

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Norsworthy [Nasworthy] S38961

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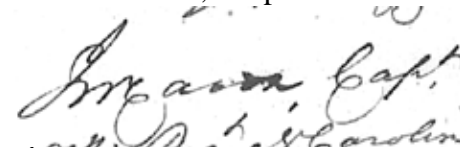
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State of Tennessee, Maury County

This may Certify that James Norsworthy served in my Company as Sergeant, the 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment from North Carolina Commanded by Colonel James Hogun, after General Hogun, for the term of three years, in the Revolutionary War, and behaved himself in every respect as a good and faithful Soldier during the time. Given under my hand this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February 1819.

S/ John Macon,<sup>1</sup> Capt.



7<sup>th</sup> Regt. N. Carolina

now Justice of Peace in Maury County

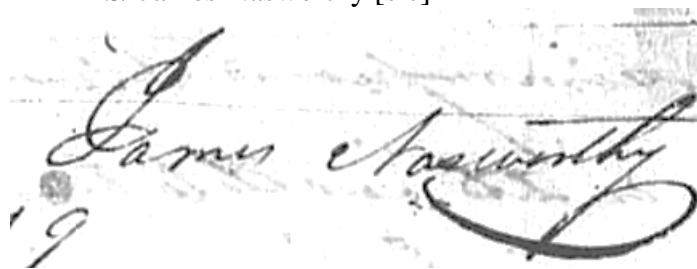
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State of Tennessee, Bedford County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, April Term 1819

This day personally appeared in open Court James Nasworthy [sic] who makes affidavit as follows – I was a Soldier in the 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment from North Carolina were commanded by Colonel James Hogun and acted as Sergeant in John Macon's Company – nearly 2 years after which I served as adjutant to the Regiment commanded by Col. Richard Caswell at Gates' defeat. I was at the Battles of Brandywine & Germantown – acted in these last battles as Sergeant as above stated. I received a discharge signed by General Laughten McIntosh [sic, Lachlan McIntosh] & by Colonel James Hogun -- & lost it on my way to the State of Tennessee in the year 1810.

Sworn to in open Court 6<sup>th</sup> April 1819

S/ James Nasworthy [sic]



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1 Unfortunately, John Macon must not have lived long enough to claim a pension since no application by anyone of that name is found in the pension records.

S/ E. McKisick, Clerk

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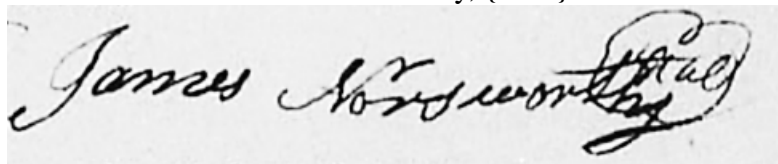
[Printed form]

State of Tennessee—, SS.

On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 1819, before me, the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Circuit Courts for the said State personally appeared James Norsworthy aged sixty four years, resident in Bedford County in the said State who, being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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:” That he, the said James Norsworthy enlisted for the term of three years on the \_\_\_ day of January in the year 1777 in then Bute, now Warren County in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain Lemuel Ealey of the Regiment commanded by Colonel James Hogan [sic, James Hogun] in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental Establishment; that he continued to serve in said war, or in the service of the United States, until the expiration of his said term of service, when he was discharged from the service in South Carolina, that he was in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777] & at Gates' Defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780], & several inconsiderable skirmishes –that he served principally in Captain John Mecacon's [sic, John Macon] company & was an orderly Sergeant and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his services except his captain's certificate.

Sworn to and declared before me, the day and year aforesaid.

S/ James Norsworthy, {Seal}

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Norsworthy". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

S/ Alfred M. Harris, Judge of the 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit of the State of Tennessee

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“The name of James Norsworthy does not appear on the muster roll – Sam<sup>1</sup>. Norsworthy appears mustered in the 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment in 1777 for three years under Captain Macon, and omitted January 78.

As Jam<sup>s</sup> & Sam<sup>1</sup> looks something alike, have thought it possible an error may have been committed in transcribing the Rolls.

Given 9<sup>th</sup> of November 1819

S/ Wm Hill, Secry.” [Secretary of State of NC]

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District of West Tennessee, Bedford County 1821 January Quarter Sessions

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January 1821 personally appeared in open court in the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the said County of Bedford the same being a court of Record, James Norsworthy aged sixty-five years, resident in said County of Bedford, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows --

That in the year 1777 he entered the service under the expectation of being appointed Ensign for three years, & served as a first Sergeant in Captain John Meekins company in the seventh Regiment commanded by Colonel James Hogun in the North Carolina line on the

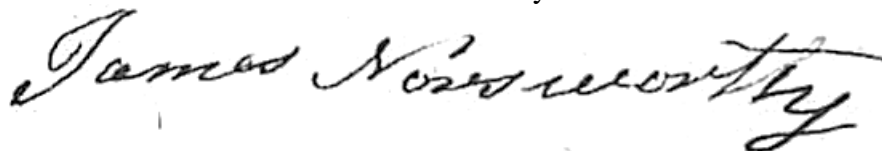
Continental establishment, that he served 18 months in that Corps, when he was recommended & got the appointment of Adjutant & acted as such in the first Regiment commanded by Col. Richard Caswell of the North Carolina line on the Continental establishment & was discharged a few days after Cornwallis' surrender at Little York [Yorktown, October 19, 1781], near Halifax in North Carolina. He made an original declaration on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 1819. Has received a pension the number of his pension certificate is 15953.

And 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 other wise 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

Schedule of real & personal property belonging to James Norsworthy

106 acres of land	\$500
5 head horses & colts	150
8 head of cattle	40
8 head of sheep	12
50 head of hogs	45
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	Amt. \$777 <sup>2</sup>

S/ James Norsworthy



The said James Norsworthy further declares on oath, that he is by occupation a farmer, & by reason of the many infirmities incident to age, he cannot pursue his business so as to ensure a necessary support for himself & wife – his wife living with him being 65 years old, feeble & decrepit her name is Barbara – He has also an orphan girl living with him, named Lucy Pate 17 years old; but who is no relation by blood or marriage. Has no other person living with him who contribute to his support.

Sworn to & declared in open court this fourth day of January 1821

S/ James Norsworthy

S/ Jas. McKisick, Clerk

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Declaration of James Norsworthy a Non-Commissioned Officer of the Revolution

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of an act entitled “An Act for the Relief of certain Surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution” approved on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May 1828 I James Norsworthy of Perryville in the County of Perry in the State of Tennessee do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution for & during the War & continued in its Service until its termination at which. I was a Sergeant in Captain John Macon's Company in the seventh Regiment commanded by Colonel James Hogun of the North Carolina Line. And I also declare that I afterwards received a Certificate for the Reward

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<sup>2</sup> This amount of net worth would have disqualified the veteran from further pension payments under the 1818 and 1820 Acts as those required pensioners to be ‘indigent’ as defined by the Secretary of War in regulations which specified net worth over \$250 as disqualifying.

of \$80 to which I was entitled under a Resolve of Congress passed the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 1778. And I further declare that I was not on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 1828 on the Pension List of the United States. Witness my hand this 28<sup>th</sup> day of November 1828.

S/ James Norswothy [sic]

*Witness my hand  
James Norswothy*

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 6, 1819, for service as a Sergeant for 2 years in the North Carolina Continental line.]