

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Nealy S31880

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State of Georgia Coweta County

On this the 18th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court, before us John D. Hinton, Levi T. Wellborn & Samuel D. Echols now sitting John Nealy a resident of the County of Coweta and State of Georgia, aged 76 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 in March 1776 for a tour of 16 months (was enlisted) my Captain's name was Eli Kershaw the Regiment was commanded by Col. William Thompson [sic, William Thomson] and Major Wise [Samuel Wise], we were first denominated the Carolina Rangers and were afterwards, added to the 3rd Regiment of South Carolina State Troops, I was living when I was enlisted in the service in the Waxhaw Settlement South Carolina. I was marched from Waxhaw to Sullivan's Island, and was in the battle [Fort Moultrie, June 28, 1776], the Fort was commanded by Col. Moultrie [William Moultrie], I served out my tour of 16 months and was discharged, about first of October 1777. After returning home I again enlisted in the Service of Georgia for 2 years but was discharged before I had served out my tour, the commander not being able to retain the men for the want of subsistence, while I was in the Georgia service, I was commanded by Capt. Petigrue [sic, Pettigrew?]<sup>1</sup>, and the Regiment was commanded by Col. Jack [Samuel Jack], after being dismissed, I again returned to South Carolina -- and were called out several times with small skirmishing parties. After Gates defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780], I again entered the Service in the State Troops as a volunteer, and was commanded by Col. Frederick Kimbold [sic, Frederick Kimball], the whole of the men when collected together was commanded by General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter], in this tour I was severely wounded in a battle with the Tories at a place near Camden South Carolina called granny's quarters -- I never served with any Continental or regular troops but at Sullivan's Island -- I knew Col. Moultrie who commanded us and have seen General Lee [Charles Lee] who was occasionally on the Island -- I have no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service. (I recollect of seeing General Jackson now president, at the Waxhaw Meeting house, the day it was burnt. I was then wounded, he I have no doubt has forgotten me, if he has not, he can only recollect me by the name of Old John Nealy of Waxhaw)

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<sup>1</sup> I could not find in the resources available to me an officer of this or any similar surname who served in Georgia.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State, except South Carolina, from which State I now draw a pension of \$60 and would not relinquish it but for the inconvenience of being compelled to attend annually, personally at Columbia South Carolina before I can procure my pension, and my age and infirmity renders it now impossible for me to do so.

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Levi T. Wellborn, JIC

S/ John Nealy, N his mark

S/ Samuel D. Echols, JIC

S/ John D. Hinton, JIC

Answers to Interrogatories from the War Department<sup>2</sup>

To the 1st Int.: He answers that he was born in Ireland in the year 1756 agreeably to what my parents informed me

To the 2nd Int.: He answers no

To the 3rd Int.: He answers that he was living in what was called the Waxhaw Settlement South Carolina and remained there some years after the revolution and then moved to Georgia living now in Coweta County Georgia

To the 4th Int.: I was twice enlisted and was a volunteer every other time that I was out

To the 5th Int.: He answers that he knew Moultrie, and have seen General Lee & Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln], and that he served with no regulars but on Sullivan's Island and the general circumstances of his service is such as has been already stated.

To the 6th Int.: He answers that he received 2 regular discharges but that he does not recollect by whom they were signed, and that he has lost both.

To the 7th Int.: He refers to Samuel D. Echols and John Hardman

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Levi T. Wellborn, JIC

S/ John Nealy, N his mark

S/ Samuel D. Echols, JIC

S/ John D. Hinton, JIC

[Samuel D. Echols and John Hardman gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Georgia Coweta County:

Personally appeared before us Justices of the Inferior Court of said County Samuel D.

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<sup>2</sup> The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

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

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

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

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Echols, Richard B. Wooten, John D. Hinton, William Spratling, John Nealy who being duly sworn deposeth and 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 in the following grades, in as an enlisted soldier under Eli Kershaw Capt. which Regiment was commanded by Col. William Thomson and Major Wise. This tour of service commenced in March 1776 and the next tour of service was done in the State of Georgia and deponent States he was enlisted for the term of 2 years but was discharged before the he had served out his time deponent thinks he served about 6 months of the 2 years -- deponent further states after Gates defeat he again entered the service as a volunteer under Col. Frederick Kimball who was commanded by General Sumter and deponent thinks that he served alternately in said capacity for the term of 2 years and for such service I claim a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed to in Open Court before us this 6th day of May 1833.

