

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Newton W21837

Nancy Newton

f80NC

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[p 4]

State of North Carolina, Rutherford County: September Sessions 1832 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of September at the Court house in Rutherford

On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices holding Rutherford County now sitting Benjamin Newton, a Resident of Rutherford County and State of North Carolina aged 84 years on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February 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 Act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers. I Benjamin Newton first joined the Army (the same year that the British came to Charleston [spring and early summer of 1776], to go on an expedition against the Cherokee Indians)<sup>1</sup> as a 1<sup>st</sup> lieutenant (under Captain John Mattocks who afterwards fell in defense of his Country's cause at Kings Mountain), William Chronicle was our Major, and Frederick Hambright was our Colonel we were absent about three months in this service in the above expedition.

I joined the militia of North Carolina as a 1<sup>st</sup> lieutenant under Captain Samuel Martin, Major William Chronicle and Colonel William Graham, all of us lived on the waters of the South fork of the Catawba River. We were employed about one year in the service against Tories in Lincoln and Rutherford [Counties] and the upper part of South Carolina – we marched over to Green River in Rutherford where we met with Eight hundred men under different colonels our object was to fight Colonel Forgason [sic, Patrick Ferguson] and it was agreed that Colonel Charles McDowell should take the command he being the oldest Colonel. Colonel McDowell marched eight hundred fighting men to the high Shoals on the second Broad River in a direction off from Colonel Ferguson and the other colonels all got mad with Colonel McDowell and each took command of his own men – and Colonel William Graham and his men and a Colonel Hill [William Hill] of South Carolina joined us and we marched down to fishing Creek in South Carolina against Col. Floyd who commanded about 400 Tories – however before we arrived Colonel Floyd had just fled as we know because we ate the meat he put in the fire. We then under Colonel Graham returned to Lincoln in pursuit of a Tory Colonel Moore [John Moore] who had gathered a large body of Tories – our Colonel Graham went across the Catawba River to see General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] in Mecklenburg. General Rutherford ordered Colonel Graham and his men to be at Ramsour's Mills at a certain time and we got there accordingly; but before we got there and before General Rutherford got there Major Falls [Captain Galbraith Falls] and a company of men met & attacked Colonel Moore and the Tories at Ramsour's Mills [June 20, 1780] and defeated them and we got there as the battle was closing

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_cherokee\\_expedition\\_1776.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cherokee_expedition_1776.html)

and I shot at one of the Tories as he was running from the battle. A good part of this year I had the command of our company as Captain Samuel Martin's family that had the smallpox and required him to be at home.

He next volunteered with others to join General Green [Nathanael Greene] near Camden South Carolina upon our arrival I was appointed Ensign– Samuel Caspie [? Samuel Espey?] <sup>2</sup> was lieutenant under Captain Jack [James Jack] of Charlotte, North Carolina we were to have been put under command of Colonel Polk of North Carolina but he was taken sick and did not come and we were put under a Virginia Col. I think his name was Dudley and afterwards we were placed under the command of Colonel Marshall of South Carolina and served out the remainder of, in and about, three months.

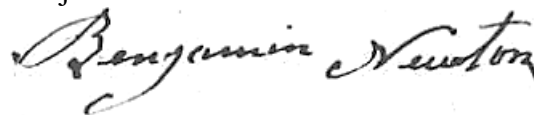
I served occasionally on small tours but not long at one. I was in an engagement against Col. Tarleton [Banastre Tarleton] in the Haw fields in Orange County North Carolina at Colonel Mebane's lane, where Major Harris of Rocky River in North Carolina had his hand cut off – I was a volunteer and went with my friend Major Harris to that engagement and then returned home. I was in a small engagement with the British at Polk's Mills [October 9, 1780] <sup>3</sup> when the enemy lay in Charlotte. I was under Captain John Clark and was wounded in the thigh by a British ball in said Mills.

