

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Neal (Neale)¹ W10220 Delilah f94VA
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[f p. 5]

State of Kentucky Logan County: SS

On this 4th day of March 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Logan County in the State of Kentucky now sitting Benjamin Neale a resident of Butler County in the State aforesaid aged seventy-three 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 June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated. To wit.

Between the year 1777 and the year 1780 the precise date however he cannot now recollect he entered the Said Service as a Militia man in Fauquier County in the State of Virginia in a Company Commanded by Captain Francis Atwell of said Fauquier County Virginia and was detached to guard the Highland prisoners then Stationed at Fauquier Court house, Colon [Colonel] Martin Pickett was at this time Commander [indecipherable word or abbreviation] of the County of Fauquier & frequently visited the Company Stationed to guard said prisoners – He continued in this Service nine months – about the time of his discharge from this duty or shortly thereafter the British troops Captured with General Burgoyne on their march from the North to Albemarle Barracks passed through Fauquier. His father being called on to attend them from Fauquier Court House – He substituted for his father and marched with said prisoners to the Barracks; and was stationed there for several weeks the precise time he cannot now recollect, Under the Command of a Captain Sharp. He was then discharged and returned to Fauquier County the place of his residence.

In the Spring or the early part of the Summer of the year 1781 he again entered the Service of the United States in the 3rd Virginia Regiment commanded by Colon Elias Edmonds, Samuel Blackwell was the Major, the Company in which he volunteered was commanded by Captain Joseph James, Gus Smith, Burr Harris were Lieutenants and Matthew Nance was the Ensign – we rendezvoused at Fredericksburg Virginia at which place General Weeden [George Weedon] had the Command at the time of our arrival there – He recollects an [indecipherable word or words]² which Occurred – Soon after he reached the place of Rendezvous – he inquired of a fellow Soldier the name of the General under whom they were to be mustered into the

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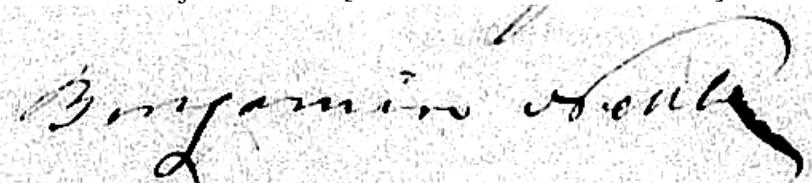
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Service. ["General Gourd ["] was the reply – this being a nickname [of] General Weedon had acquired among the troops. He observed he wished the d_d [damned] old gourd would give them orders, at which time the General was sitting on his horse a few paces in his rear and heard the expression. He remained here a few days when we marched to the City of Richmond where we joined the Army under the Command of General Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg] – whilst the Army was in this neighborhood he was detailed to accompany and guard the records of the State of Virginia from the City of Richmond to Charlottesville. On his return he joined the Army at Walton Camp 8 miles below Richmond here being a good Rifleman he was transferred from Captain James's Company to a Company of Riflemen – from Shenandoah County Commanded by Captain James Pennyweight [sic, probably Jacob Pennyweight] one Marnay was Ensign in said Company the name of the Lieutenant he cannot recollect he however was a Dutchman, as was also the Captain and all the Company except himself and Ensign Marnay and some 2 or 3 of his brothers – He had frequently to make out the morning & evening Reports for the orderly Sergeant a Dutchman whose name was Stoffle Kiester who could not write English Major Jack Willis was the officer of the Rifle Corps to which he was attached. When the Army of the United States commenced the retreat on the approach of the British he thinks the main Army marched up by the way of Hanover Court House, but he together with others was detached to go up the road by ground Squirrel Bridge with the Baggage & Guard to break up the bridges on that road and obstruct the march of the enemy as much as possible. We fell in with the main Army at Raccoon Ford or in that neighborhood, about which time General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] with his detachment also joined the Army. General Lafayette was also in this Army – the Army going up as far as the Bigg fork Church [Big Fork Church?] in Culpeper County. Shortly after the concentration of our forces in this neighborhood the British began to retrace their steps towards the sea board, and the American Army to pursue until the British reached little York. Shortly after the British occupied this post he was discharged on account [of] a Wound he received in the foot which disqualified him for further Service – He returned to his residence in Fauquier after six or eight months Service he would remark that he was during this Campaign again transferred to another Company of Riflemen commanded by Captain Stump [Michael Stump] – That Colon Edmunds being privy to the whole of his Services on his return home gave him a discharge for eighteen months Service in the Virginia Militia which discharge he kept for a long time, but it is now lost or misplaced.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or Annuity (except) the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Benjamin Neale [not clear that "e" is included]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Benjamin Neale". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, textured background.

[Thomas Porter, a clergyman, and Samuel Caldwell gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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The affidavit of George Timmons³ of the County of Hopkins & State of Kentucky made this 28th day of December 1832

³ [George Timmons S11553](#)

This affiant being of lawful age & duly sworn deposes & says That this affiant was a soldier in the revolutionary war that when he joined the service in a Regiment under the command of Colonel Elias Edmunds and (or Edmunds) he saw a certain Benjamin Neale (who is now a resident of the County of Butler & State aforesaid & an applicant for a pension) who was then a soldier in the same Regiment, previously to this time the affiant was acquainted with the said Neale. This affiant was a substitute for the term of 3 months which term he served and during the same time the said Neale served as a soldier in the same Regiment at the expiration of the said 3 months the affiant left the service & left the said Neale in the service. And further saith not.

S/ George Timmons, X his mark

[f p. 36: On May 24, 1852 in Shelby County Indiana, the veteran filed notice that he is a resident of Marion County Indiana and wishes his pension to be payable at the nearest pension office. This document was signed using his mark.]

[f p. 38]

State of Indiana Shelby County: SS

This day personally appeared Benjamin Neale before me Lewis F Reeves a Justice of the Peace within and for said County and makes oath that he entered the service in the year 1776 on the 4th day of July and continued in the service until the 22nd day of March 1782, then Legally discharged by Elias Edmons the Commander of the 3rd Virginia Regiment and further saith not.

S/ Benjamin Neale, X his mark

[f p. 16: On March 28, 1854 in Rush County Indiana, Delilah Neal, 73, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Benjamin Neal, a private in the revolutionary war and a pensioner for such service from the United States at the rate of \$60 per annum; that she married him February 15, 1806 in Ohio; that they were married by Mill Stevenson, a justice of the peace; that her name prior to her marriage was Delilah Barton; that her husband died in Shelby County Indiana April 15, 1853; that she has no record of her marriage and there is no family record. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Facts in file:

The following names of children of the veteran and his wife, Delilah, are shown in the documents in this file as of 1857:

Joseph Neale aged about 51 years in 1857

Mary aged 47 or 48 years and the wife of __ Bird [see f p. 76—at which time she gave her address as % William Bird, Lumber Merchant, Washington City.]

Matthew H Neale – deceased

Richard B Neale

Melinda wife of __ Low [possibly Woodbeck Low who gave testimony but didn't expressly state his relationship to the veteran] [See f p. 81]

Thomas T Neale – deceased

Joshua Neale – deceased

John Neale

Mahala, wife of __ Thomas

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 18 months in the Virginia service. Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing April 13, 1853 for her husband's service as a private.]