Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Neal and Jesse Neal VAS366
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[From rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia]

State of Indiana Ripley County: Sct.

Personally came before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for said County John Shafer Senr. Who being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that James Neal enlisted in Fauquier County Virginia a revolutionary soldier under Captain William Green and deceased in said Army before he was discharged (as was generally understood and reported in the family) of which I was a member for upwards of three years after the close of the War; also he was buried in the potter's field of Philadelphia. Jesse Neal enlisted under Captain John Ashley he also died and was buried in the same place, Also I am satisfied they never returned to their native state they were 3 years men and further this Deponent saith not.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th day of February A.D. 1828

S/ John Shafer

S/ Henry Hamilton, JP

Also personally came Mary Shafer who being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that she saw Jesse Neal go to join the Army after he was enlisted, I heard of James Neal was enlisted as I then understood; and they never returned, I was their half sister; understood by the rest of the family they were buried in Philadelphia in the Potters field, and further this deponent saith not. [The image of this document is cut off at this point.]

[Note: Power of attorney dated February 19, 1828 given by Moses Neal of Jennings County Indiana to procure all patents, deeds or other obligations for any tract or tracts, parcel or parcels of land that may be due him as heir of James and Jesse Neale [sic]. He signed his power of attorney with his mark.]