

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Francis Myrick R7547

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State of North Carolina Moore County

On this 29th day of August in the year while Lord 1832 personally appeared before me Joseph J. Daniel one of the judges of the Superior Courts of law and Equity for the State aforesaid at Carthage in the County aforesaid in open Court Francis Myrick a resident of the said County of Moore in the said State of North Carolina aged seventy-four years since July last who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That in the year 1781 he lived in the County of Warren in the State aforesaid and that in the beginning of February the particular [day] he cannot ascertain of the same year, when he was about twenty-three years old he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer under the command of one Captain Nazary¹ [George Nasworthy] who had raised a Company of men to join the Army of General Greene [sic, Nathanael Greene] which was at that time retreating before Lord Cornwallis's Army. As soon as Captain Nazary had raised his company they started from Warren Court house early in February and marched to a place on Haw River called the hanging Rock where they joined the Army of General Greene. This affiant does not know the Regiment in which he was attached but recollects that one General Eaton [Thomas Eaton] Colonel Haynes [Robert Haynes] and Major Tatum [perhaps Absalom Tatum] commanded the North Carolina Militia one of which number this affiant was. This affiant states that when he was attached to Greene's Army his gun, shot bag and powder horn was taken from [him] and a musket and cartridge boxes was given to him in their stead. After this this affiant states that he marched with Greene's Army and performed the duties of a soldier until the two armies met at Guilford Court house [March 15, 1781] and prepared for battle which as well as he recollects was sometime in the middle of March 1781. This affiant states that he amongst the rest of the militia -- was engaged in the fight being placed by General [Greene] to receive the enemy and fall back when the fight should become severe and give place to the regular Troops who were posted behind them. That when General Greene found he could no longer sustain the fight he ordered a retreat and marched his Army to a place called the Iron works and when he had rested them a few days and collected the scattered parts of his Army he marched in pursuit of


¹ [Solomon Jackson S16424](#) states in his application that he served under a Capt. George Nazery from Warren County, NC at the battle of Guilford Court House. [Abraham Mavfield R7060](#) said he was at Guilford Court House under a Capt. George Nazrey from Warren County. [William Thompson S30731](#) states that he was under a Capt. Nazara from Warren County at the Battle of Gates Defeat.

Cornwallis Army who had gone on after the battle at Guilford and was crossing the River at Ramsey's Mills where Greene hoped to overtake him after Cornwallis' Army had crossed the River he marched in the direction of Wilmington and General Greene hearing of Lord Rawdon being in South Carolina he desisted from the further pursuit of Cornwallis and marched to meet Rawdon's Army. This affiant states that Greene took his Main Army in Front and placed a guard of 3 or 400 men to conduct the cannon, baggage &c in the rear of the Army one of which Guard under the command of one Colonel Dudley [Guilford Dudley], this affiant was. Almost as soon as Greene's Army had reached Camden Rawdon hearing that he was destitute of cannon and ammunition came out to attack them just as the guard had brought up the cannon & when an engagement [Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781] ensued between the 2 armies and after hard fighting Greene's Army was compelled to retreat. This affiant particularly recollects the circumstances of Rawdon's Army coming up when the American Army was engaged in cooking & eating and that this affiant was at a very small distance of the cannon when they were fired upon the British. The affiant further states that from the time of General Greene's retreat before Rawdon's Army he was engaged in a variety of services such as guarding the fords and other such duties as are assigned to the militia until shortly before General Greene's Army was [one or more words obliterated by an ink blot] place called Ninety Six [Siege of Ninety Six, June 19-May 21, 1781] in the latter part of May or first of June when he was dismissed from further service and received a written discharge from, to the best of his recollection one Colonel Williams [Otho Williams], which discharge he has long since lost, not thinking that it would ever be of any service to him. This affiant further states that after his discharge he made his way back to Warren County in North Carolina and soon after his return again entered the Service of the United States as a volunteer under one Captain Davis Nicols [sic, Davis Nichols] who raised a Company and marched from place to place and underwent training and discipline &c in case there should be any need for services held themselves ready to enter into active service that after remaining in this situation for about 3 1/2 months in the fall of 1781, they were disbanded by their Captain inasmuch as there was nothing in that quarter that rendered their remaining in service any longer necessary. This affiant states that he was verbally discharged by his Captain as were all the rest of his Company. This affiant further states that there are no persons with whom he is now acquainted who can testify as to his revolutionary services except his brother Moses Myrick whose affidavit is herewith transmitted – in as much as shortly after peace was made he left Warren County where he was raised and known and came to Moore County where he now resides. This affiant states that he is known to James Gaines, Archibald McNeill & Bradley Garner who can testify as to his character for veracity.

