

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Newsom (Newsam) W4749 Lucy or Polly f50VA
Transcribed by Will Graves 1/13/13

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State of North Carolina Guilford County: SS

Joseph Gibson, George Nicks & Benjamin Ross Esquires

On the 21st day of August A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court Jacob Newsom before the Court of Guilford County now sitting a resident of Guilford County and State of North Carolina aged seventy 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 7th of June 1832.

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

That he entered the service in the year 1780 sometime in the Spring of the year, as a Substitute for one Arthur Williamson under Captain Green Hill of Sussex County in the State of Virginia, that he was attached to 7th Regiment under the command of Majors De Cloman [sic: Christian Charles de Klauman] & Duval & commanded by Colonel Wells that at the time of entering the service he was a resident of South Hampton County and State of Virginia, that after he entered the service he marched with his company to Jericho, thence to Suffolk, where he remained until he was discharged at the expiration of six weeks. After he entered the Service, while at Suffolk his Regiment was for a short time under the command of General Wilkinson who left and was succeeded by General Parker, –

That in a few days after his return from his first Tour, he entered the service with Captain John Rodgers as a Substitute for the Quakers as he was informed by Captain Rodgers & that he received his pay from Colonel Benjamin Blunt of Southampton County and immediately after his entering the Service a second time he returned to Suffolk & was placed under the same field Officers, where he remained twelve weeks (without anything of importance transpiring) assisting as a guard to prevent depredations by the British on the interior of Virginia, at the expiration of which time he returned home to Southampton County.

That shortly after his return he was drafted to perform a Tour for himself, was placed under Captain Herring and was marched to Babbs old field (in Nansemond County as well as now recollects) where he remained in the 7th Regiment under the same Field Officers for the Space of 6 weeks when his company was dismissed.

That in a few days after his return home he entered the service as a substitute for Burwell Bills [?], under Captain William Whitehead & marched to join the same Regiment at Meads Mills in the County of Isle of Wight, which Mills had a short time before then burnt by the British who had fled upon the approach of force, that he remained there six weeks & was dismissed & returned home to Southampton.

Where he remained for some time when he was drafted & entered into Service under

Captain Howell Edmonds, and marched to Jericho in the County of Isle of Wight, where he joined the 7th Regiment again under the same field officers and was turned over to 11th Regiment then under the command of General Harrison was marched to the County of Gloucester where his Regiment joined a French Regiment said to be under the command of Marquis De Lafayette, where he remained for two weeks when his Regiment was ordered to return on the South side of York River and to join the main Army under General Washington where he remained for four days when Lord Cornwallis surrendered [October 19, 1781], upon who surrender he was dismissed.

That he was born about the year 1762 in South Hampton County Virginia where he resided until he was about the age of twenty-eight years when he removed to the County of Halifax in the State of North Carolina, where he resided five years from thence he removed to Raleigh & then to Guilford County, where he has lived for thirty-six years: that he knows of no record of his age. That he never received any discharge from the Service except parol dismissions by his officers. That he knows of no person by whom he can prove his actual service except Captain Hartwell Barham,¹ whose statement is hereto appended and that said Barham from bodily infirmity is unable to attend Court & that he has no documentary evidence of his Services. That he is known in his neighborhood as to his veracity by James Nielsen Esquire Reverend Henry Tatum, Thomas Sanders & Charles Benbow, among many others. He hereby relinquishes every claim except the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any State.

Sworn & subscribed in Open Court

S/ Jacob Newsom²

[Henry Tatum, a clergyman, and George Cook gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

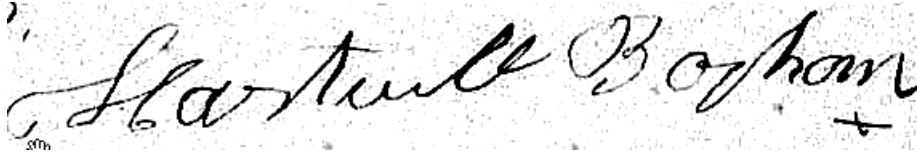
[f p. 9: On December 11, 1843 in Stokes County North Carolina, Lucy Newsom, 75, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Jacob Newsom a pensioner for his service in the revolution at the rate of \$25.33 per annum; that she married him January 13, 1786; that her husband died November 16, 1840; that in support of her claim she submitted the following evidence of the birth of her children:

1st child Gilliam Newsom was born 26 March 1789
2nd Thomas S Newsom was born 8th November 1791
3rd, James H. B. Newsom was born 18th of February 1794
4th Jacob Newsome was born 6 May 1796
5th William Newsome was born 15th February 1799
6th Hartwell B. Newsom was born 15th May 1801
she signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 44: On December 4, 1843 in Stokes County North Carolina, Hartwell Barone, 85, gave an affidavit in support of the application filed by Lucy Newsom saying that he was present at their marriage in Sussex County in 1786; that they were married by the Reverend John Meglamore.

¹ [Hartwell Barham S41418](#)

² handwriting identical to the body of the document and therefore presumed not to be the actual signature of the veteran

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hartwell B. Boham". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured background. There is a small mark below the end of the signature.

[Facts in file: Veteran married Lucy or Polly Barham in Sussex County Virginia January 13, 1786

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$25.32 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months and 18 days in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]