

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Scarborough S7457

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State of North Carolina Wake County: Court of Pleas & Order Sessions August Term 1832

On this the twenty first day of August personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the court now sitting Samuel Scarborough Sr. a resident of Wake County State of North Carolina aged Seventy-two years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & entered as herein stated (to wit). In December 1777 he entered the militia Service of the State of Virginia under Captain Joshua Nichols being attached according to the militia system of that State to the fourth division – that he was a resident of Southampton County Served from December 1777 a tower [tour] of between two & three months. That he marched to Portsmouth sometime in February 1778. –

In the year 1780 he performed another tour in the militia of Virginia in the same division for the same term of between two & three months under Captain John Simmons Colonel Wells He marched from Southampton County to the Black water River dividing the County of Southampton from the Isle of Wight – and their remained for the purpose of preventing the Negroes from joining the British forces at Portsmouth until he was discharged. The same division to which he belonged was again called out in April 1781 for the same term of between two & three months under Captain Holoman [?] – He marched to the Black water River where his company joined the forces which had returned from Portsmouth to the Isle of Wight – which were commanded by General Muhlenberg – from thence to Cabin Point or the water of James River from thence to Prince George Court House – there Baron Steuben took the command thence to Petersburg where an engagement took place [April 25, 1781] between the American & British forces, to [from] thence he retreated with the American forces to Chesterfield Court House & from thence to the coal pits in Chesterfield County thence to Tuckahoe Ferry on the James River thence to Richmond where they joined General de Lafayette there remained some days – thence to New Kent Court House thence to Richmond – thence to Osborne on the South side of the James River – thence crossed the James River at Milton's Ferry – There remained a few days – Thence back to Richmond & thence through Hanover County in Goochland County where he received his discharge – In the same division – he marched on the 7th of August 1781 under Captain John Taylor to Meades Mill in Nansemond County where his company Joined the troops commanded by Colonel Wells thence to the Globe upon Nansemond River – Thence back to Smithfield to Swans Point upon the James River thence to Williamsburg where he Joined the Army under General de Lafayette. In September General Washington reached Williamsburg. That the Regiment to which he belonged marched down to Stones Mills in the Isle of Wight

above Smithfield where he remained until the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] where he was discharged .

This declarant states that in 1788 he removed from his native County of Southampton in the State of Virginia to the County of Wake where he has constantly resided ever since. 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Saml. Scarborough [in handwriting of the scribe]

We the undersigned the latter of us a Soldier of the Revolution do hereby certify that we were residents of South Hampton County Virginia during the Revolutionary war and were well acquainted with the above named applicant – that we believe him to be 72 years of age – That we know he did serve in the war & that he is reputed & believed in the neighborhood where he now lives that he was a soldier of the revolution.

S/ John Scarborough [in the handwriting of the scribe]

S/ Samuel Sandiford¹ [in the handwriting of the scribe]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months in the Virginia militia.]

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