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Pension Application of Thomas Newby S5812

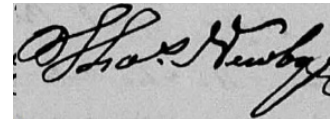
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State of Virginia and County of Chesterfield to wit

On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared before the county court of Chesterfield Thomas Newby a resident of Chesterfield in the State of Virginia aged seventy two years in January next who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832. That he enlisted in the state troops of the state of Virginia on the eighteenth day of August 1777 with Lieutenant Thomas Clay and [illegible word] he thinks in the second state regiment of artillery commanded by Col Thomas Marshall [VAS494] and the company officers of the company to which he was attached was Capt Henry Quarles [R17253] of King William county in this state and Lieutenant Thomas Clay. He thinks there was a second lieutenant but has forgot his name. Elias Edmunds [Elias Edmonds VAS2004] was the first captain & Quarles the second. Polcany[?] and Gideon Johnson [S38089], William Spiller, Saml Blackwell [Samuel Blackwell] Christopher Roane [X635] and Pannill [David Pannell VAS117] were Captains. He also deposes that he was discharged in Richmond on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August 1780 and that he was discharged by Capt William Spiler who marched them home from Carolina. He thinks the discharge was signed John Mazard [sic: John Mazarett R16059] Maj. By order of Col. Elias Edmunds. He enlisted for but one term of service and served it out. He was a resident of Chesterfield at the time of his enlistment and has resided there ever since. He served several tours of duty in the militia and was at the battle of Petersburg but not in the action [Battle of Blandford Hill, 25 Apr 1781]. When first enlisted he was marched by Lieutenant Clay to Williamsburg and York to Hampton. While at York the British took Portsmouth but he did not go to Smithfield with Flournoy and Bowman. In the Spring of 1780 he was marched to Petersburg from Williamsburg and crossed the Roanoke at Taylors ferry and went to Hillsborough [NC] and by Guildford [sic: Guilford] and Salisbury and to a place called Fifer or fiefer We were south of Fifer when we heard of Beaufords defeat [sic: Battle of Waxhaws where Col. Abraham Buford was defeated, 29 May 1780] and we retreated to Hillsborough where we joined a body of infantry. Gen'l Wayne came there while we were at Hillsborough [see endnote]. We then went to the South to the iron works as he thinks on the way to Camden, but when we got there, it was not thought worth while to carry on so close to his discharge in August any further and we was brought back to Hillsborough. He states his Capt at Hillsborough who left them was Thomas Clay, who had got to be Captain. Capt William Spiller marched us home. He thinks Capt Clay had had his sword taken from him by Maj Mazaret when we came home

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.



[The following is from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I hereby certify that Thomas Newby enlisted as a soldier in the State Artillery the 18<sup>th</sup> of August 1777 for three years which time he served. Given this 30<sup>th</sup> of May 1783

[Nathaniel Rice] Lt. S. A



NOTES:

Gen. Anthony Wayne was not at Hillsborough.

Jacob Flournoy [S8492] and Mackness Bowman [S6691] made supporting statements.