

[Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters](#)

Pension Application of John Newton S35009

MD

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Maryland, Prince Georges County Sct.

On this ninth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen personally appeared before me the subscriber one of the Associate Judges of the first Judicial District of the state of Maryland aforesaid John Newton and made Oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that about the first day of June seventeen hundred and eighty he enlisted under Captain William Berry who was attached to General [William] Smallwood's Ridgment, that upon repairing to Annapolis the place of rendezvous he was put into Capt'n. John Trueman's Company from which a short time afterwards he was removed to Capt'n. Archibalds Gilder's Company, that upon the resignation of General Smallwood [sic: see endnote] the Command devolved on General [Horatio] Gates, that upon reaching Guilford Court House [sic: Guilford Courthouse] in North Carolina he was attached to Capt'n. William Winchester's Company where an action was fought between the Americans and English from thence they repaired to the High Hill – Santee and from thence to the Cow Pens where an engagement took place [Battle of Cowpens SC, 17 Jan 1781] under the command of Gen'l. [Daniel] Morgan, that from thence he repaired to Campden with Capt'n. John Revalee's Company, that he received three wounds in the right leg in an action fought there [probably Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781] one from a Bullett and the other from two Buck shotts, that being thus disabled he was taken to the Hospital at the High-Hill Santee; that upon recovering somewhat from his wounds he joined the Army at Rock-ford in South Carolina and attached himself to Captain Phineas Price's Company at which time and place he obtained a furlough from General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] to return Home, that some months afterward he joined the third Ridgment at Annapolis and marched down to join the Main Army under Gen'l. Washington near little York in Virginia at which time and place Lord Cornwallis Commander in chief of the British Army Surrendered to Gen'l. Washington with all his forces after being besieged several weeks [siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] that he continued in the service several months afterwards before he obtained a final discharge and that he does not receive any pension from the united states at this time. And that by reason of reduced circumstances in life he stands in need of the assistance of his Country for his support Edmund Key

First Judicial District of the State of Maryland Prince Georges County Sct.

On this fourth day of April eighteen hundred twenty one personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for said County expressly constituted such by an act of the Assembly of the State of Maryland having unlimited jurisdiction both civil & criminal & keeping a record of their proceedings John Newton aged sixty years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820 that he the said John Newton enlisted for the term of the war on the 1st day of June 1780 in the State of Maryland in the company commanded by Captain Alexander Truman in the regiment commanded by Col [Peter] Adams in the line of the state of Maryland on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said corps untill after the capture of Cornwallis when he was deranged from the said service at Annapolis in the State of Maryland that he was in the battles of Guilford Court House High Hills of Santee [sic] Cowpens Camden & the Seige of Yourk & that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except what has heretofore been transmitted to the Department of War. And in pursuance of the Act of May the 1st 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself 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 I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities

contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

Property none

Debts due to me none

Pension from the State of Maryland \$40.00 per annum

that my occupation was labour as a husbandman but that from the imperfection of my sight being very nearly blind I am altogether unable to pursue it Sworn to & declared in open Court on the 4th day of April 1821 before Edmund Key

The certificate of the Declarant in the case is dated May 1st 1818 number 328 Edmund Key

NOTE: Newton's declaration of his service is thoroughly confused, and I could find no record of many of the company officers mentioned. Gen. William Smallwood served to the end of the war. Horatio Gates took command of the Southern Department at Deep River NC on 25 July 1780. The only engagement at Guilford Courthouse occurred on 15 Mar 1781, after Gen. Nathanael Greene had replaced Gates as commander of the Southern Department. Greene's army did not repair to the High Hills of Santee immediately after the battle of Guilford Courthouse, but in the latter part of July 1781. There was no battle there.