

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Youse [Yost] PA1¹

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[The petition below was submitted to the Pennsylvania legislature March 13, 1817]

The petition of John Youse, a resident of Rockland township, Berks County, humbly sheweth:

That your petitioner first enlisted in the county of Northumberland, under Capt. Lowdon, in 1775, and marched to Boston in the first campaign in the Revolutionary war with Great Britain. Was in a slight engagement there, at Ploughed Hill, and in several battles and scrimmages on Long Island, and at the taking of the Hessians at the battle of Trenton, on the second Christmas day in the year, at the battle of Brunswick, where I received a wound in the left hip, [10th June, 1777,] and was at the taking of Burgoyne, in the rifle corps commanded by Col. Morgan and Major Barr, my captain then. I was one of the party of the corps in the expedition against the Indians at Genessee, Seneca, &c., and was one of the party of five who survived out of twenty-four in a scouting party, and forty-one days of that campaign was on half rations. I was at the taking of Stony Point, and at the attack on the Block House, [Bergen's Point, July 21, 1780,] Gen. Wayne our commander. I was one of the eight hundred at Green Springs, in Virginia, [July 6, 1781.] in that hard engagement. My last service was on James Island, in South Carolina, and I have never received any satisfaction for back rations to this day; and for my certificates for my pay, my indigent circumstances obliged me to sell for fifty cents per twenty shillings, and for my said pay, it being State money, I passed for what was called silk money, which silk money went to nothing, so that I lost in a manner all my long, hard eight year earnings. I am now unable to procure a livelihood by labor; therefore, I pray your honorable body to commiserate my miserable situation, and place me on the pension list, so that I may not become chargeable to the township where I live. So that it may not be said after I am buried, ' there is John Youse's grave, who cost our township so much money.

¹ I ran across this petition while trying to find information on the "Battle of Brunswick." The original of the petition is filed in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Bureau of Archives & History; Records of the General Assembly (RG-7); House of Representatives, House File, 1790 – 1903; Military Pensions, 1817; John Youse: Series #7.11.

The identity of this John Youse/Yost is the subject of a wonderfully thorough and well written article by Kenneth Carroll Yost appearing in Hacker's Creek Journal, Vol. XXVIII, Issue 4, 2009-2010 posted on the web at www.hackerscreek.com/upload/...s.../HCJ_Vol_28-Issue_4.pdf (viewed 5/25/12)

I have included this on our database because of the services John Youse/Yost rendered in the Southern Campaign. Kenneth Carroll Yost makes a very convincing argument that the petitioner is NOT the same man as the John Youse who filed for a pension in FPA 39140.