

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Alexander Norton R7725
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State of Tennessee }
Blount County sct } On this 24th day of September 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the Worshipfull Court of pleas and quarter sessions of the County and State aforesaid now sitting, Alexander Norton a resident of said County & State aged Seventy three years the 14 march 1832 as he believes, 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 7 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated towit that in 1780 about two months before the defeat of Gen'l. Gates [Horatio Gates at the Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] as applicant believes, he was drafted in Pittsylvania County Virginia for three months, and went into Service under Captain [blank space] Clemens [sic: Isaac Clement] and Maj'r. Harry Conway, the Colonels name not now, certainly remembered, and were attached to Gen'l. Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens's] command and marched to Hillsboro [Hillsborough] North Carolina where they remained about two weeks. this applicant with others was employed in thrashing Grain through the Country for the supply of the army, from thence was marched to Rugely's Mill [sic: Rugeley's Mill] and from there joined General Gates, and was in the defeat under him, after the defeat this applicant and many of the Company rendezvoused in New Garden Settlement [now in Greensboro] among the Quakers in North Carolina, and were there discharged, having been about four months from home on that tour, when he reached home. In the latter part of the Spring or in the Summer of 1781 this applicant was again drafted in Pittsylvania Virginia for a three months tour of duty, and placed under Command of Captain Charles Williams, and Colonel William Dicks [sic: William Dix], and Major Marrywithers [sic: Meriwether], Marched first to Old James Town on James River then crossed to Old Williamsburg, from thence to Little York, and under Command of General Stephens joined in the Seige of that place [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] which was surrendered by Lord Cornwallis on or about the 19th October 1781. A day or two after the surrender, Capt Williams' Company with other troops were detailed to guard a part of the British prisoners they were marched and guarded to Noland ferry on the Potomac River where they were delivered across the River to the Maryland troops. We were then marched back to Leesburg Virginia as applicant believes, and there honorably discharged and returned home after being absent four months or upwards. Applicant has lost his discharges or they have been destroyed. he has no other evidence of his Services than his above statement, and the affidavit of Harris Gammon Esq. hereto annexed, and knows of no other person by whom he can now prove his Services or any part thereof except as aforesaid. Applicant removed from Pittsylvania County Va. to Rowan County North Carolina in the fall of 1793, lived in Rowan Cty. No. Car. remained there ten or twelve years then removed to Sevier County Tennessee lived there about 15 years then removed to Blount County Tennessee where he now lives.
Sworn to and subscribed in open Court 24 Sept. 1832 [signed] Alexander Norton

State of Tennessee }
Knox County sct. } On this 24th day of August 1832 personally appeared Harris Gammon a resident Citizen of said County before me Thomas Brown - and acting justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, and the said Harris Gammon being duly sworn according to law deposeth & saith that he is about seventy four years of age as he beleives, that he was well acquainted with Alexander Norton now of Blount County Tennessee formerly of Pittsylvania County Virginia during the Revolutionary War, that he beleives said Norton did serve during the said War as he has stated, in the Campaign to North Carolina and in General Gates defeat, that deponent always understood and beleived so, and never heard it questioned or doubted. In 1781 this deponent was in the Company Commanded by Capt. Charles Williams as a private Soldier and a messmate with said Alexander Norton and served with him, during that Campaign and the Seige of York, and was present at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis, and aided

in guarding the British prisoners to Nolands ferry on Potomac River, as stated by said Norton, and deponent does know that said Alexander Norton did perform that tour of service as he has stated, and faithfully & bravely did his duty, and was honorably discharged as deponent beleives, Deponent beleives said Alexander Norton to be a man of the Strictest Veracity and integrity, and has full Confidence in his statements. [signed] Harris Gammon
[See also Gammon's pension application S3389.]

NOTE: On 24 Feb 1844 in Murray County GA Mary Norton, 79, applied for a pension stating that she married Alexander Norton on 1 Dec 1785, and he died 17 Oct 1834. With her application is a record of their children kept by their son, Norman Norton, and transcribed below. Her application was supported by the deposition of Nancy White, their fourth child, born 30 Jun 1793.

The Names & Ages of Alexander Norton's Children

William Norton Born July 13th 1787

Nicholas Norton Born September [illegible] 1789

James Norton Born July 13th 1791

Anna Norton Born June 30 1793

Alexander Norton Born January 31st 1797

John Norton Born October 31st 1795 Dec'd at Seven weeks old