

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nahor Norris R5484

Sally Ingram<sup>1</sup>

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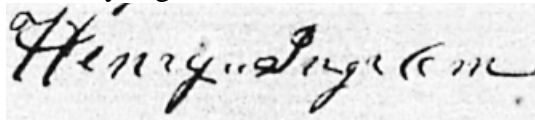
State of North Carolina, Johnston County} Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions November Term  
1851

On this 24 day of November 1851 personally appeared in open Court Henry Ingram a resident of Johnston County who having been duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the Acts of Congress of 7<sup>th</sup> July 1838, of 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 1843 and 17<sup>th</sup> of June 1844. That he is the son of Sally Ingram, late of Johnston County, who was the widow of Nahor Norris a Soldier of the Revolutionary War. That her husband the said Nahor Norris served, as this declarant has been frequently informed by his mother the said Sally Ingram, for two or three years at the different periods against the Common enemy, under what officers this declarant is unable to State, except that he was in the South under General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] and was at the Battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781]. That this declarant's Mother, (whose maiden name was Sally Averyt [?])<sup>2</sup> intermarried with said Naho [sic] Norris in Johnston County in the year 1790 – and that they were married by William Bryan Esquire a Justice of the Peace, that they were not married before the last period of service performed by Nahor Norris, but that the marriage took place prior to 1 January 1794, to wit, at the time above stated, as he has been frequently informed by his mother the said Sally Ingram formerly Sally Norris, that his mother the said Sally Ingram was ignorant of her rights to a pension until a short time previous to her death, which took place on 4<sup>th</sup> March 1846 in the 80<sup>th</sup> year of her age, that she left no children of her first husband the said Nahor Norris, the last of whom, Alex Norris, an Episcopal Minister died in Smithfield Virginia in 1839. That the said Nahor Norris died about the year 1801, and shortly thereafter the mother of this declarant & widow of said Nahor intermarried with Ambrose Ingram who died in 1836, and that this declarant is now the only child of Sally Ingram formerly Sally Norris, now surviving.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the 24<sup>th</sup> day of November 1851.

S/ K. M. C. Wilkinson, Clk

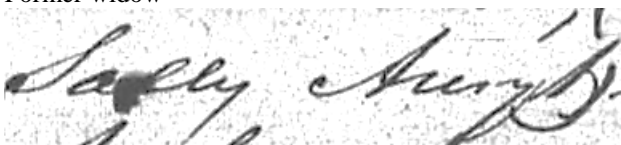
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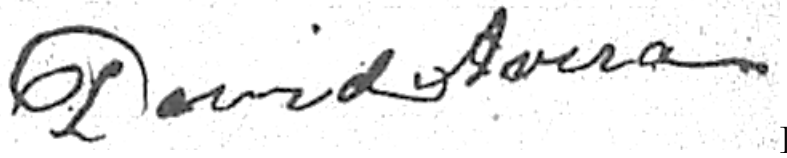
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<sup>1</sup> Former widow

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[p 6: David Avera [?] of Johnston County gave a supporting affidavit affirming the facts set forth above.



David Avera ]

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North Carolina, Cumberland County

On this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June A.D. 1854 personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the County & State aforesaid Jonathan Parker,<sup>3</sup> who being duly sworn according to law Deposeth and saith that he is a resident of the County of Cumberland, State of North Carolina, he is ninety-seven or ninety-eight years old, and that he served in the revolutionary war under General Greene. He states that he was personally acquainted with Nahor Norris, who also served in the Revolutionary war under General Greene, and that the said Nahor Norris served for two years or more at different times, or at all events for six months or more all put together. In the year 1790, Nabor Norris married Sally Averyt, in the year 1801, Nahor Norris died leaving his wife surviving him. In the year 1806 Sally Norris widow of Nahor married Ambrose Ingram. In the year 1836 Ambrose Ingram died leaving Sally his widow surviving him. On the fourth of March 1846 Sally Ingram the widow of Ambrose died.

Sworn & Subscribed to before me on the day & year above written.

S/ A. J. Cannon, JP

S/ Johnathan Parker, X his mark

S/ Elizabeth Green, X her mark

S/ Elinor Ingram, X her mark

[p 22: NC Comptroller's certificate of payments made to Nahor Norris during the Revolution: February 4, 1782 –to Nahor Norris of Capt. Hardy Bryan's Company of Militia ditto June 1782

Norris is designated as a resident of Johnston County in both indents.]

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June the 15<sup>th</sup> 1854

Fayetteville in Cumberland County N. C.

Sir I finally concluded after a long consideration that I would write one letter to you. I am not satisfied because I cannot obtain my Right from the General government, I am the surviving lawful heir of my parents. The survives [sic, survivors] of Nahor Norris was in different parts of the United States. Nahor Norris has no children living now: my mother was married twice first to Nahor Norris and second to Ambrose Ingram. She had seven children three in her first husband's life time and four in her last husband's lifetime. I am the youngest child. All my mother's children died when they was young except myself and one half brother Alexander Norris he died in Virginia. The copy of his will is as follows.

I Alexander Norris late of Charles City County now in Isle of Wight do now make and ordain this my last will and testament. First as the chief of Sinners I command my ungrateful Soul to the tender and Saving Mercies of my Redeemer. Second the pavements of my Debts those [illegible word] are a few [?] and small. Third all the Rest and Residue thereof whatsoever kind of

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3 No one by this name was granted a pension for services rendered in North Carolina during the Revolution.

sum it may be I will and devise unto my Dear and Esteemed  
Mother residing in Johnston County North Carolina. Witnessed  
Signed and Sealed in the Presence of us. A true copy

This man went to school several years in N. C. and left N. C. and went to Ohio Knox County Kenyon College and studied in Kenyon College upwards of four years. After the said Alexander Norris left college in Ohio he went to a very respectable Seminary in Virginia and studied theology upwards of two years and then he went to Richmond City and was ordained an Episcopalian minister and he was received under Bishop Moore and authorized to attend to several churches in Charles City County. He went to see another minister in Isle of Wight County and was taken sick and lived about three weeks. He was magnificently Buried at the expense of about \$100 with a tombstone and selected inscription at the Head of his grave. Mr. Thomas Smith a minister that my half-brother went to see said as my dear people here knew but little about Mr. Norris but loved him much as for myself I knew him long and we had unchangeable Friendship, Alexander Averyt my grandfather – was one of the members that Formed the State or State Constitution. He was one of the first members that sat in the legislature in New Bern North Carolina-- look at the Records you will find his name. He was well acquainted with General Washington and General Lafayette. He was Drafted to go in the revolutionary War and he hired his Brother Daniel Averyt to take his place. The said Daniel Averyt started about the same time that Nahor Norris did in the War. Daniel Averyt was in the Battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and fired there till his gun Bursted [sic] in his hands and the fountain of Brandywine Ran Blood and Water three days and nights. Daniel Averyt and Nahor Norris both served in Different parts of the United States. My Father Ambrose Ingram was Drafted in the War of 1812 but he hired a substitute.

I can get a certificate from the Comptroller in Raleigh certifying the services of Nahor Norris in North Carolina but the Comptroller says the pavements made to him in North Carolina does not amount to as much as six months services in North Carolina – and I never heard my Mother say which of the other states he did serve in. I can also prove that Nahor Norris and my Mother lived together as man and wife, that is all that I can do, more than I have done because a great many old people that lived in Johnston County is not living now, the men that I authorized to try to get this Pension for me says they will have nothing more to do with it because they have been at the trouble and expense of about \$45 that they expect to finally lose for I am not able to pay them, I am a poor man and have five small children to raise and I am not only poor for I am an afflicted man part of my time and not able to work. My occupation is waiting upon three Respectable Editors at any time when called upon to assist them at their presses they give me what they please. If such a certificate as I can get would be anything in my favor I could borrow five dollars from one of the Editors that I wait upon and get Mr. Fuller to write on to the Comptroller for it, it would not make any difference with me whether I ever Received one dollar of the Money or not if there could be any way fixed for my wife to receive a small allowance for the Benefit of my children. The Court that ordered the Clerk to put his seal upon my papers acknowledged in the presence of about 100 men that they were perfectly willing for an allowance to be made to me agreeable to the papers and ordered the papers to be mailed on for you to make this allowance.

There was once a poor man and his name was Lasereth [?] he applied to a certain Rich man that faired sumptuously every day poor distressed man got no assistance from the Rich man the poor man Died. The Rich man he also died and was Buried after death the Rich man saw the poor man But they were no satisfaction to Each other.

The General government has lost a great many thousand Dollars on the pension papers but there is several People that has got there Rights and a great many others that never has obtained their Rights nor never will.

Be please to write to quick as you can make it Convenient

Respectfully yours  
S/ entering Ingram

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June the 25<sup>th</sup>, 1854

Dear Sir

I received your letter and was greatly rejoiced to think that you was not above writing to me in my distress. I write this letter to you wishing you to take a reconsideration. I acknowledge I am a poor man and has five small children to raise I was once independent but through misfortune I fell, But I wish to get my living honest, I come from a very Respectable Generation. First, my grandfather Alexander Averyt was Drafted to go to the Revolutionary War and he Hired his brother Daniel Averyt to take his place and gave his Brother Daniel Averyt several hundred dollars to continue till Peace was made the said Daniel Averyt was in several Battles and fired till his gun Bursted in his hands in the Battle of Brandywine one of the officers rode by him very quick after his gun bursted and there was such a noise with the drums fifes and lamentations of the wounded that he could not make the officer understand him until he held up his gun and showed the Damage. Nahor Norris my mother's first husband was in the battle of Guilford under General Greene, the battle half past one o'clock on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March 1781, and became to be very Bloody before General Greene ordered a retreat. General Wallis [sic, Cornwallis] taking a [indecipherable word looks like 'scar'] after the retreat was ordered. General Wallis took his men all that was able to travel and finally left the Battle ground leaving upwards of 70 wounded to the compassion and Mercy of General Greene requesting him to spare their lives. My father was drafted in the war of 1812. He served part of his time and hired a substitute to take his place till Peace was made. My grandfather was one of the formers [sic] of the State Constitution of N. C. and he was one of the first members of the first legislature that ever sat in N. C. How many thousand vagabonds are there in the United States at this time that they and their back generations never done any good for their Country no way nor fashion, the meaner they can do the better it suits them, do you think such as them ought to have any assistance for them to take the money and go into the grog shop and spend a part or all among their associate drunkards. I do not associate with such people But a great many such people are aiming at Pensions and can prove anything they please. I have a very Respectable man at this time out looking for Evidence that I stand in need of, if I ever did get as much evidence as you wrote for I will mail it on soon as I can, But that will be hard to do because very near all the old revolutionary Soldiers are deceased, Be pleased to give me instructions in your next answer whether I can draw anything for Father's serving part of his time Hiring a Substitute to serve the Balance. Be please not forsake me because I am poor.

Here is one thing I particular[ly] request you to consider upon that is supposing a son of General Lafayette was to apply to you or Franklin Pierce for some assistance in his Distress or supposing a grandson of General Washington was to apply to you or Franklin Pierce the President for some assistance in his distress. Do you think it would be anything against your reputation or against Franklin Pierce's Reputation to make some arrangement to assist this man in distress. If you believe that he would take care and make good use of the assistance you give him. Be pleased to tell my friends Sion Rodgers<sup>4</sup> that I think hard of his not writing to me.

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4 Sic, Sion Hart Rogers. Congressional biography: “

ROGERS, Sion Hart, 91825-1874) a Representative from North Carolina; born near Raleigh, Wake County, N.C., September 30, 1825; attended the common schools, and was graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1846; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1848 and commenced practice in Raleigh; elected as a Whig to the Thirty-third Congress (March 4, 1853-March 3, 1855); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1854; solicitor of the Raleigh district of

When he was a candidate I went to hear him make his speech and I done all I could in favor of his Election and he only Beat Seventy votes at that, Mr. Rogers, being all the acquaintance I had in Washington City I wrote one very particular letter to him I should be glad if he would read the letter before you and Franklin Pierce. Be pleased to see Mr. Tucker that holds the Power of Attorney in my favor and try to agree with him if I can not get any more Evidence for me to have a small allowance a half allowance is better than none But there is one thing I forgot But I will put it in now in good time when Mr. Rogers was a candidate he shook hands with me and said he was always alike But since he has become to be a member of Congress he has not showed the least kind of Respect to me, Mr. Rogers Mr. Lewis and Mr. Venerable all spoke in my presence Mr. Rogers was the only of the three, Mr. Lewis got part of the votes that Mr. Venerable would of got if Mr. Lewis had not of offered and I influenced several men myself over to Mr. Rogers and after all that he only Beat Mr. Venerable 70 votes, and after my doing all I could in his favor, the said Mr. Rogers did not Respect me enough to write to me one time after he stationed himself a member of Congress in Washington City. It is mighty doubtful whether he ever is Elected anymore for any kind of Business a member of Congress that slights one poor man that has done him a favor is not doing his reputation any good amongst other poor people because there is an abundance more poor people all over the United States than there is of the Rich People, and a great many poor men all very generous and Easy to influence to vote the way that some others will vote. Be pleased to excuse me for writing much longer a letter than I expected, I finish my Letter by giving you my most best respects wishing you to write to me as soon as you can make it convenient. Farewell

S/ Henry Ingram

[The file has a number of other letters written by Henry Ingram to Commissioner Edwards pleading his case. In one letter dated August 26, 1854, Ingram claims that the pension being paid to the family of [John Gulley W19557](#) is based on fraudulent claims.]

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the superior court; served in the Confederate Army as a lieutenant in the Fourteenth Regiment of North Carolina State Troops in 1861; was commissioned colonel of the Forty-seventh North Carolina Infantry April 8, 1862; resigned January 5, 1863, upon being elected attorney general of the State of North Carolina; served in that capacity until 1866; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1868 to the Forty-first Congress; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-second Congress (March 4, 1871-March 3, 1873); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1872 to the Forty-third Congress; died in Raleigh, Wake County, N.C., on August 14, 1874; interment in the City Cemetery." <http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=R000402>

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