

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Neal ¹ W26574

Sarah Neal

f96SC

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State of South Carolina, Darlington District} SS.

On this day to wit the twenty fifth day of March in the year of our Lord 1825 personally appeared in the Court of Common pleas for the said district (being a Court of Record) in open Court, before the Honorable William D. James one of the Associate Judges of the said State, James Neal, age Seventy years and resident in the said district of Darlington, who being first 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 18th day of March 1818 and the 1st day of May 1820 that he the said James Neal enlisted for the term of 16 months sometime in the year 1776 (the month and date not recollected) in the State of South Carolina in the Company commanded by Captain Henry Richbough [Henry Richbourg] in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Thomas Sumter in the line of the State of South Carolina, on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps, until the expiration of the term of his enlistment, when he was discharged from the said service, that he afterwards enlisted for the term of three years (the date of his enlistment not recollected) in the State of South Carolina in the Company commanded by Captain __ Gordon² in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Isaac Huger in the line of the State of South Carolina on the Continental establishment, fifth Regiment in which Corps he served until the Surrender of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] when he was taken prisoner. That he was in the battles of Eutaw [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781], Stono [Stono Ferry, June 20, 1779] and Savannah [Siege of Savannah September 16-October 9, 1779], where he was wounded and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said Service except the affidavits of Peter Boasman³ and Henry McCall who were in the Army with him.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or otherwise 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

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² John Gordon was a Capt.-Lt. in the 4th SC Regiment in 1778. He is the only officer with that surname known to have served in the SC Continental Line. Isaac Huger, however, served in the 5th SC Regiment.

³ This MAY be the same person as filed under [Peter Bozeman R20332](#) who was living in Montgomery County, Alabama when he filed in 1828 claiming service in the SC line.

revolutionary war” passed on the 18th 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: that I am by Occupation a farmer which I am in a good degree unable to pursue from my age & the effects of the wounds received in battle. My family consists of the following persons who reside with me viz. my wife Elizabeth Neal aged about 65 years

Schedule of the real & personal estate of James Neal Viz. one Lot of cattle worth \$40 one horse bridle & saddle worth \$35 one bed & furniture & bedstead worth \$27 sundry articles of household & kitchen furniture & plantation tools worth \$36.62 & bee hives worth \$7.50: nearly all the above property is now levied on by the Sheriff to satisfy an execution

Witness

S/ James Neal, X his mark

S/ Joseph J. Evans

[p 11: On May 11, 1853, Sarah Neal filed in Darlington District, SC for a widow’s pension under the 1848 act stating that she married James Neal on March 20, 1835 in Darlington SC; they were married by John Chapman a Methodist minister; that James Neal died April 8, 1848 at his residence in Darlington. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Facts in file: p 15: Sarah Neal filed for bounty land stating her name prior to marrying James Neal was Sarah Miller; that she draws a pension of \$96/year as the widow of James Neal; file contains land deeds, one of which is from James Neal to his nephew Ezekiel Neale of Darlington; the widow survived the Civil War and the file contains the papers she filed to have her pension reinstated after the Civil War.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing February 12, 1829, for service as a private for 16 months in the South Carolina Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]