

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Yarborough (Yarboro) S1607

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State of Tennessee, Tipton County

On this 4th day of September in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of Tipton County aforesaid now sitting Henry Yarboro Senior a resident of said County aged about Seventy-one or two 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. "Under Captain Brittain Fuller I volunteered about the year 1779 or 1780 (which precisely I cannot recollect but I believe I was about 18 or 19 years of the age) who commanded a horse company, I furnishing my own horse and equipage, and in the character of a private Soldier I volunteered only for three but served six months. We were marched by Captain Fuller from Randolph County North Carolina where I then lived with my father Zachariah Yarboro and where I volunteered to the Six mile Creek in the State of South Carolina. When we arrived there Captain Fuller resigned the Command and Captain Jacob Williams of Dan River took it, under whom we continued until he left us, which was about two months. Under Captain Williams we were disciplined and performed all the services required of us, such as Scouting and collecting provisions. While we were there stationed and employed it was that Col. Rugeley the conspicuous Tory of the Brick House was taken by some of our forces and with him about 200 prisoners, who at once Surrendered upon the exhibition of our pine logs painted and made to resemble cannon.¹ They were all marched into the Camp, and subsequently marched Northwardly under the Command of Captain Williams after Williams left us with the prisoners we passed under the command of a Captain of horse whose name I cannot now recollect, but he was attached to General Morgan's [Daniel Morgan's] Command. There were also there Colonel Washington [William Washington], General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], Linkhorn [sic, Benjamin Lincoln] and several others; Some of whom perhaps had no Command at that time I believe General Greene [Nathanael Greene] was our Commander in Chief. I was actively employed the whole six months in the partisan war against the Tories, having frequent Skirmishes with them and sometimes pretty sharp fighting. I was then young and being fired with the atrocities of the Tories I bore bond [?] upon them, sparing the women and children. Captain Knight and Lieutenant Elijah Williams commanded on these occasions. We were marched from the Six mile Creek back to Charlotteville [sic, Charlotte] North Carolina and there discharged by General Morgan, who gave me a written discharge. I continued nevertheless for several years to carry on the partisan war against the Tories, who were so enraged against me that

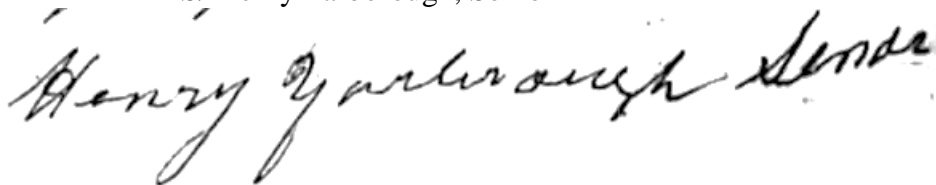
¹ December 4, 1780 http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_rugeley_mills_2.html

I could not stay at home in safety and who did me much damage. I could relate much of the occurrences of the partisan war in the back parts of North Carolina & South Carolina if necessary in which I have been personally engaged. Judge Murphey of N. C. when about to write the history of that State sent a man to me requesting a detailed account of this war believing I could furnish a more connected history of those events than any other man he knew. I was however upon the eve of moving to this County, and answered I had no time then to devote to such matters. I was born in the year 1761 or two at what was then called Bute but now Franklin County North Carolina and about the commencement of the revolutionary war my father moved up to Randolph County where we were living when I volunteered as a private Soldier in the horse as aforesaid. About the close of the war we moved up to Rowan County N. C. where there are many persons by whom I could prove my services. In the year 1823, I moved to this Tipton County Tennessee and have resided here ever since. I was once told that if I would send my discharge to Captain Williams of Virginia I should draw all my pay. I gave it to a man by the name of Davenport. When he returned from Captain Williams he informed me that Williams said he had nothing to do with it, that Captain Fuller the man under whom I volunteered was to make out our pay roll. When I demanded my discharge Davenport said he had fallen into a river and lost his pocket book and all the papers. I did not believe him. I was unable ever to reclaim it and have never received one cent for any Service ever rendered by me in the US. I have no documentary evidence and know of no person in this state who can testify to my Service.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court.

S/ Henry Yarborough, Senior

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henry Yarborough Senior". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[p 10: John McKie and David M Smith gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Interrogatories by the Court to the above applicant

1st: Where and in what year were you born?

Answer: I was born in what was then called Bute, but now Franklin County North Carolina about the year 1761 or two.

2nd Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it?

Answer: There was an old book containing the record of my age but it has been worn out and lost so that I have no record of my age.

3rd Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer: I was living in Randolph County N. C. about the close of the war I moved to Rowan in the same State where I continued to live until the year 1823, when I moved to this Tipton County where I have lived ever since.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute?

Answer: I volunteered as stated in my declaration for three months but served six.

5th State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer: There were General Greene the highest in command. General Jones, Col. Washington of the Cavalry, Horn and others as stated in my declaration also the circumstances of my services is there detailed

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it?

Answer: General Morgan wrote my discharge and gave it to me and it has been lost as stated in my declaration.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Answer: John McKie & David M. Smith.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$25 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina cavalry as a militia man.]