Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William New S7267 Transcribed by Will Graves f7 and f9 NC rev'd 6/24/17

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State of North Carolina, New Hanover County} Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions September Term 1832

On this the eleventh day of September in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Court aforesaid William New a resident of New Hanover County, State of North Carolina aged seventy-five and some months 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 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1776 with Captain John Ashe and served in the 4th Regiment of the North Carolina line under the following named officers viz. Generals Nash [Francis Nash], Martin for a few days only & Sumner [Jethro Sumner], Colonels Pope & Fackston [sic, James Thackston?], Major Covington, Adjutant Williams, Captain James Williams, Lieutenant Florence McArty [sic, Florence McCarthy or McCarthey]. That he left the service about the first of December 1777 but discharged the 9th of November 1777. That he enlisted for 18 months, that when he entered the service he resided in New Hanover County aforesaid, that while he was in the regular service he was in one battle viz., at Germantown [October 4, 1777], Maryland, that after his enlistment he rendezvoused at Halifax N. C. on the Roanoke [River] & marched from thence to Rocky Ridge in Virginia, from thence to Georgetown in Maryland, from thence to Philadelphia, from thence to Trent Town [sic, Trenton] in New Jersey – from thence to Bethlehem-Judea, from thence with 300 British prisoners to Allenstown [sic, Allentown], from thence back to Bethlehem-Judea, from thence with 30 Hessian prisoners to Allentown from thence to Head Quarters, at Germantown, where he remained till he was discharged. This applicant further states that he served in the militia, a period of three months at the least if all taken together, that he engaged for no particular term.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

William New

State of North Carolina New Hanover County} Superior Court of Law Fall Term 1833

On this the 23rd day of April 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable James Martin one of the Judges of the superior Courts of Law & Equity for the State of North Carolina, now presiding in the Superior Court of Law for the County of New Hanover, William New a resident of New Hanover County in the State of North Carolina aged seventy-six

years last February, who made the preceding declaration of his services at September Term 1832 of the Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions, for the County of New Hanover aforesaid in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832 and who now being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath and further explanation, declare and say, that he has a discharge given him in Pennsylvania by Timothy Pickering Adjutant General the 9th of November 1777 which is hereunto appended that he enlisted for 18 months, and served 19 months and a half in the Continental service; That he served one month in a company of New Hanover militia under Colonel John Ashe, Captain William Jones, William Mosely adjutant, his other officers he forgets, in an expedition against the Tories in the first of the year 1776, that he resided in New Hanover County N. C., when he entered the service, that he was a volunteer, that he was in no battle, but the battle at Moore's Creek bridge [February 27, 1776] occurred during this service, that he marched from Rockfish bridge just above where South Washington now is, where he embodied, to Wilmington, thence to Rockfish bridge in Cumberland County about 7 miles below Cross Creek, now Fayetteville, where he joined a considerable force of the Americans, thence back to Wilmington and was discharged; that he served with no Continental Regiments or companies in this service; that he knew no regular officers while in this service, that he has no documentary evidence to show this service and knows of no person by whom he can prove it.

That he served one month in a company of New Hanover militia under Colonel Thomas Bludworth [Thomas Bloodworth], Captain John Bluford, that his other officers he forgets in the latter part of the summer of 1781; that he was a volunteer and a private soldier; that the skirmish at Rockfish bridge [Legat's Bridge, May 13, 1781] just above South Washington in New Hanover County, in which the Americans were defeated being attacked in front and rear about the same time occurred during this service but that he was not in it; that he embodied where South Washington now is & marched to Newkirk's; thence to Black River in the upper part of New Hanover, where he was dismissed, that he has no documentary evidence to prove this service and knows of no person by whom he can prove it; that he was born in Richmond County Virginia in the year 1757; that he has no record of his age but believes it is recorded in a book in the possession of some of his relations, that when he entered the service he resided in New Hanover County N. C. as he has lived there ever since the Revolutionary War, and now lives there; that when he served in the militia he was a volunteer, and enlisted for 18 months in the Continental service, the names of the regular officers who were with the troops where he served were Generals Nash, Martin and Sumner, also under General George Washington, Colonels Pope & Fackston, Major Covington Adjutant Williams, James Williams Captain and John Ashe also, Lieutenant Florence McArty; the Continental regiments he recollects of the North Carolina line were the first, second, third and fourth, he knew Continental regiments at the North belonging to other lines, he recollects a great many militia regiments, but can't tell the Commanders of them except Colonel Kenan's & Colonel Young's, the general circumstances of his service are related above, that he received but one discharge which is hereunto appended he knows Reverend Robert Tate, Reverend George Fennell, Edward Pigford Esq., Solomon Pigford, Kenchen Powers and a hundred others he could name, who can testify to his character for veracity & believes that he was a soldier of the revolution.

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 & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ William New

[George Fennell, a clergyman, and Edward Pigford gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

"It appearing by proper certificates that William New, a Soldier in the 4th North Carolina

battalion, has faithfully Served out the time for which he was inlisted--& delivered up his arms & accouterments, -- he is hereby discharged from the Service of the United States

Given at Head Quarters in Pensylvania [sic] the ninth day of November 1777.

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$64.99 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 9 ½ months in the North Carolina Continental line and militia.]