

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Isham Norton S7275

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State of North Carolina, Richmond County

On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832 Personally appeared before me John R. Buie a Justice of the Peace in & for said County Isham Norton Sr. a Resident of the County & State aforesaid aged Eighty years or thereabouts, who being first duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service under the following named officers & served as herein stated. That he was Drafted into Service in Northampton County North Carolina for a three months Tour but was retained in service four months, the Year not recollected but some time during the Revolutionary War & placed under the Command of Captain John Peterson & after a short time he was placed under the Command of Captain David Short – General Richard Caswell was the Commanding Officer – sometime towards the close of the Revolutionary War. He was again drafted in Northampton County North Carolina for a three months Tour But he was retained in service five months & was placed under the command of Jesse Dupree & that he was Present & engaged in a skirmish with the Enemy at the Town of Halifax North Carolina [May 7, 1781].<sup>1</sup> That he was under the Command of Colonel Linton [William Thomas Linton] & General Sumner [Jethro Sumner] & that in both Tours that he served he remained in the State of North Carolina during the whole time he was in service & that he was regularly discharged each Tour. He was Drafted & called into service as herein before stated. He hereby relinquishes every Claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the Present & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Question 1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Answer: In Northampton County North Carolina. The Year I do not know but I think I am about 80 years of Age.

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer: I have none

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer: I was living in Northampton County North Carolina when called into service & some few years after the Revolutionary War I left Northampton County & came to Richmond & I have lived here in Richmond County ever since

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer: I was Drafted each Tour of duty & called into Service.

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served,

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_halifax.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_halifax.html)

such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer: We were very little with the Continental Troops. I recollect our meeting Colonel Washington [William Washington] & his Troop while in service, also our meeting Colonel or General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] (near the Waxhaws) & his Regiment – our militia officers I have named in my Narrative viz. Captain Peterson & Captain Short & General Caswell – Captain Dupree, Colonel Linton & General Sumner. I do not recollect at this time the names of any more of the officers & as stated our Service was altogether performed in different parts of North Carolina.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer – I think I received my first discharge from Captain Short & the Second from Captain Dupree, but of this by am not certain as it may in both instances have been from some of the officers higher in command. I left my Discharges, both of them in Northampton County with my Mother & Brother -- & had no expectation of ever having any use for them.

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer: Isaac Williamson, Sr., Nathaniel & John Gibson, Nathan Noir, Esq., Col. Charles Pate, & Sterling Rachels.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John R. Buie, JP

S/ Isham Norton, X his mark

[James Hasty, a clergyman, & Isaac Williamson, Sr. gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Starling Rachels residing in the County & State aforesaid being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God deposeth and saith as follows – That he was born & raised in Northampton County North Carolina in the same neighborhood with the applicant Isham Norton, Sr. That he recollects of his being Drafted twice during the Revolution & called off into service & that He knows & recollects of his absence from Home some months each time he was called into service. This Deponent further States, that Isham Norton Sr. the said applicant was reputed & believed in Northampton to have served, as he states, & that he was always considered a man of veracity & honor & that the applicant & the deponent came to Richmond County from Northampton together & to the best of his recollection 45 years ago last March. From his acquaintance with the applicant from infancy he considers him worthy of credit on oath.

Sworn & Subscribed the day & date aforesaid before me.

S/ Starling Rachels, X his mark

S/ Jn. R. Buie, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina militia.]