

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Nehemiah Newans (Newens) S43073  
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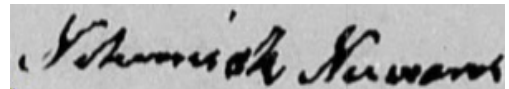
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To the Hon: the Secretary at War of the United States of America

The memorial of Nehemiah Newans of the town of Canandaigua in the County of Ontario and state of New York, Humbly sheweth, that he the said Nehemiah Newans, is a Citizen of the United States, that he is now seventy years of age.

That he served this Country in the war of the Revolution, against the Common Enemy. That he entered the Service as a Serjeant, in the Pensylvania line, in Gen'l. Waynes [Anthony Wayne's] Brigade. That he afterwards entered the Company of Capt. Finley as a Serjeant, which was the first Company in the first Regiment of the Pensylvania line and Commanded by Col. Butler. That while in this Company, at the Green Springs near James River in Virginia, he received a wound through the left knee, by a musket Ball, in an engagement with the enemy [Battle of Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul 1781]. That he was removed to the Hospital in Hanover, and while there, saw the army of Lord Cornwallis marched thro' that town, after their defeat [at Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781]. That after this, he with all the others who were at Hanover (wounded), were removed to Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg VA]; That after he was recovered from his said wound, he was ordered to York in Pensylvania, on the Recruiting Service, where he remained until ordered to join his own Company in Lancaster, in which he served till the end of the war, and was then honourably discharged, by Col. Butler, in Lancaster. That in the year 1796 he removed into the State of New York, and while on that journey, he lost his discharge. And he begs leave further to represent that he never recieved any pension from the United States. That he continues to reside therein, and is attached to its government and institutions. That he is unable to labour. That his right arm having been broken, prevents his using it. That he is very frequently disabled, by rason of a Rheumatick Complaint, in his knees. That he is in "reduced circumstances" and stands in need of the aid of his country, as is provided in a late law of the United States, passed the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons, engaged in the land and naval service of the united states, in the Revolutionary War." And the said Nehemiah Newans, on this Seventh day of April, in the year of Lord, one Thousand eight hundred and eighteen, being duly Sworn, doth say that the foregoing declarations, and statements, contained in this his said memorial, are True, and further saith not.

Sworn to and Subscribed, this Seventh day of April, in the year 1818 before me, a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the County of ontario & state of New York.



Moses Atwater

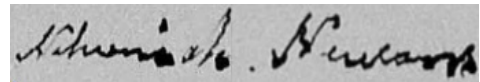
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Be it remembered that on the twenty seventh day of July in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, came before me Moses Atwater one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the county of Ontario in the said State of New York, Nehemiah Newans of the town of Canandaigua in the said county of Ontario, to me personally well known, and made the following declaration on oath in order to entitle him to the benefits of the act of Congress passed the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 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 is now seventy years of age and a citizen of the United States; that he served in the revolutionary war against the common enemy for the term of four years five months and twenty five days; that he first served six months in Gen. Wayne's brigade in the Pensylvania line as a conductor of pack-horses; that sometime in the month of September or October, or thereabouts in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine, he enlisted as a Serjeant, for the time the war should continue, in Capt. Finley's

company, which was then in the eleventh regiment of the Pennsylvania line, then commanded by Colonel Hartly [sic: Thomas Hartley], and afterwards was [undeciphered word] into the first regiment and commanded by Col. Butler, that he served in the said company and regiment on the continental establishment for the period of three years eleven months and twenty five days until he was honorably discharged at the close of the war in the month of September one thousand seven hundred and eighty three, and was during the greater part of that time actively engaged against the common enemy; that he was engaged in the battle at Green Springs near James' river in the State of Virginia in which he received a wound thro' the left knee by a musket ball; that he was carried to the Hospital in Hanover, and was removed from thence to the hospital in Williamsburgh; that after he had recovered from his wound he was ordered to York in Pennsylvania on the recruiting service, from whence he was ordered to join his company in Lancaster, which he did, and in which he served until the end of the war, when he received an honorable discharge. That in the year 1796 he removed to the State of New York, and soon after made application to the Government of the United States for an appointment in the army, and sent his papers by Capt. Williamson to Philadelphia in order to support his application; and that he either lost his discharge on his journey when removing to the State of New York or gave it with his other papers to Capt. Williamson, which he does not recollect. That he has cause search to be made for it among Capt. Williamson's papers who is dead, but that it can not be found. That residing at a great distance from his former companions in arms, and being unable from his age, bodily infirmities and want of means to go into Pennsylvania to find them, he can not produce that strong evidence of his services which might in ordinary cases be expected, and that the testimony of Frederick Rifford and Mrs Nancy Peters hereto annexed is all the evidence now in his power to obtain. That his right arm has been broken and he can not use in bodily labor, and is further disabled from labor by a rheumatick complaint. That he is in reduced circumstances and absolutely stands in need of the aid of his country for support, and therefore hopes to be allowed the pension authorised by the act of Congress before alluded to.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thomas Hartley". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted and fluid.