

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Newit Sammons S1720

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State of Tennessee, Rutherford County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions May Term
1833

On this 22nd day of May 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before John Fletcher, Varner D. Coner [?] and Henry D. Samson Justices holding said Court now sitting Newit Sammons a resident of said County and State aforesaid aged Eighty three 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 Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

That he is Eighty three years of age and in the year 1774 he was drafted in the County of Brunswick State of Virginia and entered the service of the U. States as a private soldier under Capt. Nat Newsom [Nathaniel Newsum] and rendezvoused at Sussex Court House in the 4th Regiment Virginia Militia, when Col. Ben Blount [Benjamin Blount] and Major McLoman [?] Took the command. Declarant understood that Genl. Mulenburg [sic, John Peter Gabriel Muhlenberg] was the commanding officer of all the Troops on duty in that sector of the County at that time. The command was marched to Cabin Point; and after declarant had been on duty six weeks, he was discharged by Capt. Newsom and returned home. In the year 1774 and Four months after the expiration of his first tour of duty, declarant was again drafted from the County of South Hampton State of Virginia, and joined the service under Capt. Joshua Nichol, and rendezvoused at South Hampton Court House; was again attached to the 4th Regiment command by Col Blount and Major McLoman; was marched from South Hampton Court House to Smithfield, Genl.. Muhlenberg commanding, and after a tour of six weeks, was discharged by Capt. Nichol and returned home. In the year 1774 or 75 in the County of South Hampton declarant substituted for one Nathan Kinney and was placed under the command of Capt. John Whitehead, at South Hampton Court House, Col Blount and Major McLoman or Major Duvall in command; was marched to a place called Low Point; and on the march joined other troops at Surry Old Court House; and on the detachment reaching Low Point, other troops were found encamped there, but of what description of troops or who commanded declarant does not now recollect. Declarant was in service six weeks at Low Point, and was then discharged by Capt. Whitehead and returned home. In the same year declarant was drafted and entered the service as a private at South Hampton Court House under Capt. John Taylor, Col Blount and Major Duvall in command of the detachment, was marched to Smithfield where Genl. Muhlenberg commanded and after a service of six weeks was discharged by Capt. Taylor and went home. Declarant was again drafted from the County of South Hampton and was put under the command of either Capt. Blount or Lucas, he cannot now recollect

which, and rendezvoused at the Court House under Col Blount and Major Duvall was marched by Sussex Court House to a place called the Bay and there remained six weeks in service, was discharged by his Capt. and returned home. Shortly after declarant had returned from the last tour of duty, he was again drafted from the County of South Hampton, and joined the service under Capt. Lucas, and rendezvoused at South Hampton Court House under the command of Col Watson and was marched to Hog Island, where Gen; Washington commanded; was in service six weeks and was discharged and returned home. In the year 1775 or '76 he was again drafted and was placed in the company commanded by Capt. Joshua Nichol, rendezvoused at the Court House in South Hampton under the command of Col Watson, and was marched to Cabin Point; where declarant thinks Genl. Muhlenberg commanded. At Cabin Point Capt. Nichol died and Capt. Sunmez [?] took the command of the company—and after a service of six weeks returned home to South Hampton. From South Hampton he again joined the service under Capt. Whitehead and rendezvoused at the Court House and marched to Smithfield. This was in the year 1780 - 1781 and declarant was again in service under Capt. Whitehead two different times, and declarant was at York at the taking of Lord Corn Wallace [sic, Cornwallis] and he was then discharged and went home, after serving three six weeks tours. He knows of no person now living by whom he can prove his said service, and he has no record now in his possession to aid his memory.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declaring that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Newit Sammons, X his mark

S/ John R. Laughlin, Clk

Mr. Lewis Grigg, a clergyman, residing in the County of Rutherford and Gordon Ridout residing in the same, hereby certify, that we are well acquainted with Newit Sammons who has subscribed and sworn to this within declaration; that we believe him to be Eighty three years of age, that he is reputed and believed in the neighbourhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John R. Laughlin, Clk

S/ Lewis Grigg, X his mark

S/ Gordon Ridout

Interrogatories.

When and what year were you born?

Answer – In the year 1749

2nd Have you any record of your age, and if so where is it?

Answer – I have none

3rd Where were you living when called in to service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now live?

Answer – In the State of Virginia, Brunswick County, and I lived in Virginia after the war, and now in Tennessee Rutherford County.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute, and if a substitute for whom?

Answer – I was drafted all but one tour, and for that tour I was a substitute for Nathan Kenney

5th State the names of some of the Regular officers, who were with the troops when you served; list Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service?

Answer – I cannot recollect the names of any of the Regular officers nor do I recollect any Regiment but the 4th Regiment of Militia—and all the circumstances touching my service that I can now recollect is set forth in the body of my declaration.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer – I rec'd a discharge from Capt. Nat Newsom, Capt. Nichol, Capt. Whitehead, Capt. Taylor, Capt. Blount or Lucas, and afterward from Capt. Lucas and lastly from Capt. Nichol—all of which I have lost or they have been destroyed.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your service as a soldier of the Revolution?

Answer – Gordon Ridout, Benj C Ransom and John Ransom Esq, John Wendrow, William Betty, John Lytle, William E. North, William E. Lawrence

State of Tennessee, Rutherford County

Personally appeared in open Court before the aforesaid Justices holding said Court, Newit Sammons who being duly sworn deposed and saith that by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise times that he entered the service; but he can speak of the periods of his service with much certainty but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below and at the times stated, and in the following grades – In the year 1774 six weeks under the command of Capt. Nat Newsom as a private – In the same year for the term of six weeks under Capt. Nichol – In the year 1775 six week as a substitute under Capt. Whitehead – For six weeks under Capt. Taylor in 1775 – For six weeks under Capt. Blount or Lucas – For six weeks under Capt. Lucas – For six weeks under Capt. Nichol 1776 and under Capt. Whitehead three tours 1780 & 1781 making one year and two months and a half that he was in the service of the United States – and for this service I claim a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this day and year aforesaid.

S/ Newit Sammons, X his mark

S/ John R. Laughlin, Clk.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$37.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 11 months & 6 days service as a private in the North Carolina [sic Virginia] militia.]