

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Tarver (Tarvar) W11594 Charlotte Tarver f64NC  
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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

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District of North Carolina

On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 1818, before me the Subscriber, one of the Judges of the United States for the said this treat, personally appeared Samuel Tarver, aged about fifty-five years, resident in Johnston County, and the said district, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:" That towards the latter part of the revolutionary war, the date he does not remember, he the said Samuel Tarver enlisted in Johnston County, in the State of North Carolina, in the company commanded by Captain Joseph Rhodes, of the fourth Regiment in the North Carolina line, on the Continental establishment, for the term of eighteen months; that he continued to serve in the said company until the end of said war, which took place a little before the end of the eighteen months for which he was enlisted which was a service of more than nine months; that he was sick, in South Carolina, when peace took place, & was sent round to Wilmington in North Carolina, with other sick soldiers, where he obtained his furlough or permit to leave the Army; that he was in no battle; and that he is in reduced circumstances, & stands in need of the assistance of his country for Support.

Sworn to & declared before me the day & year aforesaid.

S/ H. Potter, DJUSNC

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State of North Carolina

I hereby Certify that Samuel Tarver was a Soldier in the Continental line of this State in time of the Revolution war he Served in my Company which I was Captain in the first Regiment, I believe he entered for the Term of 18 months but before that his Term of Service was out, the Southern Army was discontinued until that he Continued in Service which was in the year 1783. Given under my hand the 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 1818

S/ JosephT. Rhodes  
at the Close of the war, Major  
Army United States

[in a different handwriting  
"August 1<sup>st</sup> 1782"]

State of North Carolina

I hereby Certify that Samuel Tarbar was a Soldier  
in the Continental line of this State on terms of the  
Revolution war he served in my Company when I was a  
Captain in the first Regiment. I believe he Enlisted for the  
Term of Eighteen Months but before that his Term of Service  
was out, the Southern army was discontinued until then he  
continued in Service which was in the year 1783 & was under  
my hand the 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 1818

August 1<sup>st</sup> 1782.

Joseph T Rhoads  
at the close of the war. Major  
Army United States

[p 36: Certificate issued by William Hill, Secretary of State for the state of North Carolina on November 24, 1818 certifying that the Muster Rolls of the state of North Carolina show that a veteran by the name of Samuel Tarbarra was a private in Hadley's company, 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment Abraham Sheppard Colonel; that he enlisted on August 1, 1782 for 18 months.

Names & Rank	Companies	Date of Commission & Expiration	Rank	Occurrences
10 <sup>th</sup> Regiment	Abraham Sheppard	Colonel		
Sam. Tarbarra	pt. Hadley	1 <sup>st</sup> Aug 1782	18 mo.	

North Carolina Secretary's Office 24<sup>th</sup> Novem<sup>r</sup> 1818  
This certifies that the above is a true abstract  
from the musterroll of the North Carolina Conti-  
nental line in the Revolutionary war  
Given under my hand at office  
the date above  
Wm Hill Secretary  
of state.

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State of Tennessee, Knox County: July Sessions 1829

Declaration in order to continue on the pension list under the Act of May 1<sup>st</sup> 1820

State of Tennessee, Knox County: On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year 1829 – personally appeared in open Court it being a Court of record for the County of Knox, Samuel Tarvar resident in said County aged about seventy years,<sup>1</sup> who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820, that he the said Tarvar enlisted for the term of Eighteen months on the \_\_\_ day of 1781 in the State of North Carolina in the Company commanded by Captain Joseph T. Roades [sic, Joseph Thomas Rhodes] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel \_\_\_ Lytle [Archibald Lytle] in the line of the State of North Carolina on the North Carolina Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in said Corps until 1782 when he was discharged from the service in Charleston in the State of South Carolina, that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, except the present, that his name has been placed on the pension list, that the number of his pension Certificate \_\_\_. He has lost or mislaid his pension certificate, and that he never exhibited a Schedule of his property, because he did not know until lately the reason why his name was stricken off the pension roll, payable at Fayetteville North Carolina and that after he received information why he was stricken off the pension roll, that his poverty and bodily infirmity prevented him from making earlier application to be continued on the pension list, and that he cannot yet walk without the aid of some person, in which situation he has been for about fifteen years --

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or other wise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed-- Declarant is a farmer by occupation, but he has been disabled to work or labor for the last 15 years, which he believes was the result of a wound which he received in the revolutionary war under General Gates [Horatio Gates].<sup>2</sup> He is now barely able to move about when aided by some person and cannot walk without help.

