

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Norvell S38267

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State of Virginia, 8th Judicial Circuit

This day George Norvell, aged sixty-two years, & residing within the County of Albemarle, part of the 8th judicial Circuit aforesaid, appeared before me one of the Judges of the General Court of the Commonwealth of Virginia, & being first duly sworn according to law, states the following facts, in order to avail himself of the benefit of the late Act of Congress providing for surviving officers & soldiers of the revolutionary Army –

That in the year 1776, he enlisted as a regular soldier under Captain Richard C Anderson, in whose company he served for 2 years; after the expiration of which time, he re-enlisted, & remained in the service of his country until the close of the war – that he was in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] & Germantown [October 4, 1777] & at the siege of York [terminated with the surrender of Cornwallis of October 19, 1781] – that he is now in reduced circumstances & requires the assistance of his government for his support – in corroboration of which statement he refers to the annexed certificate of Captain W. Bentley. –

Sworn to before me, one of the Judges of the General Court of Virginia as aforesaid, the 14th day of May 1818 –

S/ Archibald Stuart

The Bearer hereof George Norvel enlisted with me a Lieutenant in Captain Richard C Anderson's Company raised in Hanover County in the State of Virginia for two years in the month of January 1776 and attached to the 5th Virginia Regiment of Continental Troops. – That the said Norvel served out the time he engaged for, and at the expiration of the two years he reenlisted; and my impression is that he continued in Service until the end of the War. – I was detached from the Northern Army where he served two years and sent to the Southern Army where I was made a prisoner, which deprived me of an opportunity of witnessing his latter services, but I have assurances of his being at the capture of Corn Wallis, York Town, Virginia which was near the close of the War.

Given under my Hand this 2nd day of May 1818.

S/ W. Bentley, late a Capt. [William Bentley]
5th Virga. Regt. of Continental Troops

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Virginia:

At a Court held for Albemarle County the 3rd day of July 1820

Albemarle County SS Virginia

On this 3rd day of July 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the said County George Norvell aged between sixty-three and sixty-four years resident in said County, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows to wit in the year 1775 he served a Tower [tour] in the Militia under Captain Dabney that in the year 1776 he enlisted under Captain Richard C Anderson of the 5th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Josiah Parker of Mulenburg [Peter Muhlenberg] Brigade and served therein 2 years, at the expiration of which time he again entered during the war in the Corps of Artificers under Captain Miles belonging to the State of Massachusetts and served therein to the end of the war, got his discharge at West Point New York in 1783, he was in the battles of Brandywine, German Town, and at the siege of York, date of his Original declaration 14th May 1818 the number of his pension Certificate 5162 And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen 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 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 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, to wit one trunk and one gun, by occupation a laborer, no family, Afflicted with a bowel complaint and debility which renders him unable to procure his living by his own labour.

S/ George Norvell¹

Sworn to and declared on the 3rd day of July 1820 before the Court sitting

S/ Alex Garrett, CCC

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 14, 1818, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

¹ I do not believe this is the actual signature of the veteran since the hand writing is identical to the body of the application itself.

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Addendum to George Norvell S38267

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 9 Dec 2020.

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Norvell, Holdcraft. The file also includes a power of attorney dated 13 April 1842 to Washington Norvell of Prince William County signed by Winfield Norvell as heir of Holdcraft H. Norvell and George Norvell. There are also papers from the federal Pension Office summarizing the claims of Henry Holdcraft Norvell (S9441) and George Norvell.]

State of Virginia Albemarle County towit

Personally appeared before me, the subscriber, a Justice of the peace for said County, Elizabeth Wingfield, who being duly qualified according to law, declared on oath, that to the best of her belief and knowledge, that Holdercraft H Norvell did serve in the war of the revolution, in the Virginia line, in continental service – that she has heard her parents say he did serve in said war (at what time she does not recollect) but she recollect when Tarlton came to Hanover [sic: Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton, early June 1781], on his way to take the members of Legislature, at Charlottesville that said Holdercraft H Norvell was absent from home, and was said to be in the war – and so was his son George Norvelle in the war of the revolution at the same time, and in the same continental ranks with said Holdercraft H Norvelle. She knows that said Holdercraft H Norvelle was Father to Wingfield Norville, George Norville, John Norville, William Norville, Elizabeth Norville, Nancy Norville, and Mary Norville, all of who except said Wingfield Norville are dead long since, That George Norville died without issue, that Nancy also died without issue – that Elizabeth Norville married William Nimbo, whether he be dead or whether she left issue she does not know, that William Norville was married but she does not know of any issue, that John Norville was married and had issue, but she does not know their names, or whether any of them are now living. That Mary Norville had issue, Polly, Mary, and Eliza, but does not know whether any of them are now living. That said Wingfield Norville is the only living child of the said Holdercraft H Norville
Given from under the hand of the said Elizabeth Wingfield this day of 15th July 1842.

[signed] Elizabeth Wingfield

It appears from the papers herewith filed that Geo. Novel has received all that he was entitled to. Therefore the application is rejected. [Gov.] Jn. M. Gregory/ Dec'r 30th 1842