

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Yocom S32622

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State of Indiana Clay County: Sct.

On this 11th day of August and in the year of our Lord 1834 Personally appeared John Yocom before me Daniel Wools one of the Associate Judges of Clay County Circuit Court being the 7th Judicial Circuit, said Yocom being a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged eighty-seven 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June the 7th day 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States as a Volunteer, he then a Resident of Augusta County and State of Virginia under the following named Officers. Under the command of General Clark [George Rogers Clark], Colonel Morgan, Major William Lowder [probably, William Lowther] he thinks under Captain George Jackson, that he served a Tour of six months under the said officers by reason of age and lapse of time he states that he cannot distinctly recollect the time he entered the service but thinks it was in the month of May 1780 or in the year 1781 thinks it was the same year when Ruddles Station in Kentucky was taken by the Indians he recollects that while out on this Expedition that he saw a company of men and two Indians going to the relief of said Station, order to see what had become of the people living at the station, and that he was in no Battle while out in service, and states that he marched by land from Augusta County Virginia to Morgan Town and there took water and went to Fort Pitt and from thence down the Ohio River to Louisville in Kentucky, and landed there on the 25th day of August following during which time he served as a private, by age and consequent loss of memory he can't distinctly recollect at which of these dates above stated that he entered the service, but is certain that he served a six months Tour in one or the other of those years – and that he has no documentary Evidence and that he knows of no person living whose Testimony he could procure to prove his services and after the 6 months services were rendered, he became a resident of Kentucky and their his house was consumed by fire by which misfortune he lost his discharge and all his papers – and after the Expedition of the first six months services above spoken of he served a Tour of two months in Kentucky on the Ohio River as a private guarding the Frontier settlements of Kentucky under the command of Rowland Thomson, but in what year he served these two months, by age and loss of memory he can't distinctly recollect, but thinks it was in the same year when General Scott took the Weaw and Kickapoo Indian Towns on the Wabash River – and when he lived in Virginia near Tygers Valley he served on various scouts against the Indians in that section of country – in relation to the 6 months Expedition above after landing at little, that he was not engaged in any civil pursuit nor in any part of the 6 months only served as a soldier under arms, whilst at global keeping Garrison and took one scout after the Indians but made no discovery of any – and doth hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or Annuity

except the present one and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any state – and also states that by reason of Bodily infirmity he is not able to get to Court to make his declaration in open Court, he being now a resident of Clay County Indiana State.

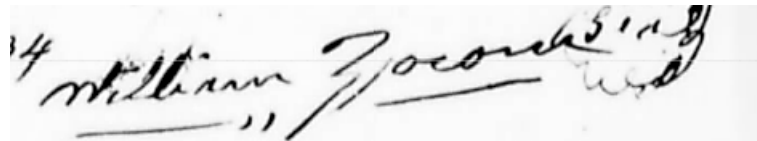
Sworn and subscribed to the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Yocom, X his mark

I William Yocom a resident of Clay County and State of Indiana do hereby certify that I do well recollect of meeting John Yocom about the time by him above stated in the Wilderness part of Kentucky I think on Richland Creek – he was then on foot and had a gun and I think a knapsack on his back – my father was then on his way moving to Kentucky they halted and talked together I then understood by their conversation that the above John Yocom had saith my father that he had been out on a campaign in Kentucky at Louisville under the command of General Clark he then stated that he was on his way to the State of Virginia and I well recollect that in a few years after, that the said John Yocom moved out to Kentucky and shortly he moved to Kentucky he lived on my father's plantation and continued to live in that neighborhood for several years during which time I frequently heard him and my father conversing together respecting their services rendered in the revolutionary war – I still understood by him of having served the 6 months Tour above named by him and also heard him state that he served a two months Tour on the Ohio River in Kentucky and frequently heard him and my father talking about their ages I think he had no record of his age but from the best account he could get he was some older than my father perhaps 2 or 3 years, my father was born in the year 1750 agreeable to record and do further certify that I have been acquainted with the above named John Yocom for the space of 45 years past, he was a good farmer a hard laboring man and a man of truth. I believe and I do believe his oath is entitled to credit. Given under my hand this 11th day of August 1834

Sworn and subscribed to

S/ William Yocom

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William Yocom", with a date "1834" written above the first few letters. The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Lewis Fortner, a clergyman, gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 11: On June 18, 1860, George Yocom and Sarah Hensley made oath that they are the son and daughter of John Yocom—the handwriting of the scribe of this document is so challenging that I have not attempted to transcribe it.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]