

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Newsome S5808

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State of Virginia Southampton County

On this 17 day of June 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Southampton County now sitting William Newsome a resident of St. Luke's Parish in County of Southampton and State of Virginia aged about eighty-three years who being first duly sworn according to law 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 soon after the commencement of the Revolutionary War; the month nor day of the month he does not recollect under the following named officers and served as herein after stated, Captain Abraham Mitchell and served a tower [tour] of six weeks, that he next served a tower of six weeks under Captain Briggs that he next served a Tower of six weeks under Captain Arthur Boykin, next a tower of six weeks under Captain Rodgers, next a tower of six weeks under Captain William Edmonds he served next and last a tower of six weeks under Captain Owen Myrick, this applicant thinks that [word too faint to discern] some of the above towers he served eight weeks but cannot speak positively and that he cannot with anything like precision State the dates of the towers above named, that Colonel Benjamin Blunt and Wells are the only field officers under whom he served viz. as he recollects, that he never was in a battle, marched from Southampton to Norfolk from thence to York Town that he was at the siege of York Town and remained until the surrender of Lord Corn Wallace [Cornwallis, October 19, 1781]. That he was born about the year 1750, does not know where born but living in Southampton County when but a child, no record of his age, living in the County of Southampton State of Virginia when called into service and since the Revolutionary War in the same County and State except a temporary residence in the State of North Carolina of about four months and at this time in the County of Southampton and State of Virginia, that in all the towers above mentioned he was drafted in the 8th division of the Virginia Militia and served as a private, that he quitted the service of the United States immediately after the surrender of Lord Corn Wallace. That he does not recollect any of the Continental or Militia regiments, nor the names of any of the regular officers, That he never received a discharge more than a general one given to the soldiers after the surrender of Wallace. His statement of facts are in part corroborated by certificates [of] John T. Bleu & Holladay Revelle hereto annexed. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

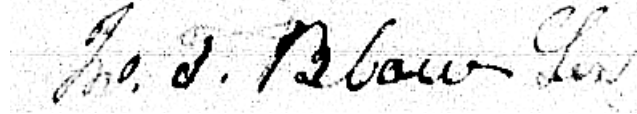
S/ William Newsome, X his mark

[Davis Bryant, a clergyman and Robert S Barnes gave the standard supporting affidavit]

Southampton January 1833

This is to certify that the above named applicant William Newsome served several Towers in the Virginia Militia in the Revolutionary war and believe that he was at the siege of York as to his character I never heard but that it was truly honest and upright

S Jno. T. Blaw, Ser.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jno. T. Blaw Ser". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right.

Southampton County February 1833: This is to certify that the above named applicant William Newsome served in the Virginia militia in the Revolutionary War how long I am unable to say as I was in the regular Army until about 2 months before the surrender of Lord Corn Wallace during which time I served a tower at home as an Artificer and perfectly recollect that William Newson was called off and did not return until the surrender of L. C. Wallace his character I believe is irreproachable

S/ Holady Revel,¹ X his mark

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