

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Scarborough S36293

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State of Kentucky, Christian County

This day Jacob Williams personally appeared before me William Murrel a Justice of the peace in & for the State & County aforesaid & made oath that he served in the third Virginia Regiment of horse & was well acquainted with John Scarborough who is now desirous of obtaining a pension & that the said Scarborough did to this Affiant's knowledge serve in the Army for better than two years. Given under my hand this 10th day of April 1824.

S/ Wm. Murrel, JP

State of Kentucky, Christian County

This day Thomas Woosley¹ personally appeared before me William Murrel a Justice of the peace in & for the State & County aforesaid & made oath that he served in the same Regiment with John Scarborough & was well acquainted with him in the Army & that John Scarborough who is now desirous of obtaining a pension did serve in the Army for better than two years.

Given under my hand this 10th April 1824.

S/ Wm Murrel, JP

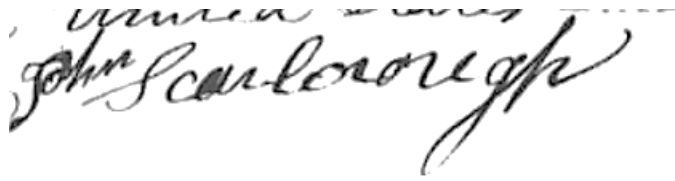
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For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of an act for the relief of certain surviving officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution approved on the 15th of May 1828, I John Scarborough of Harmony Township in the County of Posey in the State of Indiana do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution for and during the War and continued in its service until its termination; at which period I was a Private in Captain John Hew's [probably John Hughes'] Company in the first Regiment of Horse of the Virginia line. -- And I also declare that I received a certificate for the reward of \$80 to which I was entitled under the resolve of Congress passed the 15th of May 1778. And I further declare that I was not on the 15th day of March 1828 on the Pension list of the United States.

August 14th, 1828

S/ John Scarborough

¹ [Thomas Woosley \(Owsley\) W10005](#)



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The Commonwealth of Kentucky, Christian County

This day personally appeared Thomas Woolsey an old man, of great Respectability – before me D. S. Hays, a Justice of the Peace in & for said County who being duly Sworn Saith that he was well acquainted with John Scarborough while in the Service as hereinafter named. That he is now a resident of Posey County Indiana. That they both entered the Service in Colonel Green's [John Green's] Regiment of foot from the State of Virginia. That while on the march (after the Battle of Guilford) to Camden, the said Scarborough & Woosley both Enlisted as privates for and during the War of the Revolution on or about the 4th of April 1781 in the State of North Carolina in a company of Horse commanded by Captain James Gunn in the first Virginia Regiment of Cavalry Commanded by Colonel Anthony Walton White – in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment. That they both Served in said Regiment until the Close of the War. That said Scarborough was Discharged from the Service in the State of South Carolina. That his discharge or Furlough was Signed by Captain John Hughes who Succeeded Captain Gunn in the command of said Company.

That said Woolsey Served in the same Regiment with said Scarborough as privates for upwards of two years and until the time of said Scarborough's Discharge which was at Sumter's Old Store war in South Carolina about the 11th of June 1783. And further he saith not.

S/ Thomas Woosley, X his mark

Sworn to and Subscribed by the said Thomas Woolsey before me the seventh day of December 1831.

S/ D. S. Hays, JP

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[State of Indiana], Posey Circuit Court, February Term, 1832.

Pleas began and held at the courthouse in the town of Mount Vernon, County of Posey & State of Indiana on the 4th Monday of February being the February term in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two before the Hon'l Samuel Hall, presiding Judge of the fourth Judicial district and Andrew Cavett & Samuel McReynolds special judges of the said County of Posey.

Be it remembered that on the third day of March in the year of our Lord 1832 and being the sixth day of our February Term aforesaid, John Scarborough filed in the said Posey Circuit Court his declaration &c to obtain a pension which said Declaration &c Read in the words and figures following to wit,
State of Indiana, Posey County Court, to wit,

On this the third day of March in the year of our Lord 1832 being a Court of record and it being the Posey Circuit Court held at the Courthouse in the Town of Mount Vernon in and for said County of Posey and State aforesaid of the term of February in the year aforesaid John Scarborough aged Seventy years of age and who is a resident of said County of Posey who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May