S/ Wm Spatling, JIC

S/ John Nealy, N his mark

S/ Samuel D. Echols, JIC

S/ John D. Hinton, JIC

S/ Rich'd B. Wooten, JIC

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Georgia militia and South Carolina Continental line.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>3</sup> relating to John Neely                      pp31  
Audited Account No. 5456

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...his Account of Sundries for Militia use in 1781 Amounting to £4.15 Stg [Sterling]

Ex<sup>d</sup>. W. G. [Examined by William Galvan]

J. M<sup>c</sup>. A. G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

State South Carolina Dr. [Debtor] to John Neeley [sic]

1781

Continental    To Two Bushels of wheat at 1 Dollar per Bushel                      £3.5.0

To 60 Days prisoner at 10/ [10 shillings old SC currency per day]

(being one of those who forcibly released themselves

& paroled the British Guard)

30

£33.5

£4.15

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<sup>3</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

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No. 68

[Book] T [No.] 302 1 July 85 [1785]

Mr. John Neiley [sic] his account of Militia duty as private since the reduction of Charlestown [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] amounting to

[old South Carolina] Currency	<u>£91.0.0</u>
Sterling	£13.0.0

Received 1<sup>st</sup> July 85 full satisfaction for the Within in an Indent No. 302 Book T

S/ Andrew Baskin

Matt. R. [??]

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State of South Carolina

to John Neiley

Dr.

Duty per Colonel Anderson's [Robert Anderson's] return [not extant] Currency £91.0.0

Stg. £13

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Petition by sundry inhabitants respecting John Neilley [sic]

Committee

Colonel Brown

Colonel Bratton

Mr. Michau [?]

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To the Honorable the Senate & House of Representatives of ye State of South Carolina. The humble Petition of the Subscribers

Sheweth

That John Nielley [sic] a private Soldier in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of This State Commanded by Colonel William Thomson is Discharged by him & hath behaved himself as a good Soldier he hath Demeaned himself as a Good Citizen in ye Service of his Country he received a daingerous [dangerous] Wound in the Face which very much Impades [impedes] or Disorders his Head Especially in ye Summer Season which in a Great Measure prevents him from Raising Bread to Support a poor Wife & Five Small Children – And this Petition further Sheweth that we whose Names are hereunto Subscribed being well acquainted with his Indisposition & Circumstances deem him a fit Object to receive the Pension Provided by ye legislative [sic] of this State for wounded Soldiers.

The prayer of our petition if thus Granted your Petitioner's as in Duty bound will ever pray.

John Craig, JP

William Graves

James Craig

Robert Kirk

John McMury

John Taylor

John Hood

William Barr

John Kirk  
Isaac Barr  
John Belk Senior  
Nathan Barr CSC  
James Cousart Sr.  
Jerh. Graves [Jeremiah Graves?]  
Robert Nelson  
William Grahams  
William Barkley  
Annias Blak  
John Caskey  
William Harper  
William M [illegible]  
John Moore  
James Barr  
John Brown  
[illegible]  
Edmond Hull  
Patrick Kenny  
William Barnett  
Thomas Miller  
Thomas Wells  
William Grahams  
William Woods  
Nathaniel Cousart  
John White  
Charles Sethem  
John Lessley  
Robert David  
Thomas Thomson Major  
James Ingram  
Robert Gaston

Rukart Cousart  
Thomas Barr  
Richard Cousart  
John Hull  
Le John Belk  
Hugh Montgomery

The Certificate above Alluded to is signed by the Judges of Lancaster County Court

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Report on the Petition of John Neilley 11 December 1794

To be considered tomorrow

13 agreed to sit to the House of Representatives for their concurrence

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The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Neeley

Report

that they have carefully examined the Allegations Set forth in his  
Petition & other papers, Relative to his being wounded & find the same to be true, & that he  
received his Wound, as a militia man, and the defense of this Country, and that he had certificates  
from the proper Officers testifying the same, and that he was entitled to the Pension allowed by

this State.

Your committee therefore recommends that the petitioner do receive all arrears of pension that may be due to him from or [undeciphered word] the 15<sup>th</sup> of March 1786

[p 12: Receipt dated October 20, 1814 directing the tax collector of Lancaster District to pay \$21.42 to John Neeley for one years annuity.]

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To the Honorable the President & members of the Senate of South Carolina

The Petition of John Neily

Sheweth

That he presented [undeciphered word or words] to the Committee of your House & the House of Representatives that he was a faithful soldier of the Revolutionary Army in this State & was [were written over and rendered illegible] with wounds received in the battles of his Country & in consequence of which he was placed on the Pension list.

That since that time he removed to the state of Georgia with his Children & wife.

That since that time the amount of Pension has been increased. That in consequence of his removing out of this State the treasurer has refused to pay the increase of Pension for the two years the last past. That your Petitioner is reduced to the necessity of either abandoning his Children who are settled in Georgia & remove to this State or else lose the bounty provided for him by his Country for his services & his services [sic].

Your petitioner therefore prays that his case may be considered & he be relieved in the Premises by having the increase of Pension awarded him.

S/ John Neely, N his mark

[Note: The petition was granted and on November 23, 1819, the veteran was paid \$137.16 for his pension and the arrears of pension due to him. Thereafter, the documents in the file indicate the payment to the veteran of \$60 per annum through December 17, 1831.]