

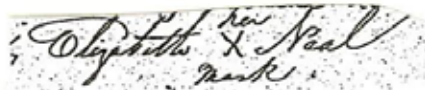
Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Neal W5407<sup>1</sup>  
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State of Virginia, County of Halifax

Before me, Peter Reves, chairman of the County Court a court of record of the aforesaid County and State personally appeared Elizabeth Neal a resident of the aforesaid County and State. Aged eighty three years, she being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed 7<sup>th</sup> July 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows. That she is the widow of Thomas Neal deceased who was a private in the war of the Revolution in the company commanded by Captain John Crawley in the 48<sup>th</sup> regiment of Virginia Militia commanded by Colo (Genl) Peter Muhlenberg that her said husband was drafted in the service of the United States on or about the thirteenth day of October in the year seventeen hundred and seventy nine at "Walker's old field" in the County of Amelia and State of Virginia and was honorably discharged from said service on or about the thirteenth day of March in the year seventeen hundred and eighty and that she has frequently heard her said husband say that he served two other tours of duty but cannot now recollect who was his commanding Officers. She further states that she was married to the said Thomas Neal deceased in the County of Mecklenburg and State of Virginia in the year seventeen hundred and eighty four by one Charles Craig --- a Protestant minister of the Gospel --- in proof of which she refers to the affidavits here within answered as well as is proof of the other two tours of service preformed by him the now said husband Thomas Neal died in the Count of Halifax and State of Virginia on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April in he year eighteen hundred and thirty two. That she was married to him previous to the first day of January seventeen hundred and ninety four and at the time above stated ---not prior to his leaving the service. And that her name previous to her said marriage was Elizabeth Brown and she further swears that she has never since married and this she is still a widow and that she has never before made any application for a pension and that she has no other documentary evidence than that which is now presented, the discharges of her husband having been long since lost.



Sworn to and subscribed on this first day of April eighteen hundred and fifty one before me Peter Reves chairman of the County Court for the County of Halifax and State of Virginia and I do hereby testify that the above named Elizabeth Neal is unable from bodily infirmity to appear in open court

Signed: Peter Reves

And I certify that the above interlineations were made before the declaration and was given or made

Signed Peter Reves

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt30919-160-55

State of Virginia, County of Halifax

Know all men by this presents that I Elizabeth Neal of the State and County aforesaid constituted and appointed and by these presents do constitute and appoint \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name to receive from the United States such sum or sums of money as may be due me as the widow of Thomas Neal deceased hereby confirming all and whatsoever my said attorney shall in my name legally do or caused to be done.

In testimony whereof I hereto set my hand and seal this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 1857

Signed: Elizabeth Brown

Acknowledged and subscribed before me Peter Reves chairman of the County Court for the County and State aforesaid this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 1857

Signed: Peter Reves

This power of Att not necessary

State of Virginia, County of Halifax

On this the first day of May 1855 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for Halifax County Virginia Elizabeth Neal aged Eighty Seven years a resident of Halifax County Virginia who being duly sworn according to law declares that she is the widow of Thomas Neal who as a Revolutionary War that her said him being serviced a tour in the said Revolutionary War and that she is now receiving \$20. per annum as a pension on account of this service of her said husband which is endorsed by a certificate in her passion of which I certify the following is a true copy.

Department of the Interior Widow Pension

I certify that in conformity with the act of February 2<sup>nd</sup> 1848 Elizabeth Neal, widow of Thomas Neal who was a private in the revolutionary War is inscribed on the pension list at the rate of twenty dollars and – cents per annum. Commencing on the 4<sup>th</sup> March 1848 and continuing for life unless she should again marry in which case the pension is not payable after the time of such marriage.

Given at the Department of the interior this seventh day of September one thousand eight hundred and fifty three R.W. Clellan

Examined and counter signed L.P. Walds

Commissioner of Pensions. Secretary of the Interior

She further states that she was married the said Thomas Neal in the County of Mecklenburg, Virginia (\_\_\_\_\_) day of by one Craig a Presbyterian minister and that her name before her said marriage was Elizabeth Brown that her said husband died in the County of Halifax on the 10 day of April 1824 and that she is still a widow.

She makes this dictation for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty land to which she may be entitled under the act approved 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1855

Signed: Elizabeth Neal

We Mary P. Fuqua and Harriet W Neal residents of Halifax County Virginia do upon our oaths declare that the foregoing declaration was signed and acknowledged by Elizabeth Neal in our presents that we believe from the appearance testaments of the said Elizabeth Neal that she is the identical person she represents herself to be.