I cannot remember dates accurately, I had commissions for the offices I held as above stated but about four years since a part of my papers were accidentally burnt and I was taken sick and expected to die and in preparation of that event looked over my papers and burnt such as thought would be of no use to my family and my commissions and discharges and list of militia soldiers were all burned by me and I was induced also to do so as I understood the Government had refused to pay us for our services. There are but few men living who participated in the scenes I have related or that live in the County. James Withrow <sup>4</sup> (who I am informed and believe is unable to come to court) knows I served as stated by me against the Indians – Colonel William Graham <sup>5</sup> (whose testimony I hope to procure if his faculties and infirmities will enable him to come in court) knows that I served as I have stated – Captain Maddox and Major Chronicle were both killed at the battle of Kings Mountain – where I should have been but was sent as an express to Coddle Creek Mecklenburg to see General Rutherford on my return I swam 14 watercourses, the last being the Catawba River.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any state nun to me.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court.

S/ Benjamin Newton



S/ H. B. White, Clerk

[p 9: Joseph Willis, a clergyman, Edward Cook and William Lucas gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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I was born in the State of Pennsylvania in York County in the year 1748 as my parents informed

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<sup>2</sup> A Samuel Espey or Espy filed for a pension claiming service under William Graham. See [Samuel Espey \(Espy\) S6824](#).

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_polks\\_mill.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_polks_mill.html)

<sup>4</sup> [James Withrow S7945](#)

<sup>5</sup> [William Graham S8624](#)

me and as I believe. I have my father's Bible and my age is there stated as I have now stated it, and I believe it contains the truth. I was living in Lincoln County North Carolina then called Tryon when I went into the Army and resided there until the war was over and until about thirty years since I removed in to Rutherford County where I now live. I was a volunteer in every tour of service and what I did was for myself and Country. I just served under Major Chronicle and Colonel Hambright and General Rutherford commanded the Expedition against the Indians – on Green River there were Colonels Campbell, Shelby, Sevier, McDowell, Graham and some others. I received a commission and discharge. I think my commissions were signed by Colonel Hambright and then by Colonel Graham – my commission at or near Camden was filled up by General Greene's orders. I am known to the Reverend Joseph Lewis, Edward Cook and William Lucas all of my neighborhood and who can testify as to my character for veracity, and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Sworn to in open Court after 10<sup>th</sup> of September 1832.

S/ Benjamin Newton

S/ H. B. White, Clk

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State of North Carolina Rutherford County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace for the County and State aforesaid Benjamin Newton and after being duly sworn Deposeth and saith that by Reason of Old age and Consequent loss of Memory that he cannot swear positively to the length of his Service but according to the best of his Recollection he did not Serve less than the periods mentioned below and in the following Grades I cannot be certain as to dates but my service I will well remember

1776	Was appointed lieutenant by Colonel William Graham and served a Tower under Major Hambright of	3 months
1777	Continued my Commission under the same Colonel under the Captain Samuel Martin history of this service is rendered in my history of the service I remained in the Revolutionary War	12 months
1778	I served under Captain Jack under the Command of Colonel Dudley and Colonel Marshall	3 months
1780	I served as a private under Captain or Major Harris	2 months
1781	I served as a private under Captain John Clark	One month
		21 Months

Twenty-one months I served three months as a private and Eighteen months as a Lieutenant my papers was Destroyed as I have stated in my former petition I have made statements of facts of my service that I have Distinct Recollection of and for which service I claim a pension. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9 day of July 1833

S/ Martin Shuford, Jp

S/ Benjamin Newton

[p 34: In the following document dated Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> 1781, the veteran is referred to as Lieut. Benjamin Newton of the Lincoln regiment]

State N. Carolina No. 340  
 Jan 27 1831  
 This is to certify that by the order of the Board of  
 Assistants in District of Salisbury  
 Lieut. Benjamin Newton was called out  
 one hundred of Light Infantry  
 Milledgeville South Carolina  
 Compy. belonging to Lincoln Light which he  
 into pieces Aquable to a part of a  
 paper at Wash June 27 1831  
 Sworn Subscribed to the 27th 1831  
 S/ M. Roberts, JP

