

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hardy Newson W10225

Mary Pearce¹

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North Carolina, Stokes County,

On this 4th day of January 1839, the Reverend John F. Beckler, Pastor of the Moravian Society in the Village of Bethania & County aforesaid, find in the Church Register that Hardy Newson & his wife Mary Newson had a child christened in said Church named Mariah, Born the 15th day of October 1776 which record I examined & saw to be entered therein as above stated &c.

S/ C. Banner, JP

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State of North Carolina, Stokes County} SS

Be it known that on this 27th day of December 1838 before me Charles Banner one of the Acting Justices of the peace for said County, personally appeared George Kregar & Elizabeth Spainhour widow of Michael Spainhour, Deceased, and they being first sworn as the law direct, to declare what they knew of a certain Hardy Newson, Serving as a Soldier in the War of the Revolution and of his marriage to Mary Scott now the widow Mary Pearce, George Kregar first declares that the above named Mary Scott when a Young woman was hired & lived at his Father Nicholas Kregar's, in the then Surry County, near Bethania in the years 1775 – 76 & 77 which was before & after she was married to Hardy Newson and some time in the winter 1776 they were married by Michael Houser who was then Acting Justice of the peace for the County of Surry North Carolina, and this deponent saw said Hardy Newson & Mary aforesaid Joined together as man & wife by said Mich'l Houser, at his Father's house, the said Mary is now the widow Mary Pearce aged about 78 years the Identical person that was married as aforesaid to Hardy Newson -- and some time in February or March after their Marriage said H. Newson volunteered himself as a private soldier under Captain Henry Smith of Surry County N. C. & marched from Bethania Town under Colonel Joseph Williams & Major Joseph Winston towards Fayetteville North Carolina to subdue the Scotch Tories in this Service he was gone three months & came home to his wife; and the following August in 1776 he said Newson, volunteered himself under the same officers & went to the Cherokee Nation of Indians and during the time said Newson was gone in this service some time in the fall he does not recollect the day in October he thinks; he was sent after Mrs. Spainhour a Midwife & she came, to this Deponent Father's, attended on & delivered Mary the wife of Hardy Newson of a female child & they called its name Mariah – The said Hardy Newson returned home from the Cherokee expedition about Christmas 1776, having been gone four months at the least. The next Service said Hardy

¹ former widow

Newson volunteered himself again as a private under the same Captain Smith for a six months Tour & started from Richmond, Surry Court house in the fall say September 1778 and marched through Salisbury & Charlotte into South Carolina, and when said Captain Smith returned home, he being a neighbor to this Deponent & also to said Mary Newson, said Captain & others informed them that Hardy Newson actually died some time in March 1779 after the Battle of Briar Creek [March 3, 1779] & expected said Hardy had caught cold & got his death by swimming the River to make his escape from the enemy at said Battle of Briar Creek, he further declares that afterwards the said widow Mary Newson was married to a certain Jacob Pearce who died nine or 10 years past, and the said Mary Pearce is now a widow and has remained a widow ever since he Death of her husband Jacob Pearce. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year first above written before me.

S/ C. Banner, JP

S/ Geo Kregar, X his mark

Elizabeth Spainhour declares on her oath that she was present & saw Michael Houser, a Justice of the peace, marry & join together Hardy Newson and Mary Scott at the time & place mentioned in the foregoing Deposition of George Kregar, She further declares that she frequently heard her husband Michael Spainhour talk of Hardy Newson serving as a Soldier with him against the Scotch Tories to Fayetteville & to the Cherokee Nation of Indians all in the year 1776 which she believes was a fact. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year first above mentioned before me.

S/ C. Banner, JP

S/ Elizabeth Spainhour, X her mark

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State of North Carolina, Stokes County} SS

Pursuant to an Order of said County Court at June Term 1838, on this 23rd day of November 1838, at Mary Pearce's own place of Residence in the County aforesaid, she the said Mary Pearce aged 78 or 79 years, appeared before me Charles Banner one of the Justices of the peace for said County Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions and she being first duly Sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the Act of Congress passed July 4th 1836, and the Act explanatory of said Act passed March 3rd 1837 – that she was married to Hardy Newson who was a private Soldier in the Army of the United States in the militia & served under the following named officers as he informed her first that he said Hardy Newson entered the Service of the United States in the month of March 1776, he volunteered himself under a Captain Henry Smith in Surry County North Carolina for a three months Tour and marched from Bethania in said County where she saw them start in the expedition against the Scotch Tories at Fayetteville North Carolina Colonel Joseph Williams & Major Joseph Winston was the commanding officers with them and this Expedition, he was gone about three months & returned with a written discharge for three months service which she has lost. The next Service he entered as a volunteer under the same Captain Smith in August 1776, at Surry Court house, to go to the Cherokee Nation of Indians and marched to the Mulberry fields in Wilkes County as she understood & then returned back to Surry Court house & he came home to where she lived at Nicholas Kregar's & remained at home a few days & went back to the Army at Myres' [? Myers'?] old fields near Richmond & there Rendezvoused about two weeks when she went to see him, he then marched off with the Army in Captain Smith's Company Colonel Joseph Williams Commander, when he was gone four months at least & returned home on Christmas day 1776, -- The next Service he turned out a volunteer under said Captain Smith for six months and marched from Bethania in then Surry County (now Stokes) in September 1778, the day of the month not remembered towards the South State, and some place in South Carolina. She was informed by his Captain Smith & also Captain Joseph

