

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Scarborough (Scarbrough) W17783

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North Carolina.

On this third day of November AD 1818 before me Thomas Ruffin Judge of the Superior Courts of Law & Courts of Equity in said state, personally appeared James Scarbrough (alias Scarborough) aged about sixty eight years & resident in Rockingham County in North Carolina, who being by me first duly sworn, on his Oath made 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 during the Revolutionary War." That he the said James enlisted for the term of eighteen (18) months, in Loudon [sic: Loudoun] County in Virginia in May 1779 or thereabouts, as a private in the Company commanded by Cap'n Benjamin Lawson in the [blank] Regiment of the Virginia Line on the Continental establishment. That he cannot now recollect the number of said Regiment so as to state it with precise accuracy, but believes that it was the tenth [Sixth]. He well knows however that it was under the command of Colo. John Green (formerly of Culpeper County in Virginia) & Lt. Colo. (Benjamin) Haws (or Haus) [sic: Samuel Hawes] formerly of Fredericksburg in Virginia. That he continued to serve in said Corps & in the Service of the United States until 15th day of March 1781. That in January [17th] '81 he was in the battle of the Cowpens & on the said 15th March '81 he was in the battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC] & there received a severe gun-shot wound in the ankle & foot, which made it necessary that he should be left behind the army when it marched – that he was in consequence taken to the house of Capn Peter Oneal in said County of Guilford (now Rockingham County by a division) where he remained in a disabled & helpless condition until his Regiment was discharged after the making of Peace & consequently that he was never again mustered, so as to receive a formal discharge. That he has continued to reside in said last mentioned County ever since, at a great distance from the place of his enlistment where his fellow soldiers of his Company & Regiment mostly resided & probably now reside (if any be stil living) & is by age, lameness & poverty unable to procure the testimony of any of them as to his said Service & that he hath it not now in his power to offer any other evidence of his services than that hereunto annexed, and that he is in reduced circumstances & needs the assistance of his Country for support.

James hisXmark Scarbrough

State of North Carolina }

Rockingham County } Superior Court of Law Fall Term 1820.

On this third day of November 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the said County James Scarborough aged seventy one years or in the seventy first year of his age resident in North Carolina in the said County of Rockingham, who, being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his Oath declare that he served eighteen months in the Revolutionary war as follows In the Oldest Virginia Regiment, Colo. John Greens Company [sic: regiment] (of Culpepper Virginia) Lieutenant Col. Benjamin Haws of Fredericksburg Va Commanded by Cap Benjamin Lawson Lieutenant Gray & Ensign Quarls [sic: Quarles] & was in [two or three illegible words] Battle at North Carolina where I was wound

The date of my former declaration is the [blank] but as yet have drawn no pension

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th 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.

Five Hogs Valued to Ten dollars which is all the property, real or personal which I possess, necessary Clothing and bedding Excepted

I am a Stone Mason & Well-digger by Trade, but I am at present so Old & feeble and disabled, and drawn together by the Rheumatism as not to be able to make a support for my self & my Wife

as to the number and names of my Family, as follows Viz my Wife aged Sixty two years Infirm, and a young Woman about fourteen years old, an orphan child whome I raised and she is not a healthy person

James hisXmark Scarborough

NOTES:

A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse after 1 Sep 1780 includes the following: James Scarborough/ age 30/ height 5 5³/₄/ farmer/ born in England/ residing in Loudoun County/ dark-brown hair/ hazel eyes/ dark complexion/ enlisted 20 Sep 1780 for 18 months.

On 25 May 1846 John Scarborough, 64, the only child of James and Sarah Scarborough, applied for the pension due his mother, who died 13 Apr 1839. He stated that his parents were married in 1781, and his father died in Dec 1828. John Walker deposed that he had been present at his father's house when James Scarborough married Sarah Martin there.