

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of William Newel (Newil) S40203 DE
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State of Pennsylvania and
Huntingdon County SS

On this thirteenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, before me the Subscriber, one of the Associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the County of Huntingdon and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania aforesaid, personally appears William Newil, aged Sixty four years, resident in Huntingdon County and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania aforesaid, formerly of the State of Delaware, 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 William Newil enlisted in the Neighbourhood of Wilmington in the State of Delaware in the Company commanded by Captain Harris in the Regiment called the Delaware Blues commanded by Col [David] Hall in or about the month of August, one thousand seven hundred and seventy six; That he continued to serve in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States until after the Capture of Lord Cornwallis & his Army in 1781 at Yorktown in Virginia, when he was discharged in the following Winter by his then Captain William McKenan [sic: William McKennan] in the Town of New Castle in the State of Delaware which discharge was burned in his House when it was burned in Huntingdon County aforesaid about fourteen years ago. That he was in the battles of Trenttown [sic: Trenton NJ, 26 Dec 1776] at taking the Hessians, Princetown [sic: Princeton, 3 Jan 1777], Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Germantown [4 Oct 1777], Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] & in two Battles at Cambden in South Carolina [Battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780; Battle of Hobkirk Hill, 25 Apr 1781] and in several other Skirmishes. And that he 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 the Certificate of Captain Enoch Anderson [pension application W3204], and the affidavit of John Downs taken before Justice Hudson of Huntingdon County, which are hereto attached. That he hath no pension heretofore allowed him by the laws of the United States to his knowledge, and if any such exists, He doth hereby fully and entirely release the same to the United States. Sworn to & declared and Subscribed before me, the day & year aforesaid – William hisXmark Newil

I do hereby Certify that the bearer hereof William Newel, to the best of my knowledge was a Soldier in the Delaware Regiment in the Revolutionary War

Enoch Anderson Captain in the Delaware Regiment in the Revolutionary War with Brittain
To all Concerned

Huntingdon County SS

On the twenty seventh day of February A.D. 1816 before me the subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Huntingdon personally came John Downs an old Revolutionary Soldier and being sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he knows William Newil well and that he frequently saw said Newil when he belonged to the Delaware Blues in the sarvis of the United States when they happened to be both on gard together on sentry several times and that he saw said Newil in the City of Philadelphia and that he saw said Newil the next day after the battle of Prince town and said Newil was still a regular soldier in the sarvis of the United States in the Delaware line and that Newil was still considered a good soldier and further saith not John hisXmark Downs

United States 4th Judicial District of Pennsylvania
Huntingdon County SS

At a Court of Common Pleas holden this day (to wit) 17th day of August 1820 at Huntingdon in and for said County being a Court of record personally appeared William Newel who being duly sworn deposeth and saith and on his oath aforesaid doth declare that he Enlisted as a Soldier in the Revolutionary war for the space of three years or during the war in a Company Commanded by Captain Harris in the Regiment called the Delaware Blues Commanded by Colonel Vahn [probably Joseph Vaughan] of the Pennsylvania [sic] Line as set forth in his original declaration the date of which he doth not now precisely recollect but believes it was some time in June 1818 which declaration was forwarded to the war Department and on which a Pension Certificate was Issued to the said William Newel dated the 13th day of May 1818 signed J C Calhoun Secretary of war which Certificate is numbered 5,100 and is now in the Possession of declarant who in pursuance of the act of Congress of the 20th [sic: 1st] May 1820 makes the folowing declaration on oath To wit I William Newel do swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 & 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 deminish it as to bring myself within the Provesions of an act of Congress entitled an act to provide for Certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revalutionary war passed on the 18th day of March 1818 & that I have not nor has any person or persons in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due me nor have I any income other than which is contained in the Schedule hereunto annexed & by me subscribed the said declarant also states that he is Sixty Six years of age some time in the month of november Last that he is a weaver by Trade but that owing to his advanced age is unable to obtain a Lively hood thereby for himself

William Newel

Debts due by Petitioner

to John Blair Esqr. \$18.00

Alexander Blair. 15.00

To Judgments on John Blair Esqr Docquet in favour of}

Robert Flemming } . 12.00

William hisXmark Newel