

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William New S5818

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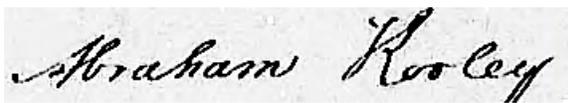
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Virginia, to wit,

On this 29th day of November 1832 Personally appeared before the Court of the County of Halifax, William New a resident of the County & 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 Provision made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

This applicant states that in the year 1777, he resided in Henrico County near the City of Richmond, and that he had the Privilege of enlisting to serve the term of two months as a City Guard, or be drafted to serve three months, that he enlisted under Captain Abraham Kooley [?]¹ and Lieutenant James Price and served out the tour of two months; that his services mostly consisted after that in carrying expresses from Bottoms' bridges to the half-way house, and other places, and served one month and a half at that place, and was detailed to carry expresses for the term of four months under the direction of the express masters, Henry Young and Samuel Jones, and was sent on in various directions almost to every County in the State – that after that service he does not recollect the year, he served a tour in the Militia under Captain Elijah Bolles & Michael Shepard and marched from the City of Richmond to Williamsburg, and from thence to Little York, and there was discharged after serving eight weeks – that he served another tour under Captain Joseph Price and was transferred to Captain David Lamberth's company marched down James River to Sandy Point and the night before he arrived there was a British flag past up the River, she was hailed but would not come too – was fired upon and taken – that Captain Lamberth and his men were put on board her, and carried her down the River to the mouth of the Chickahominy River and from there up to the Ship Yard and there Captain Lamberth left us with Thomas Richardson and marched to Williamsburg, and joined our former Captain: and from thence to Hampton and from there returned to Williamsburg and was discharged after serving 8 weeks – that the last tour he volunteered under Major Seldon about the time Cornwallis came on Dogines Banks [?]² on James River, and there had an engagement after which I was taken sick and discharged after serving 3 weeks, making in the whole of his service 11 months – as a soldier in the Revolutionary War. That he was born in the County of Henrico in the year 1759 – was a resident of said County during the Revolutionary war – after which he removed to Halifax

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County & State of Virginia and do now live in the Same – that he knows no person at this time by whom he can prove his Services – That he has some receipts for a gun, and some Packets that he got at the time he carried the expresses – That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present and that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State.

S/ William New³

[James Adkisson & John H. Claiborne gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Washington City February 14, 1833

I do Certify that as well as I can recollect William New stated that he had no record of his age, that he could find at that time, which was omitted in his declaration. And there is no doubt of his character for veracity & belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. And that there was no clergyman to be had in his neighborhood.

S/ Joseph G. E. Baysham

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Rec'd of William New a packett of letters at 8 o'clock in the evening

S/ David East

August 14, 1780

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August 14 1780 Delivered to Wm New a Packett for Richmond at half after 9 o'clock in the morning

S/ Wm T. Smith

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Recived Feb 13th 1781 of Mr. Wm New Jur. One musket & bayonet

S/ Elisha Price

[Note: there are several other receipts similar to the ones transcribed above but the images are faint or compromised.]

[Note: I was unable to identify any of the officer's mentioned by this veteran.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$21.44 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months & 13 days in the Virginia militia service.]

³ I do not believe the signature is that of the veteran but rather is the name of the veteran signed by the scribe since the hand writing of the document and the signature is identical