

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Zephaniah Neal S1863

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State of Tennessee } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Wilson County } September Term AD 1832.

On this 29th day of Sept'r 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Worshipful David C. Hebbetts, James Foster, & Benjamin Billings Esquires the presiding Justices of the court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for Wilson County now sitting, Zephaniah Neal a resident of the County of Wilson and State of Tennessee aged about eighty 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 enlisted in the army of the United States in Bedford County in the State of Virginia on the 6th day of February 1776 for the term of two years under Captain Gross Scruggs & Lieutenant Isham Talbot [Isham Tolbert] and was attached to the 5th Regiment of the Virginia line under the following named officers 1st Colonel [Charles] Scott, Lieut Col. Josiah Parker & Maj [Burgess] Ball that said Scott afterwards [1 Apr 1777] became a Brigadier General & Josiah Parker took the Command of the said 5th Regt., that they were rendezvoused at Portsmouth in Va. and marched under Gen'ls. Muhlenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg], Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] & Washington, were at both the battles at Trenton [28 Jun 1778] and at Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], and three scrimmages besides at Woodbridge he marched to Amboy, Quibbleton [sic: Quibbletown in present New Market NJ] Burlington, Bonbrook [sic: Bound Brook NJ] and marched through Pennsylvania, New Jersey & New York that his Capt was often sick & large portion of his time absent from the Army and he was frequently transfered into other Companies, untill his term of service expired at Camp valey forge [sic: Valley Forge] in Pennsylvania some time in March 1778. he was discharged by Colonel [William] Russell the senior Colonel in the absence of Gen'l Muhlingburgh, after serving two years and returned home to Bedford County in Virginia, that he was in the Militia discharged just before the the Battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] & served other services in the state of Virginia He has no documentary evidence of his services having long since lost his discharge, nor does he know of any person by whom he can prove 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 any Agency in any state of the United States.

[signed] Zephaniah Neal