

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Newton S30618

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State of Kentucky, County of Hopkins } SS

On this 13th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Hopkins County aforesaid now sitting Robert Newton a resident in the County & State aforesaid aged eighty-five 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

He states that he was born on the 10th day of January 1747 in Bucks County in the State of Pennsylvania & removed to Mecklenburg County North Carolina in 1775 and in September in that year volunteered under Captain James Houston of said County of the North Carolina Militia and marched thence under Col. Thomas Polk of said County to the Congaree River where they joined General Richardson [Richard Richardson] of South Carolina & marched on Ninety Six in said State of South Carolina then besieged by the Tories – before they reached Ninety Six they received intelligence that the siege had been raised – they then marched in pursuit of the Tories to the head of Reedy River South Carolina – where they came up with them & captured a number of them, he (said Newton) was then discharged and returned home where he arrived at last day of December 1775, he received no written discharge – this was called the Snowy Campaign.

He states that in January 1776 in the County of Mecklenburg aforesaid he volunteered under Captain William Hoaggins [William Huggins] and Colonel Thomas Polk & marched thence against the Scotch Tories on Cross Creek in North Carolina – when [we] arrived within about 10 miles of Cross Creek we received intelligence that the Tories had been attacked & defeated [Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge, February 27, 1776] by Colonel Caswell [Richard Caswell] of North Carolina, was discharged and returned home where he arrived 10th day of March 1776 – he received no written discharge – this was called the Scotch Campaign.

He states that about the middle of March 1776 in the County of Mecklenburg aforesaid he again volunteered under Captain Hoaggins and Col. Polk aforesaid & marched thence through Salisbury to Cross Creek, thence through Wilmington to Brunswick where he was stationed some time & had a skirmish with the watering parties of the enemy almost every day – the enemy's Fleet lay at that time of Fort Johnson – was discharged and arrived at home in the midst of week harvest about the middle of June 1776 – received no written discharge.

Near the last of June 1776 in the County of Mecklenburg aforesaid he volunteered under Captain William Hoaggins aforesaid & Colonel Ezekiel Polk of South Carolina & marched thence to Wofford's Fort on Lawson's fork of Pacolet River in South Carolina and after remaining

there some time we marched to Princes Fort on the same River and served on many scouts against the Cherokee Indians – was discharged and arrived at home near the last of July 1776 received no written discharge.

*He states that on the eighth day of August 1776 in the County of Mecklenburg aforesaid he volunteered under Captain William Hoaggins aforesaid & Colonel Adam Alexander & Lieutenant Colonel John Fifer [sic, John Phifer] of said County – marched thence through Charlotte across the Catawba River, thence to Casses [?] Fort on said River, thence to the Cherokee Nation, aided in killing some Indians & in destroying several Towns was discharged and arrived on near last of October 1776 – this expedition was commanded by General Rutherford of North Carolina.

*In this tour he acted in the capacity of a Teamster & claims nothing for it.

He states that in the year 1780 in Mecklenburg aforesaid he was drafted & served with Captain Reed of said County – he joined General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] on Fishing Creek in South Carolina, marched thence to the Hanging Rock, was in the battle at that place on Sunday the 6th day of August 1780 – his Captain Reed, was wounded in said battle – taken prisoner & died shortly afterwards-- He saw Major Davie at that place.

After the battle aforesaid he was marched to the Waxhaw Meeting house & was discharged near that & returned home – he does not recollect the length of this tour – but believes it was ten days – he received no written discharge.

He states that in the year 1781 in Mecklenburg County aforesaid he was drafted for three months under Captain John Foster – of said County and marched thence to Charlotte & was there ordered back to attend to the Tories in which service he continued during his term – he served principally on Lynches Creek in South Carolina -- & the adjacent Country – he received no written discharge.

He states that after the conclusion of the war he continued to reside in Mecklenburg County aforesaid until the year 1799 when he removed to Buncombe County in North Carolina, thence removed to the County of Hopkins Kentucky in 1805 where he now resides.

He states he has no documentary evidence and knows of no 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 & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Robert Newton, X his mark

[James Robeson, a clergyman, and John Phipps gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Kentucky, Hopkins County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Hopkins aforesaid Robert Newton of said County who being duly sworn deposed & saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and the following grades: For eleven months and twenty days I served as a private in the war of the Revolution and for such service I claim a pension.

Said Robert Newton further states on oath in answer to the seventh interrogatory propounded by the Secretary of war “that he is known to James Robeson and John Phipps of his present neighborhood and that they can and have testified as to his (the said Newton's) character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Given under my hand the first day of January 1833.

S/ Samuel Morton, JP

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Kentucky Hopkins County} SS

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S/ Samuel Morton, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$38.88 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 11 months and 26 days in the North Carolina militia.]