

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of James Scarborough S7467

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State of North Carolina, Edgecombe County: Court of Pleas & Order Sessions

On this 25th day of February personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Court of Edgecombe County now sitting James Scarborough a resident of the County of Edgecombe and State of North Carolina aged as by record now in his possession eighty four years who first being 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; and served as herein stated.

That he volunteered under Col Henry Irwin¹ and in the company of Capt. Jonas Johnston (day and date not recollected) in the capacity of Sergeant for the purpose of joining Gen. Caswell [Richard Caswell] at the time of of the Scotch defeat at Moore's Bridge [Moore's Creek Bridge] and served about thirty days. His second term of service, he volunteered as a captain to go to the assistance of the Virginians at the Great Bridge at the time that Dunmore [Lord Dunmore] laid waste the country and caused Norfolk to be burnt but did not reach there in due time for the engagement. He knew none of the officers except Captain Henry Irwin Toole. He then returned to the No. Carolina Militia where he remained under the command of Col Henry Hart until discharged. In this tour he served three months. He knows of no living person by whom he can prove his service in this campaign. He was commissioned by Gov Caswell of North Carolina, Commission not to be found nor the date recollected.

His third tour of service he volunteered as a Captain Commissioned by Gov Caswell in July 1780 as appears from the commission. Field Officers Gen. Allen Jones, Col Henry Hart, Lieutenant Col Branch. He marched through different parts of this State and to a place on the border of South Carolina called New Providence where he joined the Continental Army under the Command of Brig Gen. Smallwood [William

1 Transcriber believes the applicant misspoke in naming his first colonel "Henry Irwin." Later in the application, applicant says he served under Col. Henry Irwin Toole near the time of the battle of Great Bridge in Virginia and then returned to NC and "remained" under the command of Col. Henry Hart. It seems probable that the name of applicant's first colonel was Henry Hart, not Henry Irwin.

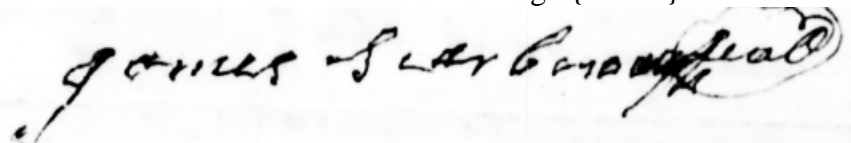
Smallwood]. He was then sent by Gen. Smallwood to King's Mountain in South Carolina under Col William Richardson Davie to the assistance of Gen. Williams [James Williams] at the time of Ferguson's [Patrick Ferguson's] defeat at that place. He then returned to Smallwood's Head Quarters and in a few days he was sent by Gen. Smallwood after some corn in the possession of the Tories near a fort situated on Crane Creek S. C. and on his return from this expedition gave information of the weakness of the foe which soon after was taken by Col William Washington & Col Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] Under Smallwood being the oldest Capt. he received the Temporary Commission of Major. Though he volunteered for three months he remained in the Army at that time until January making about five months. He happened in no regular battle and but one skirmish which was on his route to King's Mountain. He was discharged about the middle of January when he returned home. This campaign he is able to prove by the certificate of Micajah Pettaway² who volunteered as a private under him. He then entered a private expedition against the Tories which lasted about one month.

His last time of the regular service, he volunteered as a Captain commissioned by Gov Caswell to meet the British at the time they invaded the Country near Wilmington. On his way he joined Col Shepherd's company of militia in Kingston [sic, Kinston] and then marched on to New River in Onslow County N. C. where he remained reconnoitering the country until his term of service three months was nearly expired when he returned to Edgecombe completed this term of service and was discharged. This last campaign was under the same commission as the former which I resigned about the last of November 1781 immediately after my discharge from the last expedition. He knows of no living person by whom he can prove this campaign.

He was born in the County of South Hampton Virginia the 29th day of November A.D. 1748 as of record now in his possession doth appear and was brought by his parents to Edgecombe County North Carolina at 10 years of age where he resided ever since. In all his expeditions, he was commissioned by Gov Caswell of North Carolina except the temporary commission of Major under Brig Gen. Smallwood. He served one regular tour of three months as Sergeant and three terms as Captain – 2 of three months each and one of five months making in all 11 months. As to his character he would refer you to the Honorable Thomas H. Hall member of Congress from this (3rd) district, Richard Hines Esq. formerly a member of Congress, Elder Thomas Dupree, Elder Mark H. Bennett and the neighborhood generally.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any other state or agency whatever. Given under his hand and seal the 25th day of February 1833.

S/ James Scarborough {SEAL}

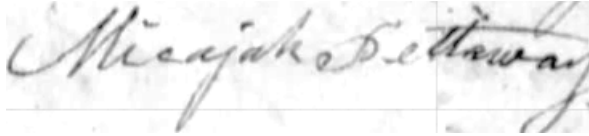
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Scarborough". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The letters are somewhat slanted and connected, typical of 18th or 19th-century handwriting. There is a small circular mark or seal impression at the end of the signature.

I Micajah Pettaway do hereby certify that I was in the service of the United States with Capt. James Scarborough in his third term of service and believe the facts set forth in the above declaration to be correct to the best of my Knowledge and recollection.

² [Micajah Pettaway \(Petway, Pettway\) S3668](#)

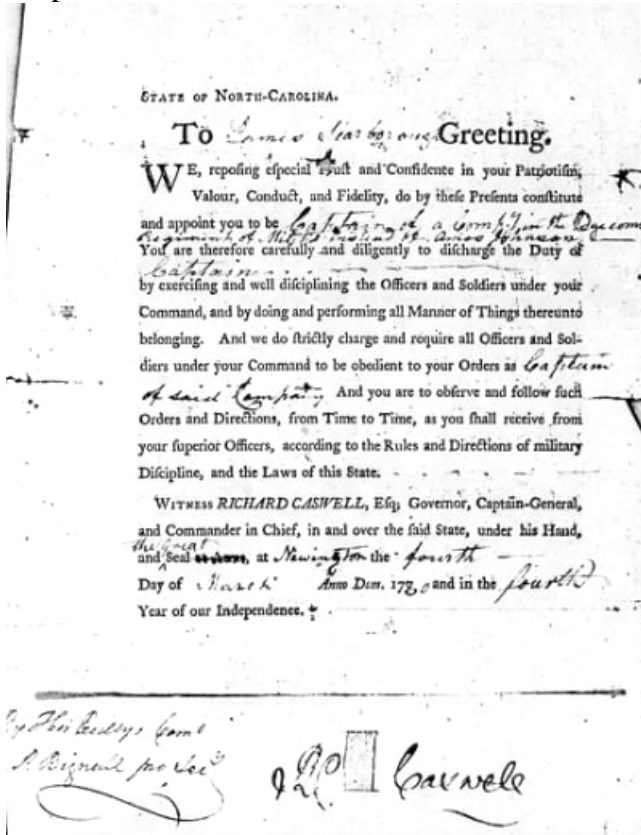
S/ Micajah Pettaway

Sworn to & subscribed February 25th, 1833.



[Thomas Dupree of Pitt County and Mark H. Bennett, a clergyman, and Reading Sugg gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 14: veteran's commission]



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$225 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, full one-year service as a Sergeant & Captain in the North Carolina militia.]