Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George W. New S30613
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State of Kentucky Woodford County: SS

On this 6th day of April 1835 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Woodford County court now sitting George W New a resident of said County of Woodford and State of Kentucky aged seventy years the 30th day of November last 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 7th 1832.

That he was born in King William County in the State of Virginia in the year 1764 and resided there until the year 1797 at which time he removed to the County of Woodford and State of Kentucky where he has resided ever since.

That in the month of August or September in the year 1780 he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer (and a private) under Thomas Smith who was called Captain Smith that said Smith was a Commissary that immediately after entering the service he was taken by Captain Smith as an assistant commissary the duties of which he discharged until the month of May 1781 making a service of at least eight months during which time he was stationed at Williamsburg from the commencement of his service until in the month of February following from thence he was marched to Cole's ferry on the Chickahominy River where he remained until about the first of April 1781 at which time he returned to King William County and remained until the month of May following when he volunteered as a private for 4 months in the company commanded by Captain William Terry he marched with his Company to Ruffin's ferry and remained there some time as a guard to the military stores at that place they were marched from thence to King & Queen courthouse and joined a Regiment commanded by Colonel John Taylor of Caroline County Virginia he recollects that Major Boswell commanded one of the Battalions he does not recollect the name of the other Major Yancey Lipscomb was Lieutenant Slaughter in some in Terry's company they were marched from the Courthouse to an old field near the Dragon bridge in Middlesex they were marched from thence to Hubbard's field Gloucester County passing through Paradise field, where they stayed some day. At Hubbard's field they were joined by another Regiment and formed a Brigade which was commanded by General Weeden [George Weedon] here Colonel Taylor left the Regiment and Colonel William Baytop took the command at this time Captain James Wade came with a relief and Captain Terry's Company was honorably discharged and this applicant with the rest & he then substituted in said Captain Wade's Company for Lightfoot for a tour of two months the Lieutenant and Ensign under Wade were Curtis Tigner and William Whitlock. We were marched to Ware Church in Gloucester County he thinks at this place they were joined by some French troops were marched from thence to Sowels on the North side of York River at which place they were joined by the French Army. He remained at this place during the rest of York and capture of Cornwallis after

which we marched to West Point in King William [County]. After the expiration of the two months tour under Captain Wade and after the surrender of York he substituted for two months in a detachment commanded by Lieutenant Joseph Valentine and was stationed at West Point as a guard during the whole tour at the end of the same Lieutenant Valentine was relieved by Lieutenant John Whitlock who was stationed at the same place to guard the Military stores &c. He again substituted under said Whitlock in the place of his Brother James New for another tour of two months he remained at this place until about March 1782 and we were then marched to Williamsburg after the expiration of this tour he again substituted under Lieutenant Hays who relieved Lieutenant Whitlock. We were marched from this place to Yorktown and was attached to a small Battalion commanded by Major Richardson here he remained until the term for which he had substituted (to wit) two months had expired when he was honorably discharged, as he had been at the end of each tour, and returned home. He also states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person now living whose testimony he can procure to testify to his services, he will forward all the evidence he can obtain – he would further say the reason he has not made an application for a pension sooner was after the passage of the law giving Pensions he had a brother then living who resided at a distance who knew of his services and he wished to obtain his testimony, that before the same could be done his brother died and he lost the benefit of his testimony. The reason of his remaining in service after the close of the War he cannot say unless it was to guard military stores &c in which duty he remained several months and on small detachments. He has in this declaration stated all the tours he can recollect of having served and he has no doubt he has forgotten a part as he well recollects when he entered the service a little time before he was 16 years old for the two years following he never was out of the Army but twice and then on furlough for a short time one only eight days. In his declaration he has identified twenty months in service although he is sure the facts stated of his continuous service with the exception of two short furloughs is true. 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 or territory.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ George W New

[B. W. Rhoton, a clergyman, and Herman Bowmar gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]