

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William New <sup>1</sup> W10802  
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Frances New f49NC  
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State of Tennessee, Wilson County } S.

On this 28 day of September A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the worshipful David C. Hibbells, James M. Martin & Benjamin H. Billings Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for said County of Wilson now sitting, William New a resident of the County of Wilson and State of Tennessee aged 70 years the 21<sup>st</sup> of November last past, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed 7 June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

About the 4<sup>th</sup> of May 1780, being a citizen of Franklin County in the State of North Carolina, he volunteered his services and his Country's cause, belonged to the Company Commanded by Captain Meekins [possibly a mistaken attempt to name Capt. Harrison Macon of Franklin who is known to have been at the Battle of Camden], Lieutenant Richard Ransom & \_\_\_ Jones Ensign: the Regiment of Franklin County was commanded by Colonel Benjamin Seawell, they rendezvoused at the Court house of Wake County North Carolina – marched from thence to Rugeley's Mills in South Carolina remained there four or five days, then joined the Southern Army under the command of General Gates [Horatio Gates], was in the Battle at Camden [August 15-16, 1780] where Gates was defeated, returned from the battle to Hillsboro, found none of his officers or company there, returned home by the advice of Col. Dixon, remained there about two weeks and then in pursuance of notice given went to Salisbury and was there attached to Captain Johnson's Company (in consequence of his Captain & Lieutenant having been made prisoners at Gates defeat).

General Caswell [Richard Caswell] commanded the North Carolina Militia at Camden. From Salisbury they were marched to Charlotte and not having a sufficient force to oppose the enemy who were embodied near that place we were marched back to Salisbury, crossed over the River Yadkin and there remained until they were discharged, which he thinks was some time in October 1780.

About the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1781 as well as he can recollect he again volunteered his services for a tour of three months: he does not recollect the name of his Captain at present, but remembers that Robert Hight was a Lieutenant of the Company, & Colonel William Linton [William Thomas Linton] Commanded the Regiment to which he was attached, the other field officers names not recollected: they were rendezvoused at Col. Burton's in Granville County North Carolina – remained there about 10 or 12 days & saw a man hanged there for having been suspected to be a

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Tory: marched from Colonel Burton's to Halifax, remained there perhaps three weeks, then marched to Smithfield on Muse River [sic, Neuse River], & stayed there about 10 days: then divided in Scouting parties, through that section of the Country, against the Tories, making many of them prisoners, but when they gave up their paroles or the evidences of protection from the British, and swore allegiance to their Country, they were dismissed & permitted to return home; we continued in the service against the Tories until our term of service expired and was then regularly discharged: Whilst in the service he knew Baron DeKalb, who was killed at Gates defeat – also knew Generals Stephens [perhaps Edward Stevens of Virginia] & Morgan & Colonel Porterfield [presumably Lieutenant Colonel Charles Porterfield of the Virginia State Troops] as officers of the Army.

He saw two Tories shot at Smithfield & two others on Neuse River by order of Colonel Linton.

He resided in Franklin County North Carolina about eight years after the war was ended, then moved to big Pee Dee [sic, Pedee River] in Anson County North Carolina from that moved to Montgomery County lived there about seven years – then removed to Elbert County, Georgia resided there about 10 years – then removed to Wilson County, Tennessee, where he has resided about 23 years.

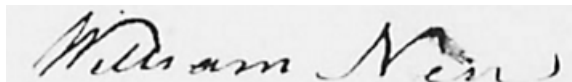
He has no documentary evidences, for when he lived in the State of Georgia head burnt them with many papers he had brought from North Carolina believing them entirely useless; but he can prove his services in the first Campaign by Martin Hancock who served in the same Company with him.

He is well known with William Seawell Esq., John Malholland [sic, Mulholland?] & Joseph Johnson Esq. besides many of the old & respectable Citizens of this County by some of whom he expects he can establish his character for veracity, and can testify their belief of his services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State – Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Josiah S. McClain, Clerk of Wilson County

S/ William New

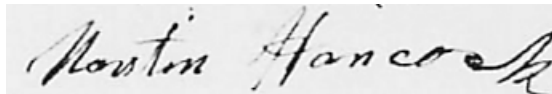


I, Martin Hancock<sup>2</sup> of Wilson County Tennessee do hereby certify that I am intimately acquainted with William New the applicant who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration; that I knew him well as a soldier of the Revolutionary War, And was his fellow Soldier in the Campaign including Gates defeat, & that his statement of his services up to the time of the battle of Camden are true to my knowledge. I did not return as soon as he did after Gates defeat, but I know he returned according to his statement – I saw him in the service the last campaign stated by him. I have known him long & believe that no person who has been well acquainted with William New doubts his veracity, or his services in the Revolutionary War.

Sworn the day & year aforesaid.

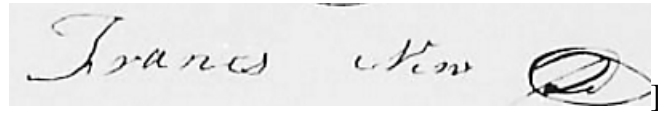
S/ Josiah S. McClain, Clerk

S/ Martin Hancock




[John Jarrott, a clergyman, and William Seawell gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 9: On October 1, 1855, Frances New, 82, filed in Wilson County Tennessee for a widow's pension as the widow of William New, a pensioner at the rate of \$26 per annum, and stating that she married her husband on June 23, 1830 and that he died April 23, 1839.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frances New" followed by a decorative flourish.

[p 11: On October 1, 1855 in Wilson County Tennessee, Thomas Turner gave testimony that the record of the marriage of William and Frances New appears in a family Bible in his possession of which the following is a true copy:

“William & Francis New was married June 23, 1813”

 . Why the record was in his possession is not stated nor is stated what, if any, relationship he bore to the veteran or his widow.]

[p 15: On August 19, 1856 in Wilson County Tennessee, the widow, in the 84<sup>th</sup> year of her age made application for her bounty land entitlement. She signed this document with her mark and her execution of the application was attested by Thomas Turner and James W Hearn.]

[Information in file: William New was born November 21, 1761.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]