

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Yarbrough S36861

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The Commonwealth of Kentucky, Montgomery County, Sct.

On this 8th day of July 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the circuit court, in and for the state aforesaid, personally appeared John Yarbrough aged about sixty-three years; – who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following statement and declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late law 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;" that he is a citizen of the state of Kentucky, and resident in the County of Nicholas; and that he was enlisted for two years at Caroline County in the state of Virginia on or about the first fall of 1775 by one Samuel Hawes and served in the company commanded by Captain Samuel Hawes of the 2nd Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Woodford [William Woodford] & afterwards by Colonel Scott [Charles Scott] and Colonel Alexander Spotswood – that he continued to serve in said Corps, or in the service of the United States, in the Continental Army, against the common enemy, until about the fall of 1777 when he was honorably discharged from the service at Philadelphia Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania; that he was in service 2 years under said Enlistment and then enlisted for 3 years at the place where his time expired in the same company and Regiment and served out the 3 years and then enlisted again in the same Regiment & company for during the War and was in the Battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777], Monmouth [June 28, 1778] and Stony Point [July 16, 1779] – and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has lost his discharge, and has no evidence in his power, of his services and discharge, other than that which is hereto transmitted.

Sworn and declared before me the day and year aforesaid.

James Higgins Lieutenant in the 8th Virginia Regiment states that he was well acquainted with the above named John Yarbrough and that he saw him wounded on the field in the Battle of Germantown and offered to put him in a wagon but the said Yarborough [sic] refused as he could walk and thought that others might stand more in need of assistance. He has always understood that said Yarbrough served several years in the Continental Army, but does not know how long of his own knowledge –

I, Benjamin Mills Judge, &c., as aforesaid, do certify, that it appears to my satisfaction, that the said applicant John Yarbrough did serve in the revolutionary war, as stated in the preceding declaration, against the common enemy, for the term of nine months and upwards, on the Continental establishment; and I now transmit the proceedings and testimony taken and had

before me, to the Secretary for the Department of War, pursuant to the directions of the aforesaid act of Congress – and it further appears to my satisfaction, that said applicant is in such indigent and reduced circumstances, as to require the aid of his country, pursuant to the above recited act.

Given under my hand the day and year first above written.

S/ B. Mills

Kentucky Nicholas Circuit Court October Term 1820

John Yarbrough produced in court his affirmation together with a Schedule of his Property pursuant to an act of Congress passed the 1st of May 1820 entitled "An act in addition to the act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land & Naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed the 18th day of March 1818 which is ordered to be recorded to wit Schedule, State of Kentucky 2nd Judicial District Ct.

On this 4th day of October 1820 personally appeared in open Court (this being expressly made a Court of Record by the laws of the state for the Nicholas Circuit, being so adjudged by the tribunes of this State, possessing unlimited Jurisdiction in point of amount, with power to fine and imprison, always keeping a record of its proceedings) John Yarbrough aged sixty-five years a resident of the County of Nicholas within the District aforesaid and having been duly sworn upon his oath doth declare that he served in the Army of the Revolutionary War as follows to wit – Enlisted at Caroline Courthouse in the State of Virginia in the year 1775 for the term of two years in the Company commanded by Captain Samuel Haws, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Woodford who soon resigned and was afterwards commanded by Colonels Spotswood & Scott on the line of the State of Virginia in the Continental establishment. He served in said Corps until 1778 when he engaged a second time and the said Corps for the term of during the War and did serve until sometime in the year 1783 the close of the war. He was regularly discharged from said service in Winchester Virginia – his 2nd enlistment was at White Camp or Middlebrook in the State of Pennsylvania or the State of New Jersey. My original declaration was made on the 8th day of July 1818, and have received a pension Certificate No. 6,958 and have drawn \$8 per month up to the 4th of March 1820 – And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 to wit two small mares \$50; one cow & calf \$15; 17 young hogs \$13; cupboard & furniture \$6; half dozen chairs \$2.50; one old age table \$.75; one old chest \$1.50; one old kettle & pot \$2 Total amount \$90.50. My family consists of myself, my wife named Mary age 65. My occupation is a brick layer but am unable to pursue it my wife is a weakly sickly woman and has been unable to work but little for 20 years.

Inscribed by me.

S/ John Yarbrough<sup>1</sup>

Sworn to and declared on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October 1820 before

S/ John Trimble, Judge 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District State of Kentucky

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<sup>1</sup> unlikely to be the actual signature of the veteran since the handwriting is identical to the body of the application

[p 12: On February 18, 1826, the veteran applied for the transfer of his pension benefits to the Indiana agency having moved to Decatur County Indiana, his children having removed to Indiana.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 8<sup>th</sup>, 1818, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

State of Kentucky Fayette County: Sct.

John Yarbrough appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for said County and made oath that he Enlisted in the year 1775 for Two years in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Samuel Haws [Samuel Hawes] in the Second Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Woodford and that he continued to serve in said Corps until the year 1777 at which time he enlisted again for three years in the same company and Regiment and that he served until the year 1780 or 1779 at which time he enlisted for during the war in Captain James Upshaw's Company of the Second Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Alexander Spotswood, and that he served in the said service until the spring of the year 1783 at which time he was honorably discharged at Winchester Barracks by Colonel Samuel Haws and that he has lost his discharge and has never received his land for said services and wishes it now be granted to him.

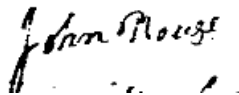
S/ Edward Payne, JP

State of Kentucky Pendleton County Sct.

William Adams and John Rouse Appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for said County and made Oath that they are well acquainted with the within named John Yarbrough and well know that he enlisted in Captain Upshaw's Company of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Spotswood for during the war in the year 1780 and that he the said (Yarbrough) served until the close of the war in the spring of the year 1783 at which time he was regularly discharged in Winchester Virginia and that they believe he never sold his discharge nor received his Land bounty. And I certify that William Adams & John Rales are credible persons on oath.

S/ William Adams, X his mark

S/ John Rouse

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Rouse".