

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Philemon Yancey (Yancy) S1274

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State of Kentucky, County of Franklin

On this 11th day of March 1833, personally appeared in open court before the honorable Samuel Todd, sole judge of the Franklin Circuit Court (a court of record) now sitting Philemon Yancey, a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged seventy-seven years, who being just duly sworn, according to law, doth on this 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 here-in stated.

He entered the service of the United States sometime in the summer or fall of 1779 as substitute for his father Philemon Yancey (who was drafted for eighteen months under the act of the Virginia Legislature of May 1779 to be placed on the footing of the regular troops on the Continental Line) under Captain William Stanton in the County of Culpeper, Virginia where his said father resided. His company was attached to the regiment commanded by Colonel Stubblefield. He recollects that when he entered the service aforesaid he was examined by Colonel James Barbour and Major Terrell before he was received as a substitute as aforesaid and on their favorable report he was received as such and entered the service, after which he was marched to the Rackoon [Raccoon] ford on the Rapidan [River] in Orange County Virginia which was the place of Rendezvous of his regiment, from thence he was marched with his regiment, to Hillsborough in North Carolina and there joined several other regiments - from thence he was marched to Salisbury - from thence to Charlotte - from thence towards Camden by slow marches and frequently in detachments, stopping at different places for different periods and finally reached Camden. And remained there until the battle at that place which was in the summer and warm weather - afterwards on his march towards the north from the neighborhood of Camden - the prisoners who were taken from the British at the battle of the Cow Pens [sic, Cowpens] was put under the command of the troops to which he was attached. He recollects that at the time and during the battle of Guilford Court House he was marching with the said troops to which he was attached on toward Virginia with said prisoners and were near enough to the same to hear the cannon fire during this battle. His marches were continued until his troops reached a place called the New Gardens, from there he was marched to New Kent County stopping at many points not remembered at this day and remained in New Kent County until he had served the full period of eighteen months. When he was set at liberty and went home as the other troops did - shortly after he returned home he enlisted in the service of the United States as a regular soldier in the Continental Army for three years under Captain Thomas Blackwell. He was enlisted by Lieutenant Robert Slaughter of said Blackwell's company. His company belonged to the regiment commanded by Colonel Edmunds. He enlisted in Culpeper County, was marched from there to the Mobbin Hills [Malvern Hill] - from there marched on the lines near Little York and finally was marched to and was at the siege of Little York and remained there in the service until after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis, some short time after which he was discharged with the

other troops to which he was attached.

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/ Philemon Yancy, X his mark

We ____ a clergyman residing in the County of Franklin and State of Kentucky and John McDonald, Joseph Gore, & Edmond Poe and Thomas G. Hancock, residing in the same, hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Philemon Yancy who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, that we believe him to be seventy seven years of age. That he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution and that we concur in that opinion sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John McDonald

S/ J. Gore

S/ Edmond Poe

S/ Thos. G. Hancock

The court then propounded the interrogations to the said Philemon Yancey.

1st - Where and in what year were you born? Answer: I was born in the County of Culpeper, State of Virginia.

2nd - Have you any record of your age, and if so where is it? Answer: I have no record of my age. My information was received from my parents, as to my age.

3rd - Where were you living when called into the service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now live? Answer: I was living in Culpeper Virginia when called into the services both occasions. I remained in said County of Culpeper some time after the war, then moved into Caroline County Virginia, lived there eight years, then in the year 1814 moved to the State of Kentucky and settled in the said County of Franklin and have resided here ever since.

4th - How were you called into the service: were you drafted: did you volunteer: or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom? Answer: In my first service I was called in as a substitute for my father Philemon Yancy or entered it and served as such for 18 months. In the second service or tour I enlisted as I have in my foregoing declaration states.

5th - State the name of some of the regular officers who were with troops where you served such continental and militia regiments as you can recollect, and general circumstances of your service.

