

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of William Norman W26583  
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State of Tennessee } SS.  
County of McMinn }

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the County Court of said county, William Norman a resident of said county and state, aged about seventy 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

He entered the Service in the month of October 1780 as a substitute for Ezekiel Norman, in Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] County Virginia under Captain Richard Yancey. From Culpepper marched to Hillsboro [sic: Hillsborough] in North Carolina, where his company joined the army under the command of General Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens], but he does not recollect the name of the regiment to which Yancey's and another company from Culpepper, commanded by Captain David Jamison [probably David Jameson], were attached on reaching Hillsboro', nor the names of the field officers commanding. From Hillsboro the army marched to Salisbury, thence to Charlotte, thence to Cheraw Hills on the Peedee [sic: Pee Dee River in SC, late Dec 1780], where it went into winter quarters, during which time Col. [Henry] Lee marched thro' the camp with his legion, and joined [Gen. Francis] Marion. Some time in January 1781, the army left its winter quarters and marched to Salisbury, and thence to a ford called, declarant thinks, the old trading ford [on Yadkin River near Salisbury], where they lay upon their arms all night expecting an attack from Tarletons Cavalry [Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton's Legion], who was in pursuit of [Gen. Daniel] Morgan who was retiring with the prisoners taken at the Cowpens [17 Jan 1781]. On the next morning declarant crossed the river with the corps to which he belonged, and in the evening was detailed with others to take charge of baggage, with which he marched to Guilford, where his time expiring he went home. He saw Genl Morgan cross the Yadkin in the occasion above alluded to [4 Feb] in a flat with a soldier and sergeant, the latter of whom complained to Morgan of some insolence of the former & Morgan inflicted prompt punishment by punching the soldier in the face with a gun, and telling him to learn to behave himself. Declarant was acquainted with two regular officers, both of Culpepper, who wintered at Cheraw in 1780-1, but he does not recollect their rank, the name of one was John Wilson, the other \_\_\_\_\_ Barber. In this tour he served 5 months, and was discharged in February 1781. But his discharge has been long since lost.

In the spring of 1781, he again entered the service as a substitute for John Norman, his father, under Capt James Brown of Culpepper. The regiment to which he was attached was commanded by Colonel John Green. From Culpepper the regiment marched to Richmond and thence to Petersburg, and spent a tour of 2 months in marching & counter marching in the Country between and about James & Chickahominy [sic: Chickahominy] rivers, in which time Lafayette was with the troops, who were commanded by Genl. Stephens. In this tour, declarant was once engaged in a slight battle at Petersburg perhaps about May with some part of Cornwallis's army [possibly Battle of Petersburg, 25 Apr]. After which the troops were marched to the Mobbin hills [sic: Malvern Hill in Henrico County] on James River above Williamsburg, thence down the river near to Williamsburg, where his time having expired he returned home, having served in this tour 2 months. On his return he drove a waggon for Major Strode of the Culpepper militia. He had a written discharge which is lost.

On returning home, he again entered the service for a tour of 2 months, as a substitute for a man whose name is not now recollected, under Captain William Green of Culpepper. The troops on this tour were marched directly to Yorktown, where the American forces were already forming the seige of Cornwallis [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781]. Declarant was employed constantly in constructing the works, intrenchments &c. by which we continued to approach the town nearer and nearer till it was finally taken. But declarant was not engaged in any of the assaults that

were made

Declarant states that he was born on the 2d of September 1763 in Culpepper county Virginia within 14 or 15 miles of the Blue Ridge on the road leading to Chester's gap [Chester Gap at the junction of Warren, Fauquier, and Rappahannock counties]; that he has a record of his age in the family Bible of his father John Norman, which Bible is now in his possession at his house in McMinn County Tennessee. He removed after the Revolutionary War from Culpepper to Henry County where he resided till 8 or 9 years ago, when he removed to his present residence in McMinn County. Daniel Newman Esquire, James Larrison, James B. Porter and Henry Price, the latter a clergyman, are persons who reside in his present neighborhood, who can testify as to his character for veracity, and their belief in 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.

[signed] William Norman

NOTE: On 3 Aug 1854 Hannah Norman, 70, of Tippah County MS applied for a pension stating that she married William Norman on or about 11 Oct 1823, and he died in McMinn County on 1 July 1841. On 14 June 1855 Hannah Norman applied for bounty land stating that her name was Hannah Oakes when she married William Norman in Henry County. Other documents in the file indicate that they raised a number of children, and that she died in Texas in the spring of 1857.