Phillips with whom her Husband had lived previous to our marriage that her said husband had taken sick with a fever and died in a Hospital in the month of March 1779. She believes he was gone six months before he died from the best information she received, making in all his service 13 months for which she claims a Pension. She is very weak from bodily infirmities & old age & 20 odd miles from the Court-house, that she cannot travel to court – that she had one child only by the said Hardy Newson her husband, & called its name Mariah, it was born the 15th day of October 1776 & is now dead. She further declares that she was married to the said Hardy Newson by Michael Houser a justice of the peace for the County of Surry North Carolina who lived in Bethania on the 10th day of January 1776 – that her Husband the aforesaid Hardy Newson died from information in March 1779 in South Carolina, That she was afterwards married to Jacob Pearce who died on the 15th day of February 1829, and that she was a widow on the 4th of July 1836, and still remains a widow, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year above written at her own place of residence in Stokes County North Carolina's She is from bodily infirmities is scarcely able to walk.
S/ C. Banner, JP

S/ Mary Pearce, X her mark

[William Pearce (relationship, if any, not stated) testified as to the date of death of Jacob Pearce.]

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State of North Carolina, County of Stokes

This 14th day of January 1839, before me Charles Banner a Justice of the peace for said County personally appeared Benjamin Jones,² a Pensioner of the United States, a man of high standing in the neighborhood of Germanton & County aforesaid, for veracity & truth, and he being sworn according to law to declare what he knew of a certain Hardy Newson Serving as a Soldier of the Revolution declares that he Served with him under Captain Henry Smith from Surry County North Carolina a Tour of six months, met at Bethania in said County & marched to Salisbury in the Fall of the year 1778 & Joined General Rutherford's [Griffith Rutherford's] Army, then marched into South Carolina into various sections of that State & sometime in February or March 1779 was in the Battle at Briar Creek, and shortly after said Battle the said Hardy Newson was taken ill & died near Santee River he thinks it was fully six months after we were marched from Surry County aforesaid and he heard Captain Smith observe at the time he died, that said Newson had been a good & faithful soldier under him for two Tours of duty before that time, that was, one of three months against the Tories & the other to the Cherokee Nation of Indians of four months. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year first above mentioned before me.

S/ C. Banner, JP

S/ Benjamin Jones, X his mark

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And on the 16th day of January 1839 personally appeared before me Lewis Wolf³ a man of Respectable Character of veracity & truth & he being first sworn according to law declared on his oath, that the above named Hardy Newson served a Tour of duty as a private soldier with him when this Deponent was musician Fifer under Captain Henry Smith, Col. Joseph Williams & Major Winston were the field officers, & marched from Bethania then in Surry County North Carolina but from the division of the County now in Stokes County, to Dobson's Crossroads in said County & there rendezvoused & took up the line of march against the Scotch Tories & went

2 [Benjamin Jones S7076](#)

3 [Lewis Wolf \(Wolff\)\[a/k/a Johann Ludwig Wolff\] W4403](#)

to Fayetteville North Carolina, but before we reached Fayetteville the Tories had been defeated & driven, killed & taken at Little River by another Army of the United States troops, then we marched back to Surry County and were discharged at Bethabry [sic, Bethabara] (which is called the old Moravian Town), for a three months Tour.

The next Service said Newson turned out as a volunteer under the said Captain Smith & same field officers when this Deponent was Fifer in the same Company, and marched from old Richmond, Surry Court house in August in the year 1776 to the Mulberry fields in Wilkes County North Carolina to meet the South Carolina troops, but they failing to meet, we marched back to Surry County to a place called Myers old fields near Richmond & there rendezvoused a week or 10 days, when they took up the line of march for the Cherokee Nation of Indians, and the said Hardy Newson went on with the Army, & this Deponent hired a Substitute & returned home after serving three weeks there were three Companies from Surry County commanded by captains Smith, Goode & Dobson and after they are being gone four months at least, the said Newson & Company returned to their respective homes in said County.

The said Hardy Newson was married to a Mary Scott one of this Deponent's neighbors the winter before the above mentioned Expeditions, and afterwards said Hardy volunteered himself under the same Captain Smith & marched off toward South Carolina, and said Captain on his return informed this Deponent at poor Hardy died in the South State after having Served a Tour of six months the time he volunteered for, he believes the Captain told him that Newson was in the Battle at Briar Creek. [spelled Bryer].

Sworn to & subscribed the date first above written before me.
S/ C. Banner, JP

S/ Lewis Wolff, H his mark

[Veteran's former widow was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for her former husband's service as a private for one year in the North Carolina militia.]