

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Edward Wardrope S7844

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State of N Carolina } on this 23rd day of June 1834. personally appeared before me May Jervis one of
Yancy County } the acting Justices of the peace for the above named county – Edward Wardrope
a resident of the county of Yancy in the State of N Carolina aged 76 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 and served as herein stated –

This applicant saith that he lived in Wake County N. C. at the time he entered the service which was in 1780 and served as a volunteer under the command of General [John] Butler Col. [John] Collier Major Sharp [sic: Joseph Sharpe] Captain [William] Chambers and Lieutenant Charles Edwards. marched through Orrange [sic: Orange] Chatham and Cabarrus Counties in N. Carolina into South Carolina and was in the battle of Gates defeat [Battle of Camden where Gen. Horatio Gates was defeated, 16 Aug 1780]. The second Tour This applicant saith he was drafted in Wake County N. C. and served three months under General Butler, Col. Collier Major Umphries [sic: Humphries] Captain Lewis Bletcher [Lewis Bledsoe] and Leutenant McDaniel. Marched through Chatham County in N. Carolina and was in the battle at Guilford which to the best of his recollection was in the year 1781 [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] – The third Tour this applicant saith he was drafted three months resided at the time in Wake County County N Carolina in the year of 1781 to the best of his recollection Served under Benjamin Blake Captain, James Blake Lieut, and guarded the assembly the greater part of this Tour. after the rise of which we marched down toward Wilmington under Col. Moore to suppress the Tories but the battle was fought before our arrival [probably in Oct or Nov 1781]. This applicant further saith that he was drafted and and served a fourth Tour three months resided in Wake County at that time under Capt Blake and Liut Hillman [sic: Hillsman]. marched through Orrange and Rockingham others not recollected in the state of N. Carolina and was in the Battle at the Utaw Springs [sic: Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781] under the command of General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] Saw Col [William] Washington make three charges with his draggoons in the month of September the year not recollected The fifth Tour this applicant saith he was drafted and served Three months was living in Wake County N. Carolina at the time Served Captain [John] Trent – and Lieutenant Locke Guarded the Governor of said State whose name was Burk [sic: Thomas Burke] all or most of this Tour – making in all Eighteen months he served – he knew General Green Col. Washington and Col. [Henry] Lee

This applicant further saith that he has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any person who can testify to his benefit. he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Edward hisXmark Wardrope

1st Where and in what year were you born?

A. in Wake County N. Carolina in the year of 1758

2nd have you any record of your age and if so where is it

A. I have none

3rd where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the revolutionary and where do you now live

A. I lived in wake County N. Carolina when called into Service and after the close of the war I moved to Cabarrus County N. C. Then to Caswell County in the same state. Thence to Burke County N. C. thence to Buncombe or that part of Buncombe which is now called Yancy in the same state

4 How were you called onto service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if so for whom

A. The first Tour I volunteered the other four I was Drafted.

5 State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service

A. Knew General Gates Major Sharp General Green Colonel Washington &c. As to the circumstances of my service I will refer to my foregoing declaration.

6 Did you receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it

A. I received several discharges but not thinking to be proffited by them have lost them

7th 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 of your services as a soldier of the revolution.

I will refer to James B. McMahan and Daniel Carter

Edward hisXmark Wardrope

Amendment & further explanation in the case of Edward Wardrope whose Declaration has been returned from War Dept &c

First the reason why I the said Wardrope did not make earlier application for a pension was that I was afflicted with a rising on my foot for more than two years something like the white swelling there was various bones & pieces of bones come out of the foot & one of my toes come off my foot has got so now that I am able to walk on it I have also had a pain in one of my eyes which took me in the Spring of 1833 while I was confined with my foot & has finally after much suffering deprived me of its sight I rendered my other eye very weak I am still not able to travel without great pain & injury to myself. While in my helpless condition I applied to many of my neighbours to try & get my pension for me but they had no form nor did they know how to draw the Declaration & some told me that I would be obliged to go to the Court house to be examined in Court which I was unable to do, & so it remained untill a Gentleman by the name of McDaniel informed me my business could be done without going to the Court house by certifying my inability &c. Said McDaniel undertook & don my writing and Esq'r. May Jervis come to my own house to quallify me to it.

2nd. It appears that "other proof than what is presented is required to be made I don't know of any person now living that was with me in the service or that knows of my services. if any such should be living I know not where they are but would presume if any, then they are in Wake County this State which is upwards of two hundred miles from me & I am unable to go there & have nothing to give or hire any person to go there for me.

I may have been mistaken in some of the dates being unlearned & haveing nothing but my memory to depend on The battles I was in are truly stated & they show the time I served & correct such error should there be any Many years of my life is known to my neighbours where I now live & they can testify to my character & standing If there testimony should be such as to satisfy the Department that I am entitled to credit & faith in my Oath I shall hope to be rewarded as other soldiers have been if to the contrary I must submit.

3rd. It is true. I cannot read but my Declaration was carefully read over to me by Preacher McDaniel when he wrote it & also by Squire Jervis when he quallified me to it. & the facts as there stated was written as I directed. I refer the Department to Samuel P Carson our former member of Congress & to his certificate as to the standing & respectibility of Preach McDaniel Squire Jarvis also Preacher McMahan & David Carson who have certified as to my standing further this Deponent sayeth not Sworn to & subscribed before me this 19th day of Sept'r. 1834 Edward hisXmark Wardroop

NOTES:

On 16 Sep 1834 Sam P. Carson wrote to the Pension Commissioner stating that Edward Wardrope "has been for many years a member of the Babtist Church without charge or censure & has been licenced by the Church (altho an unlettered man) to speak in public as an 'exhorter.'"

On 3 Nov 1834 Edward Wardrope was issued a certificate for a pension of \$40 for one year of service. A Treasury-Department document states that the children of Edward Wardrope received the final pension payment up to the date of his death, 14 April 1844.

On 1 Sep 1854 Moses Wardrope of Madison County NC, one of the children of Edward Wardrope, assigned power of attorney to pursue an increase in pension, claiming that his father served at least two years.