

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Newman S25329

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[Capitalization partly corrected]

District and State of Virginia, Hampshire County

On this 25th day of May 1818, Before me sole and presiding Judge of the Superior Court personally appears John Newman aged 64 years Resident in Hampshire County in the said district, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary war, that he the said John Newman first Enlisted in the flying Camp for five months and was legally Discharged at Philadelphia, & after the expiration of one year Enlisted in the service of the United States at Frederick Town as a Serjeant in Capt'n. David Hopkins Company of light Dragoons (Colo. Malans Legion) that he was taken prisoner by the Enemy near Spank Town in the State of Jersey [Spanktown NJ, site of a skirmish on 6 Jan 1777], & after three months made his Escape and came in to his troop then lying near the Valley forge where he obtained his Discharge agreeable to his Excellency Gen. George Washingtons Proclamation that about the 1st of Jan 1778 he Enlisted in the 7th Maryland Reg't Capt. Stull Company and was Discharged about April of 1779 that his last Enlistment was in Fredericktown as a Serjeant in Captain Francis Revelee's [sic: Revelly's] company of the third Maryland Regiment of foot, on or about the first of April 1781, — that he Continued to serve in the said Corps, or in the Service of the United States until after he Received his wound and went to Campden [sic: Camden SC] Hospital. Sometime after (If He Recollects right) in the month of February General O. H. Williams [sic: Col. Otho Holland Williams] on his way from Charles Town in South Carolina Came through Campden & furloughed all that was able to make out to travel home & that he among the rest received a furlough being rendered unfit for actual Service, that after he came to Frederick Town in Maryland, Captain David Lynn applied to him to recruit for him as a recruiting Serjeant. that he Excepted the offer, by the authority of General [William] Smallwood then at Annapolis, that he continued to act as Recruiting Serjeant through the Summer season as long as there was orders for recruiting in 1782, and was never called upon to return to his respective Corps as specified in his furlough. that about the year 1806 he obtained a pension from the United States of three Dollars per month to commence from the 1st day of January 1803, that about two years ago he also received an increase of one Dollar & 80 Cts per month which made four Dollars & 80 Cts per month, which United States pension he agrees (on Oath) to relinquish agreeable to the late act of Congress, and that he has been, and now is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services (except his vouchers which are now lodged in the Secretary or War's office at the City of Washington; since the time of his application for pension.

On this 21st day of June 1820 personally appeared in open Court; being a Court of record John Newman aged sixty seven years resident in Hampshire County Virginia, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows Viz. first in the Flying Camp for five months 2^d. in Colonel Maylons regiment of horse for near a year Captain Hopkins Company 3^d. in the Seventh Maryland regiment Capt Stulls company for near a year, and lastly in the 3^d. Maryland Regiment from about the 1st. of April 1781 until sometime in the month of February or March at which time Gen'l. Williams on his return from Charlestown furloughed at Cambden out of the Hospital all the wounded that were able to get home and I among the rest; as soon as I returned to Frederick Town in Maryland I voluntarily at the request of Captain David Lynn entered under him as a recruiting serjeant and continued with him as long as there was any necessity; as will more fully appear by my original declaration filed in the War Office and dated the 25th day of May 1818 upon which he has obtained a certificate of pension numbered 15.907 and did solemnly swear that he was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since

that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provisions of an Act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not nor has any person in trust for him any property or securities contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed Viz The annual rent of a small farm \$50. the interest of \$150 annually. One half witted Negro Girl of about 17 years old were he to hire out he does not believe he could get \$10 per year for her; the above property was left by will to his wifes children, his wife to receive the profits towards raising the children for her lifetime, he has also one corner cupboard one walnut Desk 8 or 9 old chairs 3 small tables 1 old pine chest 1 old pine desk 1 stove not yet paid for, some tea ware, some Iron Castings for Kitchen and 2 milch cows, one of which is 17 years old, one young steer running in the woods and several little articles of lumber kind, one note of \$15 not due one of 5\$ not due one of about \$12 to be paid in work, that the debts he owes is at least three times the amount of that his property would bring in cash. The following is the amount of debts he owes Viz. To Simon Taylor now in law as a security \$92 and the Costs, to John McBride \$60. to Christopher Heishell \$65. to John Maxwell \$55. to James Gibson \$5 to John McDowell \$15 to Peter C. Parker \$22. to R. Runnels Estate \$13. to Garnuel[?] & John Brany \$15 to Richard Moreland \$25 to William Long \$8 to Gerris[?] Dunn \$7 to Mr. Offutt \$6 to James Makin \$10. to Joseph Lanimore \$30

the occupation that he has followed since the revolutionary war has been that of school keeping as he was not capable of manual labour and that he cannot get a school for more than three or four months in the year and that but very small, that his family consists of the following persons viz. Elizabeth his wife aged 39 years Mich'l. P Newman his son aged 3 months old and step son aged 19 years of age a Cripple Nancy and Abraham More two other step children the oldest about 9 years of age, that the said members of his family are able to contribute but little to their support.

A Schedule of my Property

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1 Milch Cow & Calf.....	12.00	
1 Yearling Calf.....	3.00	
1 old Corner Cupboard without Doors.	4.00	
1 old Pine Desk.....	3.00	
1 Old Pine Chest.....	1.50	
1 Table.....	1.50	
4 Split Bottom Chairs.....	1.50	
1 Big Iron pot Very old.....	2.00	
1 Dinner pot.....	1.50	
1 Dutch Oven.....	1.50	
1 Bake Iron.....	.75	
1 Cutting Axe & Iron Wedge.....	1.25	
2 Razors.....	.50	
1 Churn.....	.75	
1 Meat Tub.....	1.00	
3 old flower Barrels.....	.18	
1 Little Spining wheel.....	2.00	
1 Tea pot & Delf Ware.....	2.00	
3 Tins, Spoons. Knives & forks.....	1.00	
1 Meal Ci[?].	.50	
1 Water Bucket.....	<u>.25</u>	
	\$41.68	
1 Tea Kettle.....	1.50	
4 Old Arithm'k Books.....	<u>1.00</u>	
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[signed] John Newman