He has three in family besides himself – his wife and two daughters she is about 55 years old and is able to spin a little but not able to do much work his daughters are grown and able to work – that since the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 the following changes have taken place in my property

Thirty acres of land in North Carolina, This was around 18 <sup>th</sup> of March 1818 & is not now owned by declarant	Sold to Thomas Burley North Carolina	Sale not remembered	Sixty dollars in money
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Sworn to in open Court  
7<sup>th</sup> July 1829

S/ Samuel Tarver, X his mark

S/ Wm Swan, D. C.

Schedule of Samuel Tarvar's Property

<sup>1</sup> The apparent disparity in the veteran's age as stated by him in his applications is not explained in any of the documents in the file.

<sup>2</sup> The nature of the wound and place of the engagement in which the wound was sustained is not stated in any of the documents in this file. Gates commanded at the Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780 but neither Rhodes or Lytle were in that engagement

One Horse \$25  
One Cow & Calf 7

This is the full amount of all the property now owned by declarant his bidding and wearing apparel excepted.

S/ Samuel Tarver, X his mark

[p 31: On March 9, 1832 in Henry County Georgia, the veteran applied for the transfer of his pension benefit from the East Tennessee agency to the Georgia agency saying that he has moved to Georgia because his children had removed they are and he is desirous of being with them. This application is supported by an affidavit given by Ransom R. Tarver identifying the veteran. The relationship, if any of the affiant to the veteran is not stated.

*Ransom R. Tarver* ]

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State of Tennessee, Knox County

On this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August 1833 before me James Park – a Justice of the Peace for said County personally appeared Samuel Tarver who, on his oath declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the company commanded by Captain Joseph Rhodes in the Regiment commanded by Col. Archibald Lytle in the service of the United States; that his name was placed on the pension roll of the State of North Carolina – that he was afterwards transferred to the roll of the East Tennessee Agency and afterwards to the pension roll of the State of Georgia, from whence he has lately removed; that he now resides in Knox County, Tennessee, where he intends to remain, and wishes his pension to be there payable in future. The following are his reasons for removing from Georgia to Tennessee – that his son lived in Tennessee with whom he was desirous of living in because he could barely of more cheaply.

Sworn and subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid.

S/ James Park, JP

S/ Samuel Tarver, X his mark

[p 33: On April 3, 1840 in Knox County Tennessee the veteran filed an affidavit identified as being a revolutionary pensioner and late a private in Captain Roades [sic] company as appears by his pension certificate issued 19<sup>th</sup> July 1830 in lieu of a pension certificate issued April first, 1819; that the 1819 certificate was lost when the veteran was a citizen of Johnston County North Carolina Andrew his pension at the agency in Fayetteville North Carolina; that he received 3 payments under that certificate and did not receive any further payments until he started drawing the pension in 1830 at the East Tennessee agency.]

[p 9: On April 7, 1845 in Knox County Tennessee, Charlotte Tarver, 77, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Samuel Tarver a private in Captain Roads [sic] company of Colonel Little's Regiment; that her husband died February 8, 1845; that she married him December 27, 1787. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 15: A certificate from the clerk of the Wake County North Carolina clerk of court stating that a marriage bond was given June 22, 1791 by Samuel Taver [sic] and Allen Grffis in Wake County, NC [name of bride, not given.]]

[p 10: On April 7, 1845 in Knox County Tennessee, Cynthia Crawford gave testimony that on December 27, 1787 she then being 17 years of age and living with her father in Wake County North Carolina was witness to Samuel Tarver coming to her father's house with a license to marry Charlotte

Goff; that the veteran asked the affiant's father (not named) to witness the marriage of the veteran to Charlotte Goff; the affiant believes the veteran and his wife were legally married and knows that they lived together as man and wife thereafter. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 4, 18\_\_for service as a private for 18 months in the North Carolina Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$38.33 per annum commencing February 8, 1845.]