Answer: I knew the several officers name din my foregoing declaration also said Regiment. The general circumstances of my service were as above stated in my said declaration. I know the following named officers of the Revolution - Gen Gates [Horatio Gates], Gen Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], Col A. Buford [Abraham Buford], Genl. Muhlenberg & my uncle Capt. afterwards Major Robert Yancy [Robert Yancey] of Dragoons.

6th - Did you receive a discharge from the service, and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it? Answer: If I received a discharge on either campaign or service as I have stated I have no recollection of it. I was discharged as my fellow companions were by & with the same authority & credit at the same time.

7th - State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can certify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your service as a soldier of the Revolution.

Answer: John McDonald who knew me in the service, Joseph Gore, Edmond Poe & Colonel Thomas G. Hancock who have above certified for me, and many other citizens, my neighbors would doubly do the same. Maj Hedgen Triplett [Hedgemen Triplett]¹ knew me well in the service and has frequently

¹ FPA S11572

recognized me as an old acquaintance in the army, but he has recently been declared a lunatic by the judgment of this honorable court.

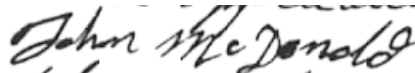
And the said court do hereby declare its opinion, after the investigation of the matter and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier and served as he states and the court further certifies that it appears to it that John McDonald, Joseph Gore, Edmund Poe and Thomas G. Hancock who have signed the preceding certificate are residents of the County of Franklin and are credible persons and that their statements are entitled to credit.

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State of Kentucky Franklin County: to wit

This day personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for said County, John McDonald,² who is known to me as a credible witness whose statements are entitled to full credit either own oath or otherwise. And the said John McDonald being by me first duly sworn according to law, states that he is now in his 69th year, and that he is well acquainted with Philemon Yancy. And saw him at the "Moblin hills" [Malvern Hill] in Virginia in the year 1781 in the service of the United States, but in whose Company deponent can't state. Said Yancey having been called off in another direction, and this deponent thinks in Company with a Corps of men that had enlisted for 18 months, deponent states that he is well acquainted with said Yancey's family who made the same statements. This deponent states that said Yancey has as he is informed applied to the Department for a pension under the act of Congress of 1831. And that said application is still pending.

S/ John McDonald



Subscribed and sworn to before made this 30 day of July 1833.

S/ H. Wingate, JP

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State of Kentucky Franklin County: Sct

This day personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for said County James Taylor³ who is known to me personally as a credible witness whose statements are entitled to full credit either on oath or otherwise And the said James Taylor being first duly sworn by me according to law states that he is in the 71st year of his age, that he was born and raised in the County of Culpeper Virginia, he there became acquainted with Philemon Yancy, now of the County of Franklin and said State of Kentucky who is applying to the General Government to be placed on the pension list under the act of Congress of 1832. He further states that he knows that said Philemon Yancy entered the service of the United States as a substitute for his father of the same name (i.e. Philemon Yancy) for 18 months, he thinks in Captain William Stanton's Company, he knows that said Yancy marched into the service under Colonel Stubblefield and whilst in it he saw said Philemon Yancy the applicant in actual service at Hillsboro in North Carolina, also at Camden, & at the High Hills of Santee in said Company. The said Taylor says that he was with him a part of the time in the same service in the South under General Edward Stevens & left him said Yancy when he Taylor returned home in the service. And he has no doubt from many circumstances coupled with his own knowledge that said Yancy served out his time honorably and as a good soldier. The said Taylor further states that after the expiration of the said service of said Yancy he returned home, and shortly after as he then understood from the family & friends of said Yancy that he said Yancy enlisted in the

² FPA W9186

³ FPA W9154

service of the United States for three years and was at the surrender of Cornwallis at little York from which place he returned home – said Taylor further states that he has known said Yancy ever since he Yancy moved to Kentucky – And that he has no doubt that he rendered services as stated in his declaration made for the purpose of obtaining a pension which has been read to said Taylor.

S/ James Taylor

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Taylor". The signature is written in black ink and includes a small black dot above the letter 'j'.

Sworn to and subscribed before me a Justice of the peace as aforesaid this 7th day of August 1833
S/ S. B. Crockett, JP F. C.