

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Norton R7720

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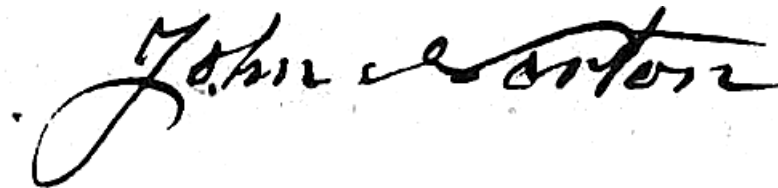
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State of Kentucky Scott Circuit Ct.

On this 14th day of September 1836 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Court now sitting John Norton a Resident of the County of Woodford in the State of Kentucky aged 74 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

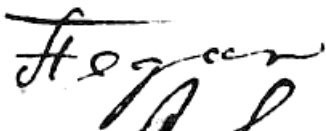
That he served two militia Tours of three months each in the revolutionary war viz. in the month of September 1780 he served the first tour under Captain Daniel Fegan [? Hegan?]¹, [text obliterated] Rust was first Lieutenant & John Russell Ensign & were ordered to Richmond, Virginia, & we were under General Weden [George Weedon] & Baron Steuben who discharged us at Petersburg Virginia. We were in no Battle, but much fatigue, in marching to various points, guarding the adjacent Country – This tour [tour] begun first of September 1780 & ended last of November three months. The next tour was in 1781 & commenced first September & extended to last of November – he was at the taking of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] & guarding Prisoners after at Noland's ferry Loudoun County. He has no discharge & he got no person from State or General Government he has one witness Wm. Johnson who lives in Woodford County adjoining this County of Scott & being the only witness & at or near this place he has fall proper to make his declaration in the Scott Circuit Court now sitting – he relinquishes claims to Pension under other laws.

S/ John Norton



[J. T. Johnson "a Teacher of the Christian Religion residing in Georgetown Kentucky" & R. M. Johnson "member of Congress" gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

And William Johnson appeared personally in open Court and made oath that he was with John Norton on the first Tour attested to in his declaration and knew the facts that he states are true. He also states that he knew that he was on the second Tour as named by him and at the taking of



Cornwallis as stated in his declaration. Given under my hand the 14th September 1836
S/ William Johnson

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined.

[Note: A note in the file indicates that this claim was rejected because the veteran did not serve the required 6 months.]

State of Kentucky County of Grant

On this 13th day of December 1841 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Grant County now sitting John Norton a resident of the County of Grant and State of Kentucky aged seventy-nine 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 the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated: That he resided in Loudoun County State of Virginia; that on or about the first of September 1780 he entered the service of volunteering for six months. The call for volunteers was made by Proclamation of Thomas Jefferson then Governor of Virginia to join the Army in the South known as the "Southern Army" They were ordered to the South by Colonel Peyton; his Captain was Daniel Feagan, they were marched to Fredericksburg with two other companies one under the command of Captain Winsell and the other under the command of Captain Russell where they expected to draw our arms, but there was not more than enough for one third of them, they were then informed by Major Armistead – that they would have to go on to Richmond to procure additional arms; when they got to Richmond Mr. Jefferson the Governor, said he felt he ought to take care of his own State and ordered us down James River to join Colonel Meriwether's Regiment, we met and joined his Regiment at Cabin Point, the name of the Major was Dick; we then marched down to near the mouth of Nancy Mum [Nansemond] River and guarded the Coast until the British left the River; Colonel Meriwether then sent us back to the Governor who sent us home, we were out near or about four months; if he got a regular discharge he has forgotten and lost it; unless a certificate that was given him by his Captain, was in the nature of a discharge. That certificate gave him credit for two tours of two months each; he does not know what became of that certificate, they had no fighting during the time he was a private:

In the year 1781 he was drafted and served a tour as a private from Loudoun County Virginia under Captain Hancock, his Lieutenant was named George Taylor, his Colonel was George West, they joined the Brigade of General Weedon; on the North side of York River they joined the French troops under General Armong. This was the 6th or 7th of October; Soon after this our forces under the command of General Washington and the French fleet from the river began the bombardment of York Town: on the 16th of October part of the British landed on the Gloucester side; and we the militia, and the French were marched to Gloucester Point, where the British had a Garrison; we formed the French on the right and we, the militia, on the left, it was dark, they fired – two stacks of combustibles in rear of the French; there was firing from both sides, some of the French were wounded: then on the 19th of October, Cornwallis surrendered to General Washington, and when all the stipulations were fixed, we the Loudoun County Militia guarded a portion of the prisoners up to Noland's ferry on the Potomac River, where we were discharged, there being no further use for us; the length of time he was out this time was sixty-five days, as that was the length of time mentioned in the certificate given him by his Captain;

which is long since been lost. – He states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person now living whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his actual service.

He 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. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Norton

[Joshua was Jones, a clergyman, and Andrew Martin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]