Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob New W8483 Mary f56VA
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State of Kentucky County of Grant

On this the 13th day of January 1834 personally appeared before the Grant County Court Jacob New a resident of Crooked Creek in the County of Grant and State of Kentucky aged 73 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 7th 1832 –

That he was drafted in the State of Virginia by a law raising Militia in the year 1779 with the militia of that State, and served in the Regiment of the said Virginia Militia under the following named officers to wit. That he was drafted in the County of Hampshire and said State of Virginia – That Captain Aaron Mercer commanded the Company and Michael Everman [?] was his Ensign. That he served as a private Soldier. That he lived in the County of Hampshire and State of Virginia. That the militia Rendezvoused at David McNeal's Mill on the South fork of the South Branch of the Potomac [River] from thence we marched to Stan Town [Stanton?] in Augusta County in the State of Virginia there we were stationed Guarding Tories and 2 horses then in the Jail of said Augusta County. That the said Mercer's Company with other Companies to the amount of 5 or 600 men were raised in the adjoining Counties around to go to the mouth of the Great Kanhaway [Kanawha River?] By a regulation of the Militia of Virginia (then called Point Pleasant) to rebuild the Garrison at said Kanhaway which had been burned down by the Indians. The same which was built by Colonel Lewis in the year 1774. That the above named Stan Town was the point for General Rendezvous. That we were discharged at said Stan Town by the said Captain Mercer Generally, and I and the Militia from Hampshire were discharged by Ensign Everman for two months service when we returned home – And this Declarant states that he rendered other [?] the following service To wit That he volunteered in the said County of Hampshire and state aforesaid as a Militia man under Captain Oaky Johnson in April 1781. That Winton (alias Vincent) Williams was his Major. That the Troops rendezvoused at the same McNeal's Mill on the said South Fork of the South branch – thence up the said South Fork about 15 miles to Colonel Stumps, at which place we heard that the [illegibly faint word or words] a party of Tories at Brakes Tullen [??] Mill one mile off. Major Williams sent off a company of Light Horse to dislodge them – when a scrimmage ensued and three of the Light Horse were wounded, who all retreated towards the said Stumps with a view of decoying said Tories into battle; but they were to cunning – we laid at said Stumps for two or three days, and till we were joined by 250 more men – and then proceeded near the head of said South Fork from thence across to the main South branch of said River. Thence down to the place of rendezvous (McNeal's Mill) having taken six Tories prisoners who we sent off to General Morgan, at which place we were discharged by said Major Williams for a two months tour – And this Declarant

further states that he rendered other and the following service – To wit – That he volunteered for the Term of two months in said year 1781 under the Virginia regulations as aforesaid in said County of Hampshire and State of Virginia. That Captain Daniel Tevebough [?] Was his Captain and __ Daviess his Lieutenant – And Colonel Benjamin Wilson was the commander. That we rendezvoused at said McNeal's Mill from thence across the Allegheny to the head of the Monongahela he of River in Tiger Vally [Tygart's Valley] at Colonel Wilson's Fort at which place we continued for the Term of 2 months Guarding the Frontiers – and then discharged by said Captain Tevebough and then returned home to said Hampshire County Virginia – Viz. Declarant recollects that said Major Williams Captain Tevebough and Colonel Wilson were large bony men, the latter of whom was redheaded – 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 and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jacob New, X his mark

[William Conrod, a clergyman, and Daniel Jouard [?] Gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Question 1st Where and in what year were you born?

As. I was born in Barkley [Berkeley] County in the State of Virginia on the 13th July 1761

2nd. Have you any Record of your age and if so where is it –

Ans. I have no Record of my age -

3. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now live?

Ans. I was living in the County of Hampshire State of Virginia when called into service. I lived at Vincennes then Territory now State of Indiana and now live on Crooked Creek in the County of Grant and State of Kentucky.

4, How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute?

Ans. I was drafted first – the 2nd and 3rd time I volunteered

5. State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served – such Continental and militia Regiments as you can recollect and the General circumstances of your service.

Ans. There were no Regular troops with us – while we were stationed at Stan Town a few weeks there was a great many men raised and Captain Mercer and his men were [one or more words too faint to discern] on too) to go to Hillsboro North Carolina, but he nor his company would not [indecipherable word] to go.

6. Did you ever receive a Discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans. I received discharges every time but they are lost first by Ensign Everman secondly by Major Williams; last by Captain Tevebough.

7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution

Ans. Wesly Porter Esqr. Jeremiah Morgan Esquire, Henry Woodyard Esquire and James Masterson and H. B. Smith Esquire

This day personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for said County

Peter New who being by me duly sworn deposeth and saith. That he is a brother of the above Declarant. That he is five years younger than said Declarant. That he was living at their Father's House when Declarant was called to service – That he knows of said Declarant from his own personal knowledge to have served as he has above stated. That he is, he left his Father's House for that purpose and was from home during the said periods, and that he heard said Declarant say on his returns that the officers above mentioned were his commanders, as he the said Declarant has set forth in the above Declaration.

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S/ Peter New

[f p. 15: On August 30, 1842 in Grant County Kentucky, Mary New, 78, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Jacob New, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him October 19, 1786; that her husband died September 8, 1839. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 16: On August 30, 1842 in grant County Kentucky, Rachel New, gave testimony that she is the sister of Mary New widow of Jacob New; that she, affiant, married Peter New; that Peter and Jacob were brothers; that she was present when Mary and Jacob were married in Hampshire County Virginia she thinks in the year 1784 in the fall; that she, affiant, was married 6 years after her sister. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[f p. 20: certified copy of the records in Pendleton County Kentucky indicating the marriage of Daniel Rice to Elizabeth New January 21st, 1807 by oath of Charles Colvin.]

[f p. 22: Testimony given on May 12, 1847 in Grant County Kentucky by Wesley Porter indicating that Jacob New died in said County in the month of September 1839 leaving a widow Mary and children to wit Elizabeth Morgan, Catharine Clark, Henry New, Mary New, Susan New, James New, & Abraham New. The affiant also testified that he heard the veteran speak many times of having married his wife Mary Coon in the state of Virginia.]

[Facts in file: Mary Coon New was born August 10, 1764; the names of her parents are not shown; in 1842, the widow was living in Grant County Kentucky with her son James New; the oldest child of the veteran and his widow, Elizabeth New married January 22, 1807 in Pendleton County Daniel Rice; Daniel died and the widow Elizabeth married in 1815 Jeremiah Morgan.]

[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. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]