

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Solomon Yeoman S32088

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Territory of Florida, Middle District, Superior Court, Jefferson County November 1833

On this day the 27th of November in the year 1833 personally appeared Solomon Yeoman a resident in the County and Territory aforesaid aged seventy-three 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 7th June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers.

That about the year 1779 he entered the service as a volunteer in which capacity he continued not less than seven [?] could be 6] – that at that time he was under the command of General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln], Benjamin Seawell was the Colonel Commandant – William Pastorn was the Lieutenant Colonel – James Pastorn was the Major of the Regiment to which he belonged – That William Speed was the Captain – Lieutenants' names not recollected, and William Dennis was the Ensign of the Company to which he was attached. That at the expiration of the seven months above mentioned he was transferred to the militia of North Carolina – in which capacity he served under the same field officers as above mentioned. His company officers were Joseph Bryant Captain, William Enlow [sic, Enloe?] Lieutenant and Jonas Williams Ensign. That from the time of his entering the service till the time of quitting it was about two years & six months – certainly well satisfied it was not less than two years – during which time he marched through the State of North Carolina to the vicinity of Charleston South Carolina, thence to Augusta Georgia down the northside [?] of the Savannah River to the Sisters Ferry on that River about 12 miles above the City of Savannah whence he was ordered to Bacon's Bridge within 8 miles of Charleston – that he was marched to John's River below Charleston where the American Army met the enemy where a severe engagement ensued. That after the battle he returned to Bacon's Bridge where he and all the other militia man were discharged. That he was permitted to return to his friends in North Carolina, that shortly after he was again drafted in the militia, was marched to Wilmington North Carolina – where he remained until the close of the war.

That at the close of his services he received a discharge which he unfortunately lost – it having been destroyed by casualty – and that he ~~has no~~ consequently no documentary evidence and does [not] know of any person in this Country who can testify to his service. That he does not know that his name is on the pension Roll of any Pension Agency or of any State. And that he hereby relinquishes any claim whatever to any pension or annuity except the present. --By reason of old age & consequent loss of memory he cannot be more precise and definite with regard to the facts & circumstances of his service than he has been, in the above declaration – But he refers to the Reverend Jesse W. Goodwin a clergyman residing in the County & Territory aforesaid and James Milton Esq. resident of the same who are acquainted with him in his present place of residence and who can testify to his character for veracity and to the fact of his being

considered in his present neighborhood a soldier of the Revolution.

He further states that he was born in the year 1760 in the State of North Carolina. That he has a record of his age left by his Father, but that it is at his home. That when he entered the Service he was living in Craven County North Carolina removed thence about five years after the War, to the State of South Carolina, where he lived about 20 years, removed thence to Georgia & afterwards to Florida about one or two years ago.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court 27th of November 1833.

S/ Wm Budd, D. C.

S/ Solomon Yeoman, X his mark

[Jesse W. Goodwin, a clergyman, and Solomon Reeves gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Georgia Chatham County

On this Tenth day of January 1838 before me the subscriber a justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid, personally appeared Solomon Yeoman, who on his oath declares, that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the Company Commanded by Captain William Speed, in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel or Benjamin Sowell [could be Sorrells] , in the Service of the United States, that his name was placed on the pension Roll of the territory of Florida from whence he has lately removed, that he now resides in Emanuel County, and the said State of Georgia, where he intends to remain, and wishes his pension to be payable in future, the following are his reasons for removing from the Territory of Florida to Emanuel County State of Georgia, Viz. That his youngest Son with whom he had been living in Florida, in consequence of the unhealthiness of the situation of his residence, removed to Houston County in said State, and that he this deponent having received an invitation to spend the remainder of his days with his eldest son, then and now residing in the Emanuel County, Georgia, induced him to change his residence and fix it in said State of Georgia, which are the only reasons for changing his residence.

Sworn to and Subscribed this 10th day of January 1838 before the word Captain being first interlined.

S/ Solomon Yeoman, X his mark

S/ Wm Morel

S/ Isaac Russell, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum for service as a private for 7 months in the North Carolina militia.]