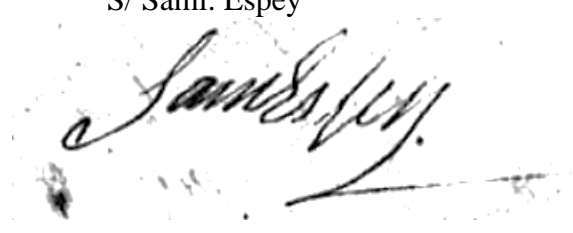
State of North Carolina, Rutherford County [Spelling in this one is unbelievable]

Personally came Samuel Asbey [sic, Espey or Espy] before me Martin Roberts Justice of  
 the peace for the County aforesaid and saith on oath as follows that he was well acquainted with  
 Benjamin Newton in the Revolutionary War and said Newton served with him and under his  
 command as a Captain bearing the office of an Ensign in the year 1781 we was called out by the  
 order of General Polk and marched to [indecipherable word] Mills South Carolina Kershaw  
 district and there were put under the command of Colonel Reed and then Colonel Marshall to  
 range near the hanging Rock where myself and part of the Company were discharged and  
 Benjamin Newton and the remainder of the company were put under the command of Captain  
 Jack still in Marshall's Regiment.

Sworn and subscribed to the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June 1833.

S/ M. Roberts, JP

S/ Saml. Espey



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State of North Carolina Rutherford County:

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace for the County and  
 State aforesaid Colonel William Graham and after being duly sworn deposed and saith that he is  
 well acquainted with Benjamin Newton who has subscribed to the foregoing Declaration that he  
 well remembers that he was appointed by himself a Lieutenant and served under him as such for

a considerable time in the Revolutionary War that he was an active Officer and served faithfully, that he is a man of Respectable Character and his statements entitled to credit. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9 day of July 1833

