

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Neely<sup>1</sup> W26573

Sally

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

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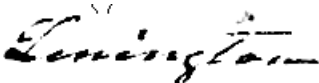
State of Tennessee Knox County: January Sessions 1822

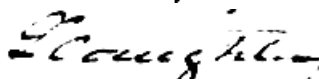
On this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 1822 personally appeared in Our Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions (being a Court of record having the power of fine and imprisonment, and made so by the Laws of this State) in the County of Knox and State of Tennessee, John Neely a resident of the County of Knox and State aforesaid aged eighty-two years – who having been duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and the first of May 1820. – That he was enlisted as a private soldier in the service of the United States in the revolutionary war for and during the War, on the first Tuesday of October in the year 1775 in Lexington [?]<sup>2</sup> in the State of Virginia, by a recruiting officer named Slaughter [?]<sup>3</sup> in Captain Thomas Harris' Company attached to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of Virginia Blues, that in the month of February after his enlistment, he with the other recruits under the command of Captain Thomas Harris marched to the White Plains in the Jerseys – That shortly after his arrival at the White Plains he with others volunteered to go under the command of said Captain Harris on a scouting party, of which General Lincoln was commander, for the purpose of pursuing General Burgoyne and was with the detachment who took Burgoyne at a Creek called Still Waters on or about the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April following he then was marched to the Schuylkill barracks near Philadelphia, and there remained seven or eight months, that he afterwards was attached to the Brigade under General Stubblefield – and was under the command of Major Mucklehany [McIlhaney?] & fought and was wounded in the right arm with a musket shot, and in the left thigh by a Bayonet at the Battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] – After his wounds were cured (at the Valley Forge) he was appointed a Drum Major and served in that place until the end of the War and was discharged on the 19<sup>th</sup> of October 1781 at Little York in the State of Virginia by Colonel John Byres, after the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] – And that he has no other evidence now of his said service than his own Oath, &c – his discharge having been burnt by the burning of a house in North Carolina – And in pursuance of the Act of Congress of the first of May 1820 –

I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt26513-160-55 and BLWt34916-160-55 (cancelled)

<sup>2</sup> 

<sup>3</sup> 

March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed –

Has no real the state is a farmer by Occupation & lives on rented Land –

– His family consist of himself – a wife aged about forty years, who is sickly weak and very unable to labor and eight children 5 boys and 3 girls – the eldest a boy aged about 16 – and has had both arms broken; the next a boy about 14, the next a boy about 12, the next about 10, the next a boy about 8, the next a girl about 6, the next a girl about 4, and the next a girl about 2 years old – who are generally healthy – but on an average unable to support themselves – that he is in consequence of his age and the effects of his wounds is unable to work –

Has a mare worth about	\$40.00
has a cow worth about	20.00
has 20 hogs worth about one dollar each	20.00
has one pot one Dutch oven & one skillet	6.25
has knives & forks & plates	7.00
has 4 or 5 stools	<u>.50</u>
	\$85.75

owes about \$26 – has owing to him about \$20

Sworn to in open Court 5<sup>th</sup> of January 1822

S/ John Neely<sup>4</sup>

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State of Tennessee Knox County

This day personally appeared before me an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Burgess D. Witt<sup>5</sup> and being duly sworn states that he served in the revolutionary War in the service of the United States, he was then acquainted with John Neely – That said Neely was also a soldier in the Revolutionary War as stated in his Declaration in the service of the United States, that he was also acquainted with Captain Harris, Major Muckehourne & General Lincoln – and is well satisfied from his acquaintance with the said John Neely and the services he performed in the revolutionary war as a soldier of the revolution that he is under the provisions of the act of Congress one of those soldiers for whom he Government intended to provide a support if his circumstances required such relief –

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 1824

S/ B. D. Witt



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<sup>4</sup> the signature is in the same handwriting as the application itself consequently I do not believe it is the signature of the veteran but rather an indication by the scribe that the veteran acknowledged the contents of the application

<sup>5</sup> [Burgess Witt W54](#)

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State of Tennessee Knox County

This day personally appeared before me David Nelson an acting Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid Moses Crawford – a pensioner and made oath that he in the Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War was personally acquainted with John Neely who was also in the service of the United States – that he particularly recollects him at the Battle of Brandywine where said Neely was wounded – that he also was one of the detachment who went with said Neely from the White Plains to Still Waters – in pursuit of General Burgoyne under the command of General Lincoln and was with said Neely as stated in his Declaration at the taking of Burgoyne on the 9<sup>th</sup> of April in 76 – as he believes –  
Sworn to before me the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 1824

S/ Thomas Crawford, X his mark

[f p. 12: On January 16, 1854 in Knox County Tennessee, Sally Neely, aged 70 years past, filed for a widow's pension as the widow of John Neely, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in Knox County Tennessee July 30, 1802; that they were married by John Love, JP; that her name prior to her marriage was Sally Scott; that her husband died October 2, 1837; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark. f p. 13: supporting affidavits were given by James Neely and William Scott residence of Knox County Tennessee. Their relationship, if any, to the widow is not stated.]

[Facts in file: the widow died October 29, 1856; the veterans date of death is stated various late in the documents in this file as being either October 1 or October 2, 1837]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing August 12, 1824, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$96 per annum commencing February 3, 1853.]