joined the Army at Holt's forge in New Kent County Virginia. He marched to Hanover County by Bottoms bridge; thence crossed James River at Woodson's ferry and marched to Amelia County; thence this branch of the Army, composed of General Wayne's regular troops and some Virginia militia, and consisting of about three thousand as he thinks, marched to Albemarle and he thinks some higher up towards the mountains, during this march this Army was pursued by a part of Lord Cornwallis's Army. After the British had left the pursuit, they marched towards Yorktown. The British had burned Holt's Forge in New Kent County a short time before this applicant joined the Army. This part of the Army to which applicant belonged tarried but a short time up the country till they returned and crossed James River at Richmond and marched to a place called Mobbin Hill's [Malvern Hills] where they stayed about a week, there were considerable many troops at this place, he does not know who commanded them – The next march was to the widow Bird's ferry where he crossed the River – and then marched on towards Yorktown, through Williamsburg, stopped at Chiseake Church [Chesapeake Church?], where they were joined by French and many of the American Army. This applicant was at the Battle of Yorktown and fought throughout the engagement. He remembers being inspected by General Steuben before the battle, and the arms of the company were condemned and they were marched to Pigeon Creek bottom till next evening when new

arms were brought to them in wagons. He was standing on his post in the roads when Cornwallis marched out, and he saw him deliver up his sword. He stayed at Yorktown some weeks after the siege – and was then ordered to Richmond with his company to guard some wagons loaded with winter clothing, and after arriving at Richmond he was discharged and sent home. He received a written discharge from Major Findley – which discharge he kept for several years and then lost it somehow, he does not know how. He served out his full term of six months. He closed his term of service a short time before Christmas. He cannot recollect precisely when but the rather was cold; perhaps it was in the last of November A.D. 1781.

Again in the summer of the year A.D. 1782 but at what time he cannot recollect, he was ordered out for two months and went to Yorktown and assisted in leveling the British Fort and taking away the artillery &c and in raising the British vessels that had been sunk by them. The company of Militia and Charles City County Virginia to which he belonged was divided into divisions and the division to which this applicant belonged was ordered out as above stated. The company to which this applicant belonged during this term of service was commanded by Captain Edward Morecock. He does not now recollect the names of the Lieutenant and other officers of the company. He was not attached to any Regiment at this time. He did not become acquainted with any of the officers of the Army this term. There were some of the State Troops at Yorktown and they were assisted in their works by the French. He does not recollect whether he stayed quite two months but he stayed till the work required to be done was all done and then he was discharged and permitted to go home. He does not now recollect what time he got home. His discharge was not in writing – He has no documentary evidence of the above service, and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

He was born in Bedford County in the State of Virginia on the 12th day of February A.D. 1764 – He has no record of his age – His age was recorded in the family Bible but he does not know where that is now. He was living in Charles City County Virginia when called into service. He lived in Charles City County till the year 1808 when he moved to Columbeana [Columbiana] County in the State of Ohio. He has since lived in Bellemont [Belmont] County and Union counties Ohio. He moved in the County of Logan Ohio in the year 1821 and has lived in same Township Logan County Ohio where he now lives for the last ten years. He has above stated the manner of his entering the service, the names of the officers and the general circumstances of his service as well as he can recollect. He is acquainted with the following persons in his present neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution (viz.) William Evins, Joseph Stokes, William West and William Sharp.

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.

S/ James L New

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James L. New". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right.

Sworn to and Subscribed
in open court October 23rd 1832
S/ N. Z. McColloch Clk

[William Sharp, a clergyman, and Joseph Stokes gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Facts in file: veteran died September 21, 1842 in Logan County Ohio leaving a widow, Gulielma [?]. The file contains no reference to any children of the veteran.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$25.55 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months and 22 days in the Virginia militia.]