

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Norwood S21400

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State of South Carolina Abbeville District} SS

On this fourth day of April in the year while Lord 1833 personally appeared in Open Court before the Honorable Josiah J. Evans Presiding Judge of the Courts of Common Pleas and General Sessions for the District in State aforesaid now sitting Thomas Norwood a resident of Abbeville District in the State of South Carolina aged seventy-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 as a volunteer in the year 1781 under Capt. Samuel Rosamond<sup>1</sup> in the District of Ninety Six & was marched by him & in his Company to a place called Cuffytown where the applicant joined or enrolled his name with a Major Pardieu [sic, Field Pardue] to serve as a private in a Regiment of horse commanded by Col. Samuel Hammond<sup>2</sup> the applicant was then marched in this Regiment and in Capt. Richard Johnson's company to Augusta Georgia, there attacked a number of British and Tories, who were embodied in Garrison in a Fort called Grayson's Fort [sic, Grierson's Fort], which was taken,<sup>3</sup> and several of the enemy killed, the applicant was then marched from Augusta to Cambridge or Ninety Six to guard the baggage & provision wagons for the use of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] who had then besieged the British at Ninety Six or Cambridge,<sup>4</sup> here the applicant obtained a permit from Capt. Johnson to go home & while at home news of the siege being raised and the whole American force marched off from Ninety Six reached the applicant, he then immediately enrolled his name in Capt. Samuel Rosamond's Company of Militia as a volunteer & was marched by him, & in his company to the Broad & Congaree rivers in this State, when the company remained some time, and was then marched back by Capt. Rosamond to Cambridge or Ninety Six which place the British burned before they left it & which we found in ruins, here the applicant with the whole company was verbally discharged, having fully served from the time of his first enrollment under Capt. Samuel Rosamond to his 2nd enrollment and discharge under the same officer as aforesaid stated, the full time of 3 months service in the support and defense of the United States.

The applicant then subsequently joined a Capt. Robert Maxwell a partisan officer as a volunteer and private for the period of 6 months but remained under his command & performed

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<sup>1</sup> The War Department, in its summary of this claim, spells this name "Rosemond."

<sup>2</sup> [Samuel Hammond S21807](#)

<sup>3</sup> Siege of Augusta (second/Clarke) [May 22-June 6, 1781] <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/810522-augusta/>

<sup>4</sup> May 21-June 19, 1781. [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_ninety\\_six.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ninety_six.html)

duty and service longer, as he continued under Capt. Robert Maxwell's command until the close of the War, performing constant and active duty against Tories and Indians against the latter & in their nation the applicant performed & served 2 tours of duty -- the applicant also says that he computes the whole service he performed during the revolutionary war in defense & support of the United States to at least the service of 10 months.

Answers to certain Interrogatories

Ans to 1st. Inty-- The applicant says he was born in Augusta County in the State of Virginia the 17th day of June in the year of our Lord 1761.

Ans to 2nd Inty-- The applicant says the record of his age was in his father's Bible, that the Bible is in the State of Georgia but does not know in which part of Georgia.

Ans to 3rd Inty-- the applicant says he was living on Saluda River in the District of Ninety Six in the State of South Carolina when he entered or was called into the service of the United States where he has since lived & where he now lives, from his entry first in the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War to the present time.

Ans to 4th Inty-- The applicant says he entered the service as a volunteer never was drafted but was a substitute one month for Moses Jones and Capt. Samuel Rosamond's Company.

Ans to 5th Inty-- the Applicant says that he does not recollect, so as to answer this question certainly, except the name of General Greene at Ninety Six --

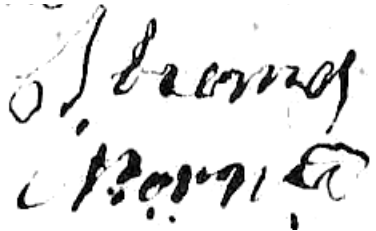
Ans to 6 Inty -- The Applicant says he never received a written discharge that he was always discharged verbally

Ans to 7 Inty-- William D. Martin Esquire, Col. William Ware, General Edmond Ware, Clement Latimer & Jesse Gent all persons to whom the applicant is known in his present neighborhood & who can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a Soldier of the revolution.

The applicant also 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 & subscribed the day and year aforesaid in Open Court  
S/ James Wardlaw, Clerk

S/ Thomas Norwood



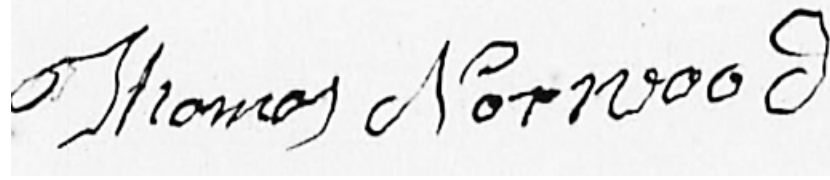
[Thomas A. Rosamond, a clergyman, and John Hodges gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

South Carolina Abbeville District} July 22, 1836

Dear Sir I write for information Being a Revolutionary Pensioner of the United States and having learnt from the agent in Charleston for paying pensions that I was Suspended I wish you to inform me of the cause of my suspension and what is required on my part to restore me. I am quite old and poor and need my pension much. I hope you will write to me the desired information -- Direct your lines to Gutsville P. O. South Carolina Abbeville District And oblige your obedient Servant.

J. L. Edwards

Commissioner of Pensions W. C.

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature reads "Thomas Norwood" in a cursive script. The name "Thomas" is written with a large initial 'T' and a small 'h'. "Norwood" is written with a large initial 'N' and a small 'o'. The signature is enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

[Note: the file does not contain a reply from Edwards or anyone else in the pension office.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the South Carolina militia.]