

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Norwood S31885

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State of Georgia, Campbell County }

On this 23rd day of October in the year 1833 personally appeared in open Court before me Grisby E. Thomas of the Judges of the Inferior Court of said State, now sitting, George Norwood a resident of Georgia in Campbell County and said State aged Seventy 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 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. That he volunteered under Captain James Richards he thinks in the month of July 1780, that he cannot recollect the day he went into service, that he thinks one Sharp was acting as Major, and Benjamin Seawell Colonel. That he volunteered in the County of Franklin in North Carolina. That he marched directly to Pedee River [Pee Dee River] by way of Ramsey's Mills on Deep River, intending to join General Gates [Horatio Gates] where he had command of the Southern Army. That he was halted near Pedee River hoping to obtain arms, and whilst they & he was halted he was in hearing of the Cannon firing at or near Camden [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] at the time of [sic] Gates was defeated. That after Gates defeat he was marched directly to Salisbury, North Carolina passing through Charlotte N. C. where he was halted a few days, & when General Davidson or Davison [William Lee Davidson], who took the Command. After reaching Salisbury, he remained there until regularly discharged, which discharge is lost or mislaid. That in the above mentioned Tour, he served three months at the least.

And about the first of January 1781 in Franklin County North Carolina, he substituted for a three Months Tour, under Captain James Richards, in the place of one James Ross. That he marched to Warrenton, Warren County N. C. from Warrenton by Harrisburg to Hillsboro N. C. between which last mentioned places his captains were changed, and Joel Parish took the place of Captain Richards. That in this expedition John Norwood, brother of this applicant, was Lieutenant, he does not now recollect the name of his Major. That he went on to Guilford Court House N. C. where he was in an engagement [Battle of Guilford Court House, March 15, 1781] against the British, that Colonel Ben Williams¹ had Command of the Companies and one Butler [John Butler] was his General at the time of said Battle; from Guilford Battle ground, he marched directly to Ramsey's Mills on Deep River after staying a short time at a place called the Iron Works [Troublesome Iron Works]: after reaching Ramsey's Mills he remained there until discharged. That his discharge is lost. That he was discharged about the first of April 1781. That he served in the last mentioned expedition not less than three months. That after returning home, about the first of August 1781, he again volunteered for three months, that he does not

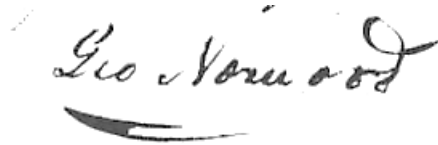
¹ Col. Herbert Haynes was in command of the Warren militia at the Battle of Guilford Court House.

recollect the names of Company officers, nor the Field officers except Colonel William Brickell. From Franklin County he marched to Halifax N. C. where he remained six or seven weeks and then went home on furlough, being sick, and soon after was discharged, hostilities having ceased in that quarter: that during the last mentioned service he acted as orderly Sergeant; that he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written aforesaid.

S/ Grigsby E. Thomas, Judge of Supr. Courts of Ga.

S/ Geo. Norwood

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Geo. Norwood". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Geo. Norwood".

[Martin D. Rogers, a clergyman, and Harrison McLarin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$27 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private & Sergeant for 7 months and 12 days in the North Carolina militia.]