

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension app of Benjamin Neighbors S19000

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State of South Carolina, Pickens District

On this Twenty fourth day of November, 1843 personally appeared before the Court of Ordinary, Benjamin Neighbors, aged Eighty three 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 act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832. That when he was turned of Fifteen years old, he thinks in the year 1777, as well as he can recollect, he lived in Newberry District in this State, and entered the service of his country for six months as a ranger on the Indian Line in Laurens Newberry Districts, under Capt. Jared Smith, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. Richard Bale, 2 Lieut. Thomas Lindsey under Col. Pickens and General Williamson, did not during that tour leave the bounds of those & the neighboring Districts. Served out his six months, and was regularly discharge by Capt. Smith in writing, but it has been so long that he has lost his discharge.

Second tour, In about three months afterwards he again volunteered for three months under Capt. Thomas Dugan, Lieut. Levi Casey, Lt. Col. Robert McCrary and marched to St. Augustine Florida against the British & Tories, marched over the St. Mary's River, there an attempt was made by Genl. Howe to get the militia with whom this declarant was, under Col. Williamson, to join the regulars under his command, but they refused to do so, and although their time was out, they agreed to do so under their own officers, but would not go under the Regular Officers, and was therefore marched back into Georgia and dismissed without any written discharge, and before he got home it was near four months he thinks, but he put it down at three months service.

Third tour: He was drafted for 30 days under Capt. Isaac Grier, Lieut. Verdin, Major Gillam, marched down the country intending to go to Stono, but did not reach there in time for the Battle and was dismissed, making by the time of his return thirty days, or little over.

Fourth tour: He entered as a volunteer for 30 days under Capt. John Verdin, Lieut. James Dugan & E. Verdin, Col. Robert McCrary, marched to the new purchase in Georgia against the Indians served thirty days, and was dismissed.

Fifth tour: He entered as a regular at Hamilton's Ford on Tyger, under Capt. William Truitt, Lieut. Absalom Thompson for Ten Months was promised a negro to do so, but has never heard of the negro since; was in this tour under Col. John Thomas and Genl. Thos. Sumter, and was in the Battles of Cowpens, Blackstocks, King's Mountain and Eutaw Springs; was twice wounded, both at King's Mountain, Col. Williams was killed at King's Mountain also. There were Six Regiments together, commanded by Cols. Thomas, Hill, Polk, Middleton, Hampton (Wade) & Henry Hampton and all under the command of Genl. Sumter. They were reduced by death, slaughter &c to three regiments and he fell under the command of Col. Wade Hampton at the close, and was regularly discharged at Orangeburg, written by Capt. Smith & signed by Genl. Sumter, for Ten months service as above.

To the questions to be propounded by the Court to this declarant, he answers as follows, viz:

1<sup>st</sup>. That he was born in Louden [sic, Loudoun] County, Virginia, in the year 1762, the 15<sup>th</sup> of August.

2<sup>nd</sup>. He had a record of his age, but has not [got] it now.

3<sup>rd</sup>. He lived in Newberry District in this State when he entered the service, then moved to Laurens, thence to Greenville & thence to this District, where he now lives.

4<sup>th</sup>. Was drafted and volunteered both, as will be seen by the foregoing statement.

5<sup>th</sup>. Some of the officers are Colonels Thomas, Hill, Polk, Middleton, Wade Hampton & Henry Hampton.

6<sup>th</sup>. Received two discharges, the first by Capt. Jared Smith and the last by Capt. Wm. Smith, both of which were kept for a long time, very much worn and at length lost.

7<sup>th</sup>. The persons to whom he is known, and who can testify to his character &c. are Rev. Joseph Gresham, Col. Jephtha Norton, Nathan Boone, Esqr., Major W. L. Keith, P. Alexander Esq., & Wm. D. Steele Esq.

He further declares that about the year 1832 or 1833, he made application through an Attorney at Law of this District for a Pension under this Act, but what became of it he does not know, he was drawing a small sum from the State which he has made out with, but if he is entitled to pay under an act of Congress, he hopes his delay will not deprive him of the benefit of it. 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, except that of the State of South Carolina. Since making this above statement, he is informed by his agent that he has a copy of two Indents from the Comps. office Columbia, which he is informed correspond with his statements in part, and he hereby declares that he did not know that such thing existed or could be obtained, until since his statement was made & written down, but he is sure he is the same individual to whom they were issued and he knows of no other proof which he can obtain unless it be the affidavits of Lieut. Thompson & Capt. Smith upon which he was placed on the Pension List of S. C. but who are both now dead.

S/ Benjamin Neighbors, X his mark

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ William D. Steele, {Seal}

Judge of the Court of Ordinary for Pickens District S.C.