

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Yarborough R11923 Johanna Yarborough f38NC
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State of North Carolina, Montgomery County:

On this 3rd day of November 1852 Personally appeared before the subscriber an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County Joanna Yarboro a resident of North Carolina in the County of Montgomery aged near 100 years, who being first duly sworn, according to Law, doth on her oath, make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed the 4th of March 1836.

That she is the widow of John Yarboro deceased who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and served in the Army of the United States of America as she has always understood from him, and so believes for the term of three months but whether he was drafted or went as a volunteer she is unable to state, but she thinks he served in the Militia as a private soldier, that he entered the service in Wake County N. C. where he was at that time a resident, that she is unable to state the precise time when he entered the Army – that she believes he served under Captain McDaniel [Eli McDaniel], but the number or name of the Regiment she does not now recollect – that he was in the Army and fought the Battle at Black Water Bridge on the Cape Fear River in the State of North Carolina near the town of Fayetteville in said State. She does not recollect where was discharged. She has no discharge of his in her possession nor does he know of any.

That she intermarried with John Yarboro, who had been a soldier in the Revolutionary War on the 12th day of January 1777 in the County of Wake in North Carolina, and they lived together as man and wife in that County two years and moved to Montgomery until her husband's death, from the time of their marriage, and that he died in the County of Montgomery on the 9th day of September 1822.

And that she is now his widow, never having since married.

And this Declarant further states that from her age and infirmity and the great distance she resides from any court House she is unable to attend personally in any Court of Record to make this her declaration, and is therefore compelled to procure a Justice of the Pleas of said County to attend at her house, and make it before him.

She also states that her want and indigence is so great that the County of Montgomery has appropriated a small sum for her Support and learning that her husband would be entitled to a Pension from the 4th of March 1836, and now since his death that she is in her husband's stead, she makes application.

Sworn to & subscribed this third day of November 1852.

S/ M. Marchison, JP

S/ Joanna Yarborough, X her mark

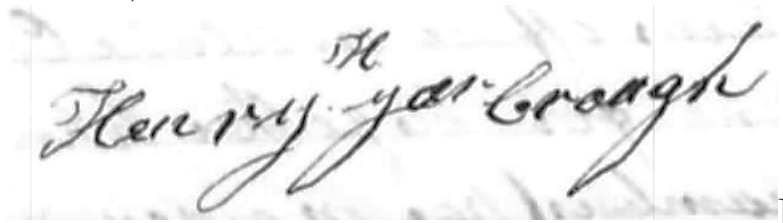
[p 3: On November 3, 1852 Henry Yarboro, son of Joanna and John Yarboro, age 53, made a supporting affidavit reciting substantially the same facts as above.]

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[p 6: On August 28th 1856 in Montgomery County, NC, Henry H. Yarbrough made application on behalf of himself and his siblings as the sole children and heirs of Joanna Yarborough seeking the pension due his mother stating that his father died on September 9, 1819 in Montgomery County, NC; that his mother married his father shortly after the Revolutionary War. In his application Henry H. Yarborough made the following statements in support of his office service in the revolution:

“Henry H. Yarborough further declares that he verily believes the said Declaration of his mother was correct & true. That he has often heard his father John Yarborough talk of being in the war of the Revolution, before his death in 1819 & speak of being in the Battle at Black Water Bridge somewhere down the Cape Fear River below Fayetteville in North Carolina, and of shooting with a musket & firing three rounds & nearer [sic, nearly] got wounded, but a number were killed and heard him speak of fighting against Archibald Clark, who was among the Tories & said Clark was shot through the body & fell, and his sister Sarah Clark went & nursed him till he recovered & brought him home. And he recovered & lived many years. And Henry H. Yarborough further states that he knew said Sarah Clark well – that she lived near his father for many years in Montgomery & removed to Moore County & died about 10 years since – that he has heard her speak of going after her wounded Brother Archibald Clark to the battle ground, and nursing him & bringing him home, & he has been dead for many years – he further declares that he always understood from his father & mother that they were married in Wake County in North Carolina, and that it was from Wake County his father volunteered & went into the Army, but this was before their marriage, which took place the year after the War ended & peace was made. That he has procured Counsel to examine the Clerk’s office and Wake County for a marriage license Bond for his father John Yarborough & his mother Joanna Chambers (her maiden name) & none could be found & he has no documentary Evidence of marriage of his father's service in the War or of his discharge, nor does he know of any, though it was as well understood in Montgomery that his father John Yarborough served in the Army & was a soldier in the Revolutionary War as it is that any other man or Commander was ever there, but all the old man who had any knowledge of such service or day it....: He says his mother died in Montgomery on March 29, 1854.

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[John Morrison gave an affidavit stating that the children of John and Joanna Yarborough were as follows: William, Mary, Henry H., Fanny, Betsy, & Joel Yarborough, now living [as of the date of Morrison's affidavit on August 28, 1856 in Montgomery]; and Larkin, John, Wilson & Sally 'who are supposed to be dead.']