S/ M. Shuford, JP

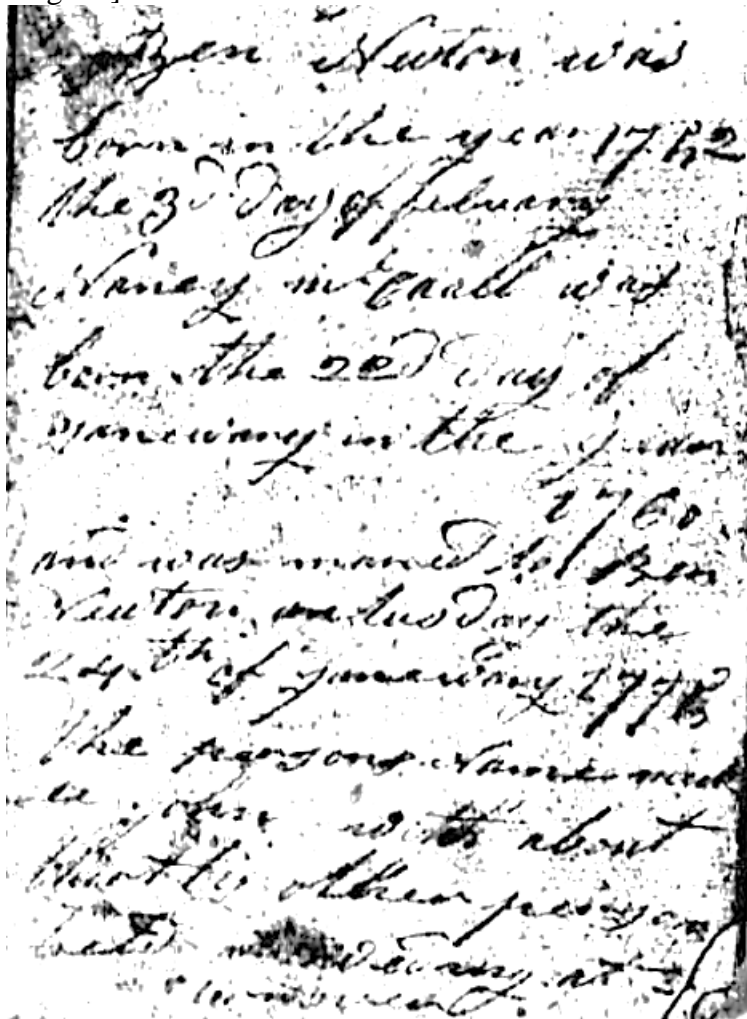
S/ William Graham, X his mark

[p 21: Nancy McCall Newton, 90, filed for a widow's pension in Rutherford County, NC, October 23, 1840, stating that she married Benjamin on January 24, 1775; that Benjamin died on February 20, 1835. She signed her application with her mark.][ Nancy was Nancy McCall before her marriage, she was born January 22, 1760; they were married in her father's house 7 miles from Hillsborough, Orange County, NC; she died in Cleveland County, NC May 12, 1845.]

[p 13: family record]

Ben Newton was born in the year 1742 the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February

Nancy McCaall [sic, Nancy McCall] was born the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January in the year 1760 and was married to Ben Newton Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of January 1775 the Parsons name [balance of entry is illegible]



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1760  
and was married to Ben  
Newton, on Tuesday the  
24<sup>th</sup> of January 1775  
the Parsons name was  
written with about  
that he other persons  
were married at 10

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1. Jane Newton was born the 17<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year 1777 on Thursday morning at break of day
2. Betsey Newton was born the 27<sup>th</sup> day of November on Saturday night at 9 o'clock in the year 1778



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3. Ebenezer Newton was born 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November on Wednesday just at Dark in the year 1780

4. Patsey Newton was born the 4<sup>th</sup> day of September on Friday night at 8 of the clock the year 1783

5. Polly Newton was born the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July and Tuesday night at 9 of the clock in the year 1785

6. John McCall Newton was born the 9<sup>th</sup> day of October on Thursday night at 9 of the clock in the year 1787

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7. Peggy Newton was born the 19<sup>th</sup> of October in the year 1789 on Monday morning at sunrise.

8. Benjamin Newton Junior was born the 28<sup>th</sup> Day of September the year 1791 about 2 o'clock on Wednesday

9. George Newton was born the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July in 1793 on Saturday morning [indecipherable word] about [indecipherable words] high

10. Nancy McCall Newton was born the 22<sup>nd</sup> Day of September in the year 1795 on Monday Night about 9 o'clock

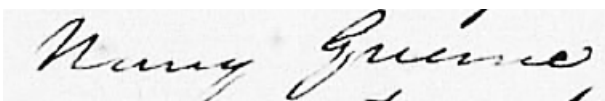
Senthy Newton was born on Monday night about 9 of the clock February the 12<sup>th</sup>

Calvin Newton he was born the 7<sup>th</sup> day of September on a Friday morning about an hour before Day 1801

John ollafer [?] Newton was born the 20<sup>th</sup> day of May on Sunday one of the Clock in the year 1810

[p 24: On March 31, 1852 in Cleveland County North Carolina, George Newton aged about 60 and Ebenezer Newton aged 71 and Mrs. Margaret Goins age not recollected, all residents of Cleveland County, filed an application seeking the pension due their mother Nancy Newton the widow of their father Captain Benjamin Newton; that when their mother died on May 12, 1845 she left surviving the following children: Jane Greene, Elizabeth McGlamery, Ebenezer Newton, Mary Newton, Margaret Goins, George Newton, Nancy Queene [or Nancy Greene?],<sup>6</sup> Sintha Lewis all of whom were still living at the time of their petition. Each of the petitioners signed the petition with their respective marks.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, and ending when he died February 20, 1835. His pension was based on 6 months service as a Sergeant and 3 months service as a private, all in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$240 per annum commencing February 20, 1835. Her pension was based upon her husband's service as a Lieutenant in the North Carolina militia.]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Nancy Greene". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The name "Nancy" is written in a larger, more prominent hand than "Greene".