

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hugh H. Norvell (Norwell) R7716 Margaret f41VA  
Transcribed by Will Graves 1/22/13

[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. 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 fails 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 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

### Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> of July 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows –"

State of Virginia: in Mecklenburg County to wit:

On this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1840, personally appeared in open Court, before the County Court of Mecklenburg, now sitting, George W Norwell one of the children of Margaret Norwell, deceased (late widow of Hugh Norwell or Horvell, deceased) a resident of Mecklenburg County, and State of Virginia, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7<sup>th</sup>, 1838, entitled "An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows –"

He declares that he is one of the children of Margaret Norwell, deceased, late of the said County, who was widow of Hugh Norwell, deceased, formerly a Corporal in the Continental and militia service of Virginia in the War of the Revolution – That his mother, the said Margaret Norvell, departed this life in the County of Mecklenburg on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1840, aged about 69 years – That previous to her death, understanding that she was entitled to a Pension on account of the military services of her late husband said Hugh H Norvill, in the War of the Revolution, she and her family were endeavoring to prepare the necessary Declaration and evidence, in order to obtain the same, in accordance with the provisions of Congress: but in consequence of her severe illness and rapid decline of health was unable to do so, before her death –

He further declares, that he knows nothing of the service of his late Father, the said Hugh H Norvell, except from hearsay, and the statements of others: he therefore, prefers to rely on the written certificates of old soldiers who served with him, to any statement that could be furnished by himself – As to the character, and length of service, he refers to the Public Records of the Army at the period, and accompanying certificates for proof –

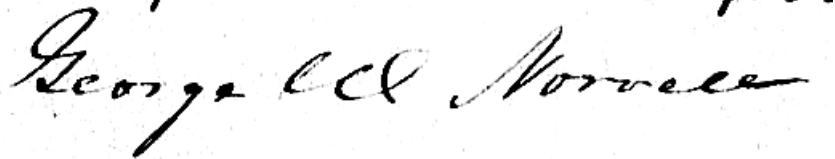
He further declares, that he always understood from his Mother the said Margaret Norvell that she and the said Hugh H Norvell were married in Granville County, State of North Carolina on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 1788, according to the laws of that State: that her husband, the said Hugh Norvell died on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1824 – That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794, to wit, about the time above stated – He further declares, that said Margaret Norvell after the death of said Hugh H Norvell, never intermarried, but continued a widow to the day of her death – That said Hugh H Norvell, in the year 1818, and up to the time of his death, was not in indigent circumstances, and so as to require aid or assistance from his country for support –

That said Margaret Norvell at the time of her death, left six surviving children, to wit:

George W Norvell, James Norvell, Thomas A. Norvell, William H Norvell, Margaret B Whobrey and Mary B Meacham all of whom are of legal age –

He further declares that the foregoing Declaration is presented in order to recover the amount of Pension that his late mother would have been entitled to, had she lived to make the necessary Declaration – and forward her papers to the proper Department – The proper name is Norwell.

S/ George W. Norvell

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George W. Norvell". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[f p. 7: family register:

Hugh Norvell was Born August the 22<sup>nd</sup> 1759

Margaret Norvell was born March 16 1774

James Norvell was born December the 22<sup>nd</sup> 1794

~~Pokey Brigg Norvell was born December 15<sup>th</sup> 1797~~

Hugh Norvell was Born November the 21<sup>st</sup> 1799

Polly Bugg Norvell was born May 14<sup>th</sup> 1802]

[f p. 8: Copy of a marriage bond dated January 7, 1790 issued in Granville County North Carolina to Hugh Norwell & Young Norwell of Mecklenburg County Virginia conditioned upon the marriage of Hugh Norwell to Margaret Bugg.]

[f p. 11]

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of August 1783, in the name of Hugh Norwell\_ , as a Corporal of Infantry for £64.6.8, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this  
4<sup>th</sup> day of May 1841.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

[Note: this file contains no testimony of any fellow soldiers who served with the veteran or gave any details of his service. [Daniel Hicks S5533](#) gave testimony that after the war he became acquainted with the veteran and based on conversations believes he was a soldier in the revolution but could give no details as to the veteran's statement of his services. John Winckler and John C Bugg also gave a supporting testimony based on their acquaintance with the veteran but gave no specific details nor did they claimed to have served with him in the war.]

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)] index under the name Hugh Norvell  
These documents MAY OR MAY NOT relate to the veteran named above

South Carolina Union District: Personally came before me William Johnson Esquire & made oath in the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God & saith on his oath that he was acquainted with Hugh Norvell & that the said Norvell served in the Continental Army as a Corporal 3 years in the 14<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment.

Sworn & subscribed to this 16<sup>th</sup> May 1811

S/ W. Johnson



It does not appear that Hugh Norvell has drawn a warrant for his bounty in lands.

Land Office

8<sup>th</sup> June 1811

S/ Cha. Blagrove

I do hereby certify that I knew Hugh Norvell as a Soldier in the last war with Great Britain and I know that he served 3 years in the 14<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment on the Continental Establishment.

Given under my hand & seal February 2, 1812

S/ Herod Gibbs Lt. 15 V. Rigt. [Harod Gibbs]<sup>1</sup>



South Carolina Chester District

I do hereby Certify that the above named Herod Gibbs is a man of good Standing in Society and his certificate entitled to full credit.

S/ Hez. Donald, J. Q.

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<sup>1</sup> FPA W17947