Signed: Mary P Fuqua, Harriet W Neal

State of Virginia, Brunswick County: to wit:

Personally appeared before me J. Trotter a Justice of the County Court for the County and State aforesaid Thomas Brown, aged 82 years quite infirm though of sane mind and a resident of the aforesaid County and State, who being first duly sworn according to law -----  
- on his oath that he is a brother of Elizabeth Neal of Halifax County, state aforesaid, and that the name of said Elizabeth Neal previous to marriage was Elizabeth Brown that he was present at the marriage of Thomas Neal and said Elizabeth Brown which occurred at his father's home in the County of Mecklenburg and State aforesaid on the tenth 10<sup>th</sup> day of January one thousand seven hundred and eighty five (1785) and that they were living together as man and wife until the day of the death of said Thomas Neal which recorded on the tenth 10<sup>th</sup> day of April one thousand eight hundred and twenty two (1822) . that they resided for some years after the Revolution War in the County of Mecklenburg aforesaid and then removed to the County of Halifax aforesaid where they reside until the death aforesaid of Thomas Neal and the aforesaid Elizabeth Neal still resides in the same County of Halifax that same Elizabeth Neal is still a widow and is about eighty-four years of age being two years older than himself (the affiant). that previous to the Revolutionary War Thomas Neal resided in the County of Amelia State aforesaid and was drafted in the service of the United States on or about the thirtieth (30<sup>th</sup>) day of October seventeen hundred and seventy nine (1779) for the time of five months at a place called "Walker's Old Field" and remained as a private in the company of Virginia Militia commanded by one Captain John Crawley in the 48<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Brigade commander by Gerard Peter Muhlenberg in the Revolution and was discharged at Smithfield in the County of Isle of Wright State aforesaid on the thirtieth (30<sup>th</sup>) day of March, seventeen hundred and eighty (1780) by reason of expiration of term of enlistment think he (the affiant) has often seen the discharge of service Thomas Neal as aforesaid which was dated at the time and place aforesaid but which has been long since lost or misplace. That since original discharge was signed by General Muhlenberg and Captain Crawley. He further declares that said Thomas Neal did afterward volunteer in the Company of Virginia Militia command commanded by one Captain Jos. Morton in the first Regiment of the Brigade commanded by General Edward Stevens for the term of six months at Halifax Court House State aforesaid on or about the tenth 10<sup>th</sup> of October seventeen hundred and eighty (1780) and was engaged in two or three important battles in the Companies of the South "Camden" "Guilford Court House" In the particulars of which battles have been often related to the applicant by the said Thomas Neal. That said Thomas Neal was discharged from service, the second tour of service, on or about the tenth day of April seventeen hundred and eight-one (1781) a short time after the Battle of Guilford Court House at which time the applicant remembers a large number of said Militia was discharged and immediately after which the said Thomas Neal returned to the aforesaid County of Amelia. that he the (applicant) has also seen the discharge of Thomas Neal from this his second tour of previous dated as above and signed by General Stevens and Captain Morton, but that he does not now remember the place of said discharge. The deponent (?) further declares that after serving another tour of three months in the aforesaid Militia (The particulars of which he cannot now remember) The said Thomas Neal did remove to and take his residence in the County of Mecklenburg, State aforesaid which was about the year seventeen hundred and eighty-four (1784) and did in one year afterward marry the said Elizabeth Brown as aforementioned. He further declares that to the best of his knowledge and belief the said Thomas Neal did never in his lifetime apply for pension, and that his widow Elizabeth Neal is now applying for

pension for the first time, she having never been able heretofore to prove the service of her husband. He further declares that the family Bible of his father Thomas Brown deceased has been long since worn out and destroyed but that the original will and testament of his said father bearing date on the eight (8<sup>th</sup>) day of December seventeen hundred and ninety three (1793) having some years since fallen into his hands is herewith annexed as the only record or documentary evidence of what he above declares and sets forth. And he further declares that in making this declaration or affirmation he is disinterested.

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February 1857 and I certify that the applicant is unable from bad health and bodily infirmity to attend Court and is a credible witness  
Signed J. Trotter and T. Brown

In the name of God amen I Thomas Brown of the County of Mecklenburg being in low state of health but in perfect sense and memory thanks be to God for the same and calling to mind the uncertainty of this life do make constitute and ordain this my will and testament. In manner and form following Viz. after all my just debts are paid my will and desire is item I leave my beloved wife Mary Brown during her natural life all my personal and real estate and after her decease I give to my daughter Mary Wather a horse I also give to Nancy Brown, Thomas Brown, James Brown, John Brown, Peter Brown, Olive Brown and Martha Brown each of them after the decease of my wife as above mentioned a horse saddle and bridle and a bed and furniture. Item my will and desire is after the death of my wife and the articles furnished my children as above mentioned one Negro girl Liddy to her heirs and assigns forever. Item in case either of the two Negro girls last mentioned should die before the death of my wife my desire is that Olive or Martha or both of them if both negro girls should die shall receive and equal part with my other children if either Olive or Martha Brown should die before or after a division and have no heirs for the surviving sister Olive or Martha to have both negro. Item my will and desire is after the death of my wife the balance of my estate after complying with what I have heretofore directed shall be sold. Item I give to my daughter Rebekah Wilson one shilling sterling to her heirs and assignees forever and the balance of my estate after complying with what I have above directed shall be equally divided between William Brown, Elizabeth Neal, Amy Hutcheson, Mather, Nancy Brown, Thomas Brown, James Brown, John Brown and Peter Brown to them and their heirs forever lastly I appoint William Brown , William Hutcheson and Daniel Walher executors of this my last will and testament. This eighth day of December in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and ninety three.

Signed: Thomas Brown

In presents [presence] of us  
Cleuverius Coleman  
John Coleman  
Edward Colley