1820; that he the said John Scarborough enlisted for the term of 18 months in the year 1780, in the State of Virginia, Brunswick County, in the Company commanded by ___ Selden [probably Samuel Selden] in a Regiment of Foot commanded by Col. Greene [sic, John Green] and of which Haws [Samuel Hawes] was Lieutenant Colonel in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental enlistment in the next winter the company which he was attached I joined with my Regiment General Green's [sic, Nathanael Greene's] Army in Carolina the next March he was in the battle at Guilford [March 15, 1781]² after which as he was on his march to Camden the 4th April 1781 or near that time, he enlisted in the first Regiment of horse in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Anthony W. White and was attached to the Company commanded by Captain James Gunn. The next winter he marched with his Regiment into the State of Georgia and was under the command of General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] where he remained until the evacuation of Savannah and then he returned into South Carolina and joined General Greene; after the British left Charlestown [December 1782] he repaired winter quarters. The next Spring orders came for discharging, but previously to his being discharged on or about the 10th day of June 1783 there was a sale of horses and he the said John Scarborough bid off his for 13 pounds 10 Shillings which was deducted from his wages. He the said John Scarborough continued to serve in the Army from the time of his first enlistment in the year 1780 as aforesaid on the Continental establishment as aforesaid first in the foot or infantry, then in the cavalry or horse as above mentioned until his discharge which was on or about 1783, that at the time of his discharge Captain John Hughs [sic, John Hughes?] commanded his company and signed his discharge; that he has lost his discharge it being burnt in a house of his several years since. That he was discharged on or about the 11th day of June 1783 at Sumpter's old store [sic, Sumter's old store] near Nelson's Ferry on Santee River in South Carolina, that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present. That his name is not on the roll of any state except Virginia, that his reasons for not making earlier application is because that one claim made by him in 1824, and another in 1828 have been rejected. And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale, or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with an intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

S/ John Scarborough.

Sworn to in open Court 3rd March 1832

S/ W. E. Stewart, Clerk

The following is a Schedule of my property owned by me at the time of making above declaration, to wit: 2 horses worth \$100, one waggon worth \$30, 2 Cows and one Calf worth \$14, 2 sows and 4 pigs worth \$4; household and kitchen furniture worth \$10 & tanning & farming utensils worth \$10, in all worth \$168.

I have living with me my wife who is 68 years of age and rendered a Cripple by a fall from a horse and who is not able to do any work. I have two Single daughters living with me; the one thirty or upwards the other twenty-nine or upwards I myself am old and infirm being 70

² http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html

next April and unable to Support myself by labor I am by occupation a farmer I consider that I stand in need of the assistance of my Country for Support.

That in March 1818 as near as I can recollect I have the following property two horses worth about \$50, bed and bedding household and kitchen furniture and farming utensils a few hogs and personal property in all not exceeding \$50 making my personal property at that time worth \$100, that from the time to 1820 the amount of my personal property did not materially change in value; at no time did it probably exceed \$180. In 1820 I received a legacy of \$250 in cash from my Father with which in the same year I bought a piece of land about a hundred acres and gave \$100 for it I bought it of Thomas Garvin and the land lay in Todd County in the State of Kentucky. I kept said land about three years and sold it in two pieces one to Daniel Grumbly, the other to David Stokes both of the said Todd County for which I got two horses estimated at about \$110, one set of waggon Irons estimated at \$22 & \$10 in cash; that from that time till 1826 the amount of my personal property (I had no real property) did not at any time exceed \$210 that in 1826 I moved to Posey County in the said State of Indiana, and in about two years after I lost a horse and \$100: and in the next winter following I lost 3 Cows and during the last year I have lost two colts and the amount of my property at no time since I have been in this State has been worth or exceeded in value \$180.

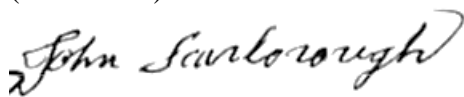
S/ John Scarborough

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[p 31: On February 11, 1832 in Posey County, Indiana, Legro Bennett and James Bennett, residents of Posey County, Indiana, gave affidavit in support of Scarborough's claim saying that he was absent from home at least 3 years and came home riding a horse which Scarborough said was his 'troop horse' for which he had paid 13 pounds 2 shillings which was taken from his wages; that they had seen his uniform clothing and his discharge which is lost but which they recollect to have been signed by Capt. John Hughes and dated June 11, 1783.]

[p 3: On January 14, 1840 while living in White County, Illinois, Scarborough applied for a transfer of his pension payments because he has recently moved there to live near his only son (not named).



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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing March 10, 1832, for service as a private for 18 months in the Virginia Continental line.]