

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Yarborough S7981

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State of North Carolina, Cumberland County

On this the 2nd day of September [1834],¹ personally appeared in open Court, before John Kelly, William Murchison, and Laughlin Smith acting Justices of the County aforesaid, now sitting, Joseph Yarborough, a resident of Cumberland County and State of North Carolina aged 79 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 on following named officers and served as herein stated.

Your Declarant states that he entered the service sometime in the fall of 1776 as a volunteer under the command of Colonel Ebenezer Folsom [Ebenezer Folsome] and Captain Ira Atkins Captain of Dragoons; that they marched from the northern part of Cumberland County through the adjoining counties of Moore, Chatham, Randolph and others not at that time known to this declarant; from thence to Fayetteville then known as Cross Creek and through the counties of Bladen, Robeson and Richmond and then returned to Fayetteville where he was discharged by Captain Atkins, that he does not recollect whether the discharge was written, if so, it has been lost by negligence and lapse of time. That the length of time in which he was engaged in service and for which he volunteered was six months. Your declarant further states that he volunteered at sundry times under the command of Captain David Cogdil [David Cogdell], Lieutenant Willis Pipkin and Captain Joseph Sessions the length of time he does not now recollect. That he was born in Brunswick County Virginia in the year 1755 on this 27th of September. That he has a record of his age contained in his family Bible now in his possession. That he was living in the County of Cumberland State of North Carolina when he volunteered in the company of dragoons commanded by Ira Atkins. That he has lived since the Revolution in the counties of Wayne and Chatham that he since removed to Cumberland County where he now resides: that he entered the service as a volunteer, that he did not serve under any regular officers: that he has no documentary evidence except the deposition of Milly Yarborough his sister. That he is known to John Atkins and ___ who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and 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 in the presence of.

S/ Joseph Yarborough, Y his mark

Question 1st Where and in what Year were you born?

Answer – I was born in the vicinity of Brunswick, State of Virginia on the 27 day of September 1755.

¹ Per the clerk's certification

2. Have you any record of your age & if so where is it?

Ans. I have & it is now in my possession contained in my family Bible

3. Where were you living when called into the service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary war, & where do you now live?

Ans. I was living in the County of Cumberland State of North Carolina since I have lived in Wayne or Chatham counties & now live in Cumberland County.

4. How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute?

Ans. I was a volunteer

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 & the general circumstances of your service?

Ans. I do did not serve under the command of any regular officers nor did I at any time join any Regiment except for a few days under the command of Captain David Cogdil. The names of the Regimental Officers I do not recollect.

6th. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service & if so by whom was it given, & what has become of it?

Ans. I do not recollect of having received a written discharge but a verbal discharge was given by Captain Ira Atkins.

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 & their belief of your service as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Ans. I am know [sic] to John Atkins and Jonathan Holly [signed his name "John Hawley"] who can testify to my character & their belief of my services

[John Atkins and Jonathan Hawley gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina, County of Chatham: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions February Term 1838

On this 14th day of February A.D. 1838 personally appeared in open Court Joseph Yarborough a resident of the County of Chatham, State of North Carolina aged eighty-two years & five months, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That he entered the Army of the United States in the year 1776 with Captain Ira Akins² [sic] and served in the State Regiment of the State line under the following named Officers (to wit).

That he resided in the County of Cumberland State of North Carolina when he first entered the service and enlisted for the term of six months as a volunteer under Captain Ira Atkins [sic] belonging to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Folsom [sic, Ebenezer Folsome] and General Ramsey. After he joined the Company consisting of fifty men under command of Captain Atkins he marched in pursuit of a small body of the enemy who were committing some depredations on Deep River Chatham County, where some were taken prisoners and afterwards released, from thence he marched through Moore County on to Fayetteville when he joined Col. Folsom, And then marched through Bladen County to Moore's Creek, on to near the South

2 The original transcriptionist uses the name "Akins" and "Atkins" to describe the same man. The name as actually written in the document is used here since I do not know which is correct, although I suspect the name was "Atkins" since that is the more traditional spelling, but that is purely a guess. The War Department's summary lists the name as "Ira Atkins."

Carolina line and returned to Fayetteville without having any engagement or meeting with any of the enemy. After remaining in Fayetteville eight or 10 days he took up his line of march under Captain Atkins by the order of Colonel Folsom for Virginia, and prosecuted it as far as the Virginia line and then returned to Fayetteville where he remained except when called out into the immediate neighborhood until his discharge having served on this tour six months. This declarant further states that after his discharge he removed to the County of Wayne where he resided for the space of about 12 months, where he again enlisted in the service as a volunteer under command of Captain Sessions for the term of three months. That he remained the whole time in the County of Wayne, marched once up Goshen River to oppose the passage of the enemy across said River – the remainder of his service was marching through the County and being stationed until his discharge after having served the full term of three months. This declarant states that there is no circumstance which he recollects to bring to mind by which he can specify the particular period when he enlisted the second term of service, he can only state that he served through the whole term for which he enlisted which was three months, that in his first term of service he enlisted two months before his arrival at the full age of 21 years which was in July 1776. And was discharged in January 1777 serving six months that he has no documentary evidence and knows of no living witness whose testimony he can procure to prove any part of his service, that he received a discharge signed by Captain Atkins but not believing it would ever be of any use to him, it has been lost so that he cannot now it.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Joseph Yarborough, Y his mark

The following all the Answers made by Joseph Yarborough to the interrogatories propounded by the Court as directed by War Department

Answer to Q. 1

I was born in the County of Brunswick Virginia on the 27th of September 1755.

Answer to 2nd

My age was recorded in my father's family Bible which has been transcribed into a Bible kept by myself which I have.

Answer to 3rd

I lived in the County of Cumberland when called into Service, moved into the County of Wayne where I lived a few years, then returned into the County of Cumberland where I lived until a few years ago I moved into the County of Chatham where I now reside.

Answer to 4th

I volunteered into service

Answer to 5th

The officers with whom I served were Captain Atkins, Colonel Folsom, General Ramsey, Captain Sessions & Captain David Cogdale.

Answer to 6th

I received a discharge signed by Captain Atkins in my first service & by Captain Sessions in my second but each of them have been lost.

Answer to 7th

Colonel John W. Bynum, Richardson Lambeth, J. M. Core and others in my neighborhood are well acquainted with me, who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services.

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State of North Carolina, Chatham County

This day Milly Yarborough who is aged Seventy-five years before me George Luther one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for said County And after being Duly sworn on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God in due form of law deposed and saith as follows (to wit) That she was well acquainted with Joseph Yarborough the present applicant for a pension before and during the war of the Revolution and that deponent further states that she very Distinctly Recollects that Joseph Yarborough entered the service as a Light horseman for a six months Tour and that he served his time out and she further states as a circumstance that she more distinctly Recollects that he did serve his time out she recollects That her Brother Rolin Yarborough was also in the Service with Joseph and she further sayeth that it was understood that each of the Soldiers were to have a Bushel of Salt when they were discharged whether it was to be given in part of their pay or whether they were to have it as a Bounty she does not know. But she Recollects that at the time that the six months Tour expired she recollects that her father went to Cross Creek to meet Joseph and Rolin Yarborough where they were to be discharged and to bring home their salt and she further sayeth that when her father returned both Joseph and Rolin Yarborough came home with him and brought their two Bushels of salt and further this deponent saith not.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29th day of August 1834.

S/ Geo. Luther, JP

S/ Milly Yarborough, X her mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]