This affiant 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 in the United States.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Francis Myrick



[Archibald McNeill and James Gaines gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Interrogatories propounded to Francis Myrick and answered by him in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

Question 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer 1. I was born in the County of Warren in the State of North Carolina in July 1758

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

A. 2. I have no record of my age at this time nor do I recollect that I ever had any.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

A. 3. When I went into service I lived in Warren County as stated in my declaration. After the war was over I married and moved to Moore County, where I now live and have since lived.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

A. 4. I volunteered in the first place under Captain Nazary and lastly under Captain Nicols as stated in my declaration

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

A. 5th . When we joined Greene's Army at the Hanging rock we were placed under General Eaton Colonel Haynes & Major Tatum. I also recollect That Colonels Lee [Henry [”Light Horse Harry”] Lee] & Washington [William Washington] commanded the Course and Colonel Williams commanded a Regiment of footmen. As to the names of the different regiments I cannot say that I know them. The General circumstances of my service is more fully detailed in the foregoing declaration.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

A. 6th . I received a written discharge as well as I recollect from a Colonel Williams from the first Tour I served which discharge I have lost and from the last service under Captain Nicols I was verbally discharged.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

A. 7th . I am known in my present neighborhood to Daniel McNeill, James Gaines, Archibald McNeill and Bradley Garner who can testify as to my character for veracity and there is none of my neighbors who know anything of my revolutionary services as I am moved amongst them since the war.

S/ Francis Myrick

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year above written

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State of North Carolina Chatham County

Personally appeared before me John J. Mann one of the Acting Justices of the peace in and for the aforesaid County of Chatham Moses Myrick of said County and after being duly sworn saith that Francis Myrick of the State aforesaid & County of Moore is his Brother and that his said brother Francis Myrick was a soldier in the revolutionary war but at what particular time he the said Moses does not recollect nor does he recollect how long the said Francis served but he the said Moses distinctly recollects being at the residence of his said brother Francis Myrick in the time of the revolutionary war that the said Francis was from home and that his Father and the family all said & it was understood by all the neighbors that he was in the American Army that he the said Moses Myrick has ever since been & is still of the belief that the said Francis was a soldier in the revolutionary war and that he has never doubted it. The said Moses further states

that he is between 75 and 80 years of age, that in consequence of old age And terminating & consequent loss of memory he is unable to state with precision many of the facts relating to his brother's said servitude, but he distinctly recollects hearing him the said Francis Myrick many years ago & he thinks soon after his said servitude tell of many circumstances which transpired while he was in the service of the United States as a revolutionary soldier, amongst which was the battle fought by General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] with Cornwallis called the Battle of Guilford, General Greene's pursuit of Cornwallis to Ramsey's Mill, a Battle at Camden in South Carolina &c in all of which he the said Francis always spoke of as having been engaged in them himself under General Greene as well as I recollect.

Sworn to and subscribed the 3rd day of August 1833

S/ John J. Mann, JP

S/ Moses Myrick Sr. [Jr.?)

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Moses Myrick Sr.", written in dark ink on a light background.

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The Amended Declaration of Francis Myrick in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

State of North Carolina Moore County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace for the County and State aforesaid Francis Myrick who being duly sworn according to law Deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he is not able to give a precise account of all the particulars relating to his service as a soldier of the revolution, but that the following statement is substantially correct to the best of his recollection -- That in the year 1781 being the same in which the battle was fought at Guilford Court-house this Deponent volunteered his services for a 3 months tour under one Captain Nazary who raised a Company of soldiers in the County of Warren when this Deponent then lived. That this Company when raised was immediately marched by the Captain and joined General Greene's Army at a place called the hanging Rock Captain Nazary continued with General Greene's Army after the battle at Guilford until just before the siege of Ninety Six when the time had expired for which his Company had entered the service and from some cause now unknown to this Deponent Nazary & his company remained about 2 weeks over their time. This affiant received his discharge from Colonel Williams after having served as a private this first Tour 3 months & a half for a more particular account see my first Declaration. The next Service done by this Deponent was for a tour of 3 months more when shortly after he had returned home from his first Tour, he entered as a volunteer under one Captain Davis Nicols who raised a company of volunteers in the County of Warren as aforesaid and kept them on duty up and down the Roanoke River so as to be ready in case there should be any need for them: That sometimes they would be on the march and at other times stationed. After the 3 months had expired, during the whole of which time he the Deponent was on duty and he engaged in no civil pursuits the Captain discharged his men as stated in my first Declaration. This Deponent through mistake made a misstatement in [his] first Declaration in saying that he served 2 weeks or half a month over his time when under Captain Nicols. He ought [to] have stated that he served 2 weeks over his time under his first Captain Nazary which is the fact to the best of his recollection. This Deponent in conclusion states that

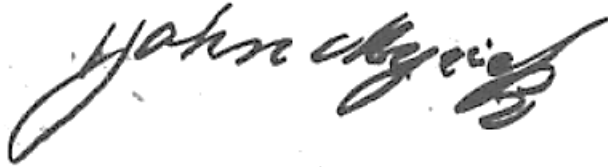
in both of these tours he had served at least 6 months for which he claims a pension. He states that there are no persons by whom he can prove his service except his brother Moses Myrick whose affidavit as to his Tour under General Greene is herewith transmitted -- his other tour he can prove by no one and must rely upon his own oath -- His reputation as a soldier of the revolution is known to all his neighbors and has been proven by 2 of the most respectable -- there is no preacher of the Gospel in his neighborhood who can prove his reputation as a soldier of the revolution. This deponent states that he has given as full and as satisfactory statement of his case as he is now able --

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 20th day of August 1833

S/ Wm Hancock, JP

S/ Francis Myrick

[p 16: On September 15, 1853, John Myrick, 66, a resident of Moore County, North Carolina filed the said an affidavit and power of attorney in which he stated that he is the son of Francis Myrick died January 10, 1842; that the wife of said Francis Myrick (the mother of John Myrick) named Susannah died January 19, 1840; that his parents were married in the year 1782 in Warren County North Carolina.



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[p 34: On September 10, 1853, Alexander Carrol, 78, of Moore County gave an affidavit in which he stated he had known Francis Myrick more than 60 years; that he often heard him speak with other soldiers about their services in the revolutionary war; that Francis Myrick died his wife having died before him and was survived by 7 children now living as follows: Moses, James, John, Hulda, Permelia, Becca & Polly.]

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State of North Carolina Moore County

This day personally appeared before John J. McIntosh one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for said County Alexander Carrell and after being duly sworn in due form of law deposed and say that he is about seventy-nine years old and that he was personally acquainted with Francis Myrack [sic] a revolutionary Soldier and that he intermarried with his Sister Susannah Carrell about the year 1785 and Susannah died in 1840 and Francis died in 1842 and that they left surviving children viz. to wit Moses, John, Polly, Huldah, Rebeca, Permelia and James and this affiant further say that Francis Myrick (was a soldier) in the Revolutionary war nine months for he heard his discharge Read in my father's house and said Francis had his House burnt and said Discharge Burnt in it and he further says that Francis Myrack is the same Francis that received payment as a revolutionary soldier as certified by the Comptroller of North Carolina to the best of his knowledge and belief. Sworn and subscribed before me this the 22nd day of April A.D. 1854

Test S/ John J McIntosh, JP

S/ Alex^a Carrell

