

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Basil Newton W10074

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State of Indiana Monroe County SS.

On this eleventh day of May in the year of our Lord 1843 personally appeared before me Daniel Lunderman a Justice of the peace in and for the said County Mary Hall a resident of the County aforesaid in the Seventy ninth year of her age who being first duly Sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the acts of Congress passed July 7th 1838 and August 23rd 1842 granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the revolutionary war. That she is the widow of Bazel Newton who was a private in the 2nd (Second) Reg't. of the Maryland line during a part of his service but does not recollect the officers names that he was also a Corporal or Sergeant that he entered the Service early in the war and was at the battle of Bunker Hill [17 Jun 1775] Trenton [26 Dec 1776] and Princeton [3 Jan 1777] was also as she believes in the battle of Camden in 1780 [16 Aug] and at the Surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown in the fall [19 Oct] of 1781 and served untill the end of the war but is unable to say under how many engagements or for what periods of Service: She has heard him say that he was at one time under Capt. Truman and also under Gen'l. [William] Smallwood a part of the time She would respectfully refer to the records of the Maryland line for proof of the Services. She also declares that she was married to the said Bazel Newton on the 20th January 1785 near Saint Leonards Calvert (Colbert) County State of Maryland by the Reverend Mr. Weiner and that her said husband died the seventh day of November 1786. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to January 1, 1794 viz at the time above stated She was married to William Hall the 7th day of December 1790. That he died on the 10th day of November 1803 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period. The Claimant states from her recollection of the family record she was born on the 31st January 1765 and that she has no knowledge where to obtain evidence of it, or of her intermarriage with the said Bazel Newton or William Hall. That she was married to Bazel Newton near St. Leonard in the County of Calvert Maryland at the time aforesaid and that he died at the time aforesaid and also that she was married to William Hall the 7th day of December 1790 in the County of Calvert Maryland by the Rev'd. Parson Walker and that he died on the 10th day of November 1803. That she had one child by each of her deceased husbands both of which died in their infancy and that when about to remove to the State of Indiana with some of her old friends and neighbors she destroyed by burning all the old papers and letters belonging to the family and in her possession including her first husbands certificate of his services as a valient and faithful soldier of the Revolutionary War and one or two furloughs permitting him to visit his friends while a soldier. Sworn and subscribed on the day and year above written before me Mary herXmark Hall

Return and Roll of Men recruited since the first of February [1782] under the recruiting Acts of the State of Maryland.

No	Names	Reg't	When enlisted	Old Soldier [or] Recruit	Term 3 years [or] War
78	Basil Newton	5 th	March 16	1	1

Country	Residence	Age years	Height Feet Inches	Proportion	Complexion	Form and Colour of Hair
America	Calvert County	23	5 9	[blank]	Swarthy	Dark brown

Bounty

Contracted

for 17.10.... Paid 17.10.... [£17, 10 shillings]

NOTE: A deposition gives the maiden name of the applicant as Mary Platford or Flatford.