

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Reuben Newman ¹ W10812

Sabra Newman f47NC

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State of South Carolina, Spartanburg District }

On this 27th day of September personally appeared in open court before John B. O'Neill [sic] presiding Judge of the Court of Sessions and Common Pleas at Spartanburg Court house now sitting Reuben Newman of the District & State aforesaid aged about seventy-five years, 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 June 7th 1832.

That he was born in Richmond County on the Rappahannock River in Virginia about the year 1757; has no record of his age, nor can he account for loss of it. Before the commencement of the Revolution this deponent with his father's family moved to Granville County in North Carolina where he was living when he enlisted in the year 1775 or 1776 into the Army of the United States under Captain William Glover for the term of two years & six months & served as a Continental Soldier in the sixth Regiment of the North Carolina line under the following named officers: first under Captain William Glover, afterwards under Captain Pike [Benjamin Pike] and the place of Captain Glover resigned, & afterwards under Captain Reid [sic, James Read] in the place of Captain Pike who died at Alexander [Alexandria] on the Potomac [River] with the smallpox; the field officers were Colonel Buncombe [Edward Buncombe] & Colonel Taylor & General Nash [Francis Nash]. When he first entered the Army he was stationed at Wilmington, from Wilmington he was ordered to Halifax, from Halifax he was ordered to Alexander, thence to the Valley Forge in Pennsylvania, where under the command of the Marquis Lafayette he marched near Pennsylvania & finding the British too powerful retreated across the Schuylkill [River] without venturing an engagement with the enemy. Thence we returned to Valley Forge, & thence pursued the British that had evacuated Philadelphia to Monmouth [June 28, 1778] under the command of Col. Clark [Thomas Clark], where he entered the field stripped of his coat & after a hard fought battle we defeated the enemy. Thence we crossed the North River at King's Ferry to the White Plains whence after being stationed there for a short time, we marched in the direction of Connecticut, where Colonel Baley's light horse Company was destroyed in the night time by the enemy. Thence we returned near to the North River, where this deponent was taken sick, & his term of enlistment being out, he was discharged at Paramus in New Jersey. The discharge has since been lost. ~~This deponent further states that he served after his enlistment as a volunteer soldier in North & South Carolina.~~ This deponent hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in the State of South Carolina or in any other State. This deponent removed to the State of South Carolina about the year 1779 and settled in the Spartanburg

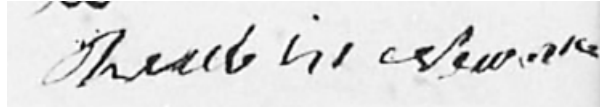
¹ BLWt19921-160-55

District where he now lives & has ever since his first removal here continued to live except two years and the State of Georgia.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Jno B. O'Neill

S/ Reubin Newman



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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Reuben Newman a private in Captain Reid's Company of the 1st Regiment enlisted on the 1st day of May 1776 for 2 ½ years and was discharged on the 10th day of November 1778.

Given under my hand this 28th day of May 1833

S/ Wm Hill

[p 11: On 7th Oct. 1853, Sabra Newman (formerly Sabra Walker) filed in Spartanburg County South Carolina for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of Reuben Newman, a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$80 per annum, that she married the said Rubin on the 20th of September 1826, and that Reuben died on the 26th March 1849. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 16: On April 23, 1855 in Spartanburg District South Carolina, Sabra Newman, 63, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war soldier; in this document she states that she married him in Spartanburg district on September 20, 1826; that they were married by Benjamin Wofford, a Methodist clergyman; that her name prior to her marriage was Sabra Walker.

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the North Carolina Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

² P 46 contains a better image of her signature as follows:

