Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Neves S4600 Transcribed by Will Graves f14VA 1/10/13

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State of Ohio Hamilton County: SS

On the 24th day of November in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Honorable George Torrence and the Honorable Associate Judges of the court of Common Pleas now sitting William Neves aged eighty-one years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the pension law passed June 6th 1832 [June 7th, 1832]

That in the year 1775 in the State of Virginia he volunteered under Captain Dick Bibb [Richard Bibb] and was marched to the defense of Williamsburg which was hourly expected to be attacked by the British and continued at that time two months in the service and was at the expiration of the time aforesaid dismissed in consequence of another company coming to their relief. After that in the year 1777 he served two months in the militia in the State of Virginia under Colonel Ned Morris [perhaps Nathaniel Morris] and Captain Stokely Tolls [Stockley Towles] and was marched to the defense of Richmond which was attacked by a British sloop of War and some Buildings fired and pursued on to York. In the spring of 1778 that he was drafted to serve three months but hired a substitute who went in his place and served the time aforesaid. That three counties, to wit, Goochland, Fluvanna and Albemarle were reserved to guard the Barracks in Albemarle County and continued under said reservation three years. That he was at that time a resident of Goochland County. The first year that he was called out to guard the barracks, Captain Elijah Leeks [?] and served four months in Albemarle County – that the second year he was again called out in served four months – General Taylor [probably Colonel Frances Taylor] commanding at the barracks aforesaid. The third year that he was called out to guard the aforesaid barracks under Captain John Curdy [?] and served four months. The service above mentioned was to guard the prisoners taken at Burgoyne's defeat.

That the whole service aforesaid was rendered in the State of Virginia. That he resided in Goochland County Virginia when first called into the service – that he was born in the year 1751 in Goochland County Virginia. That he had a record of his age – but that it is lost by being burned with his house. That he never had a discharge but that the companies were dismissed as others came to supply their place or when their service was no longer deemed necessary. That he knows of no one in his present neighborhood who can testify as to his service in the revolutionary War.

He hereby relinquishes all claim 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.

That since the Revolutionary War he has resided in Mercer County in Kentucky until about 2 years since from which time I resided in the State of Ohio Hamilton County.

That Mr. Samuel John Cosby and Ebenezer Ferris will testify as to his character in

general and as to the belief of his having served in the revolutionary War. That if he was in the County where the service was rendered he could procure many to testify as to his services – but that he is now six hundred miles from that place.

Sworn to and subscribed before me in Open court November 24th, 1832 S/ Danl. Gano, Clk

S/ William Neves, X his mark
[Samuel Cosby and Ebenezer Ferris gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$53.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 16 months in the Virginia service.]