

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abraham Newton S4605

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[State of Tennessee, Henry County]

Before the Worshipful Justices of the peace whose name appeared below --

At the Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions, of Henry County, Tennessee, now in Session, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January 1836, it being a court of record, Abraham Newton, a citizen of the said County, appeared in open Court, and was qualified to the following Declaration, in order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress of 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832.

Abraham Newton, States that the reason why he has not heretofore applied for a pension, is that he has considered that he could do without the small sum to which he would be entitled; but recently he has been unfortunate in his pecuniary matters, and deeming it but proper to apply for the remuneration of his Services by his government, makes this application.

He was born in New Hanover County, in North Carolina on the 26<sup>th</sup> of October 1761 – as appears from the record of his age in his Father's Bible and resided in Duplin County near his native place State when in March 1779 he was drafted into the militia Service of the Revolutionary War, for three months – under Captain Isham Shuffel [Isham Sheffield], and was placed under Colonel James Spicer [sic, John Spicer], marched to Jumping Run, 2 miles South of Wilmington and remained there three weeks, when he was dismissed & returned home – holding himself in readiness for the Service of the term for which he was drafted, but he only served actually three weeks & a few days. In the year 1781, about the last of January he thinks, the British being at Wilmington, he volunteered his Services and marched to that town under Captain Shadrach Stalions [Shadrach Stallings] and Col. James Kinnan [sic, James Kenan], and was engaged in actual Service at a place called the long bridge 10 miles from Wilmington, three months. In 1781, in June, Soon after his return from the last tour, he volunteered under Captain Frederick Wells and Colonel Kenan, and marched to the bearskin Swamp, for the purpose of expelling as Tories, and was engaged during this tour, two weeks and a few days and all 15 days. In August 1781, he again volunteered, and marched according to the orders [of] Colonel Kenan, under Captain Aaron Williams, for the purpose of defeating the Tories, and remained in active service for five weeks, when General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] marched down into the Section in which he and his associates were to whose company he was United and marched to New Bern, and was engaged with General Rutherford for the balance of the two months for which he volunteered. So that he served this tour two months making an aggregate of six months and some days of actual service, and for which he claims a pension. Besides this Service he served often as a minute man, for which he is entitled to nothing. He never received but one discharge and that was for three months service under Col. Kenan – which has long since been lost or destroyed. He was never engaged in battle, but was in a skirmish with the British at the long Bridge.

He hereby relinquishes every claim, whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present,

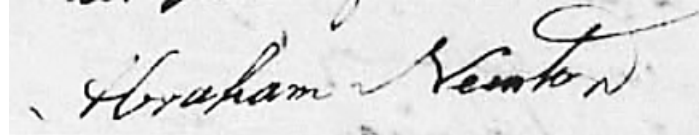
and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of said Agency in any State.

He states that he knows no one living whose deposition would avail him in proof of his Services. He was 74 years old 22<sup>nd</sup> of October last, as he states.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ B. C. Brown, D Clk

S/ Abraham Newton

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Abraham Newton".

[Moses T. Spain, a clergyman, and Edmund Hogan gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]