

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Norwood R7729

Clary Norwood f27NC

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State of North Carolina, Wake County

On this 20th day of May 1845 personally appeared in open court Lethan Norwood a resident of the County and State aforesaid and being first duly sworn according to law doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits made by the act of Congress passed the 7th of July 1838 and he doth declare on his said oath that he is 46 years old, that he is the son of Clary Norwood who was the widow of John Norwood who was a Lieutenant in the war of the Revolution and at the battle of Guilford [Battle of Guilford Court House, March 15, 1781] his Captain whose name he does not recollect deserted and he was promoted to the office of Captain in his stead as he has often heard him say and that his whole service in the war of the Revolution was better than three years two years of which time he was a Lieutenant and better than one year he was a Captain these things he has often heard his Father speak of – and that his said Father and Mother was married in Franklin County of said State in the year 1782 as he has often heard his Father say and that his Mother's name before she was married was Clary Ferrell – and that his Father Captain John Norwood died on the 23rd day of March 1822 and was at the time of his death 63 years old – and that his said Mother Clary Norwood never again married after the death of her husband but died the widow of the said Captain John Norwood – and that she the said Clary Norwood died on the 7th day of July 1843, and was at the time of her death about 82 years old, and that when she died she left surviving her the following children – myself Lethan Norwood, Mary Norwood who married Gilliam Comb, Millicia Norwood who married James Morgan, Martha Norwood who married William Peal, Elizabeth Norwood, Thomas Norwood, Anderson Norwood, Nathaniel Norwood and Rebecca Norwood – and that the above named children are all that survived the said Clary Norwood widow of Captain John Norwood and he supposes the reason his said Mother never made application for a pension was that she did not know she was entitled as he never heard her speak of making application for a pension and that when he himself learned that there was provision made for the heirs of those who served in the Revolutionary war has made application for himself his Brothers and Sisters for what was due his said Mother at the time of her death and he further declares that he has often heard his Father say the service he rendered in the war of the Revolution was in the militia of North Carolina and he does hereby for himself Brothers and sisters now Relinquish all claim to a pension except the present.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year first above written.

Sworn to and Open court

S/ Lethan Norwood, X his mark

S/ W. H. High, D. C.

[pp 13-14 is a certificate from the North Carolina Comptroller as to certain payments made to

someone named John Norwood for services rendered during the Revolutionary War. The certificate is dated June 2, 1845 and is signed by William J. Collins, Comptroller]

[p 21 is an affidavit dated July 12, 1845 given by James Gilbert, 80, a resident of Wake County stating that he was acquainted with Captain John Norwood during the revolutionary war and that he, the deponent, saw Captain John Norwood at deponent's father's house several times while in the service.]

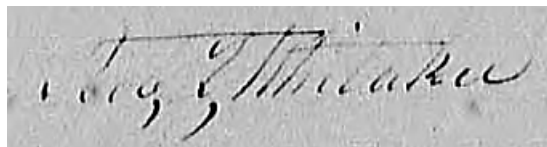
[p 23 Richard Pipen, 90, of Franklin County gave an affidavit that he was acquainted with Captain John Norwood and his wife Clary Norwood and that John Norwood was reputed to have been an officer in the revolutionary war.]

State of North Carolina, Halifax County

Be it known that on this the 4th day of July 1845 before me Michael Ferrall one of the Justices of the peace in and for said County Personally appeared Robert L. Whitaker¹ a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged 81 years who being first duly sworn according to law Deposeth as follows that he was a soldier in the Revolutionary War and now draws a pension and was well acquainted with Robert Norwood and his wife Clary Norwood the Father and Mother of the children now making application for a pension and that he saw the said John Norwood while in the Revolutionary War at the Guilford battle in said State there acting in the capacity of a Lieutenant and that at the said battle his Captain by the name of Parish [Joel Parish] deserted and then the said John Norwood was promoted to the office of Captain of a company of militia, how long he served as a Captain he cannot say – and that the said John Norwood and his wife Clary (whose maiden name was Clary Ferrell) was married in Franklin County of said State in the year 1782. Question how do you so well recollect the year in which they were married? Answer: I was raised in the same family with the said John Norwood and was at his wedding and well remember it was in the year before the final close of the war which was the year 1783 in the latter part of the year and further this deponent saith not. Sworn to and subscribed to before me the day and year first above written.

Attest: S/ M. Ferrall, JP

S/ Robt. L. Whitaker

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Robt. L. Whitaker". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

1 [Robert L. Whitaker W10276](#)