

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Stephen Neal ¹ W6837

Rebecca Neal f42NC

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South Carolina, Union District} To wit

On this 4th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas and Sessions now Sitting for the District aforesaid, Stephen Neal, a resident in Union District aged Seventy years who being 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 7, 1832. He entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. -- "I entered the service in March 1779 in Warren County North Carolina in the drafted Militia for four months, under Captain Twitty [John Twitty] in Colonel Johnson's [Jonas Johnston's] Regiment – And marched to Camden (then called Pine Tree) and from thence to Granby, and thence to Augusta where we remained a few days and then recrossed the River and marched to Bacons Bridge on Ashley River, from thence we marched to the Quaquaw Swamp [sic, Caw Caw Swamp?] where we encamped – and from thence we marched to the Battle at Stono,² in which I was engaged – after the Battle we returned to the Swamp and were dismissed. -- In the year 1780 I again entered the service under Captain Goldson [sic, William Gholson], and served a tour of three months after the British and Tories – and in a short time I joined Captain Mash [Taverner Marsh] and served three months – after my discharge from him I joined Captain Douglass [Edward Douglas] and served between two and three months, and continued in the Scouting service until the fall of Lord Cornwallis in October 1781, when I finally left the Service. I have no documentary evidence and know of no one who knew or served with me except John Neal who lives at a distance from me and whose affidavit is herewith submitted. -- I do hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or annuity whatever, except the present and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

In answer to the interrogatories put by the Court I answerable
1st & 2nd I was born in Culpepper [sic, Culpeper County] Virginia on the 15th of October 1762, and have the record of my age at home.
3rd I lived in Warren County when I was called into service and have lived in Union for upwards of 40 years.
4th & 5th See within.
6th I had a discharge signed by General Butler [John Butler], but it is lost.
7th I refer to the Rev'd ___ and ___ to prove my character for truth and moral conduct.

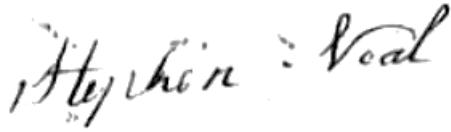
Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

¹ BLWt14658-160-55

² June 20, 1779 http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html

S/ Jno B. O'Neill, Presiding Judge

S/ Stephen Neal



[Willis Walker, a clergyman and John Phillips gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of South Carolina, Union District

Personally came Stephen Neal before me the Subscriber Justice & deposeh as follows in order to explain & make more explicit his application for a pension under the Act of June 7th 1832.

Saith that he entered the Service in Warren County North Carolina in March 1779 as one of the drafted Militia under Captain Twitty & served four months and marched as set out in his declaration. Again in the year 1780 I volunteered under Captain William Goldson & served a Tour of three months Principally in Chatham, Moore & Guilford Counties, North Carolina.

I again Joined Captain Mash as a Volunteer in a troop of horse and Served a Tour of three months at this time in Guilford & other places this was in the year 1781 to the best recollection I now have.

I again Joined Captain Douglass as a Volunteer 1781 or 1782 & served two months & I believe more, I was repeatedly afterwards out on many Scouting expeditions until the close of the war but knows not the length of time. I have no Testimony evidence of my Services except that of John Neal.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the sixth of November 1833.

S/ D. Wallace, JP

S/ Stephen Neal

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South Carolina, Chester District

John Neal came personally before me the subscribing Justice and made Oath that he was knowing to Stephen Neal being in the American service in the revolutionary war the said Deponent was with him in Camp at Cross Creek a short time before Lord Cornwallis' Surrender.

Sworn to before me the 10th day of December 1824

S/ John Gunthorp, Q.C.C.

S/ John Neal, X his mark

[p 10: On October 8, 1850, in the State of South Carolina, Spartanburg District, Rebecca Neal, aged 68 or 69 years, applied for a widow's pension stating that she was the widow of Stephen Neal, a pensioner at the rate of \$40 per annum, that she married said Stephen about the year 1797 and that her husband died May 4, 1842. On March 26, 1855, Rebecca filed another petition in Rutherford County North Carolina. She signed her documents with her mark.]

[p 11: On October 8, 1850, the widow also gave an affidavit authenticating the family record showing the births of her children and the ages of their grandchildren. Unfortunately, most of the records in the file are illegibly faint. What I think I can discern are the following:

? 1798

[several other illegibly faint entries]

Elisabeth Crocker was born July the 16 1804

Jennet Neal was born July the 7 1841

John Neal was born November the 30 1820

Jennet Neal was born July the ? 1847

John Neel was born November the 30 1820]

[p 16: On March 26, 1855 in Rutherford County North Carolina, the widow, aged 72, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war pensioner. She signed this document with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]