

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Young R11969

Mary Young

f49NC

Transcribed by Will Graves

rev'd 3/13/17

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

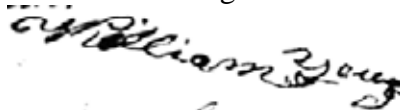
[p 8]

North Carolina, Stokes County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions December Term 1832

On this 12th day of December A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Court aforesaid now sitting William Young a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged 79 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 7th, 1832.

That he entered service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated (To Wit) That in the first of the month April 1780 he was drafted and entered the service under Captain Richard Good [Richard Goode] and Col. John Martin in the County of Surry now Stokes and marched to Richmond Surry old Court House and was joined there by other troops under Colonel Armstrong and was straitway [straight away] marched to the South Western part of this state crossing the Yadkin River Shallow Ford and was marched thence to the Brushy Mountains and was engaged in several skirmishes and in the Battle at Ramsour's Mill [June 20, 1780] with the British under Cornwallis and Colonel Tarleton [Banastre Tarleton]¹ – that in the Battle many of the enemy were taken prisoners that after this battle he was marched after the British waiting for and watching opportunities to harass the enemy on their march and continued thus engaged until the British had marched after General Green [Nathanael Greene] into Guilford County and turned down towards Hillsboro & Orange County in the latter part of February 1781 – that he was out on service during this time constantly that he was always hard of hearing and was ordered by his officers and often did drive the baggage wagon his place being supplied by the Ordinary Teamster – that even then he was not engaged under a civil Contract but was bound to service – that he was born and has always lived near where he now resides in Stokes County N. C. -- that he has a record of his age in his father's family Bible – that he has no documentary evidence of his services and was discharged in Guilford by word – nor does he know of any one now living who can from their own personal knowledge testify to his services – that in his neighborhood he is known to George Maab, Jesse Lawson & John Maabe & others he is known who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution that he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open Court.

S/ William Young



¹ Neither Cornwallis nor Tarleton were present at the Battle of Ramseur's Mill

S/ Wm Hill, Clk

[Jesse Lawson, John Maabe and George Maabe gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 37]

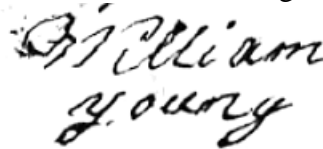
State of North Carolina, Stokes County

Be it known that on this 10th day of March A.D. 1833, personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for said County William Young mentioned in the preceding declaration who being duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following to his foregoing declaration (to wit); that he always served as a private volunteer – that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory which he has lost greatly, he is unable to swear positively as to the precise time or length of his service; but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than nine months – that he is entirely unable owing to his defective memory to give any satisfactory history of the Country over which he marched but that he marched first as before Stated into the South Western part of the state and then on South into Mecklenburg County beyond Charlotte to New Providence not far from South Carolina and that he was then under General Davidson [William Lee Davidson] in the fall of 1780 retreated thence before the enemy until he arrived on this side the Yadkin [River] in Rowan County and that there he served as stated by him before until he was dismissed from service – that there lives no minister of the Gospel near him who he can procure to certify as to his belief of his Services that he is now very poor and infirm and should he not succeed in this application for a pension it will not be from the want of a just claim but from the decay of his memory.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the date above written.

S/ Solomon Pitner, JP

S/ William Young

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Young". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name "S/ William Young".

[p 6]

State of North Carolina, County of Stokes

Be it known that on this 14th day of April 1845 before me Charles Banner a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, personally appeared William Pafford² an aged old man a Pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$96 per annum, who being duly sworn according to law to declare what he knows concerning the marriage of the late William Young Deceased to Mary his wife, declares on his Oath that he was not present at the Marriage of said William Young to his wife Mary Magers [sic, Mary Majors?] which was her maiden Name, but he was in the immediate neighborhood at the time when it happened, and previous to the Marriage he heard the Reverend William Hill a Baptist preacher publish the Banns of Marriage between them as was the custom in those days, which happened soon after the Revolutionary War ended in the then Surry County now Stokes from the division being taken from Surry County in North Carolina, that said William Young and the said Mary lived together as man & wife & raised a family of children and he said William Young became a Pensioner of the United States and died in the County aforesaid about the first of June 1844 leaving the aforesaid married his widow who still remained unmarried. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year first above Mentioned at said Pafford's place of Residence in the County aforesaid before me.

S/ C. Banner, JP

S/ William Pafford, X his mark

[p 3]

State of North Carolina, Stokes County

On this 27th May 1847 personally appeared before me John J. Martin one of the acting Justices of the Peace and a member of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for said County – Mrs. Mary Young and on oath made the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the above named acts of Congress [July 7, 1838, March 3, 1843 and June 17, 1844], that she is the widow of the late William Young deceased pensioner of Stokes County North Carolina at the rate of \$30 per annum under the Act of Congress 7 June 1832 that she was married to the said William Young to the best of her recollection in the year 1781 or two in Surry County North Carolina that her husband the said William Young died on the 1st June 1844, that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the 1st January 1794 that her oldest child Catherine Young was born 20th December 1783 which birth she has registered in his Testament, that she does not know of any person now living that witnessed her marriage, that she has not married since the death of her said husband William Young, but still remains his widow, that she is unable to attend Court to make the foregoing declaration – that she is now 84 years old.

Sworn to and subscribed this 27th May 1847 before me the word December interlined before signed.

S/ J J Martin, JP

S/ Mary Young, X her mark

[p 47: On July 29, 1851 in Stokes County North Carolina, William Priddy, 72, gave testimony that he was well acquainted with the veteran and his wife and that their marriage was never called into question; that he, the affiant, has before him an Old Testament belonging to the Young family most of the entries of which are illegible but that he can discern the following entry “born December the 20th 1783” concerning Catherine Young said to be the oldest of their children.]

[p 31: On June 24, 1853 in Stokes County North Carolina, Mary Young executed a power of attorney in which she states she is the daughter of William Young, a revolutionary Soldier and pensioner and his wife Mary Young, both of whom are now deceased. She signed the document with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina militia.]