

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joel Yarbrough (Yarborough) W7382

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This day Joel Yarbrough appeared in Court and made upon oath the following Declaration to wit

That he is seventy-one years old a native of Caroline County & that he enlisted in the regular service of the Army of the United States of America in the year 1776 as a common soldier under the command of Captain George Stubblefield under whom he served in the 5th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Richard Anderson attached to General Muhlenburgs [Peter Muhlenberg's] Brigade until the year 78. That his enlistment he believes was in the month of December & his discharge in the month of January 1778 making more than two years constant & faithful service in the revolutionary Army of the Continental establishment. That he is period of enlistment having expired he was honorably discharged & in a short time thereafter was drafted & sent to the South where he remained about six months till Gates defeat at which he was present. That he is old & of course infirm and unable to support himself & his wife also advanced in years. That he has lost his discharge or mislaid it or probably has worn it out nearly fifty years having elapsed since given to him.

S/ Joel X Yarbrough¹

This day Rich'd Bridges [Richard Bridges] appeared in Court & made oath that Joel Yarbrough enlisted in 1776 under Captain George Stubblefield and that he saw him in the Regiment at little York Virginia in that year & in the following year was with him at the battle of Germantown. That he believes said it Yarbrough was a faithful soldier during his time of service & having always believed that he was honorably discharged.

[There is no indication that Bridges signed this affidavit.]

At a Court of monthly session held for Caroline County at the Courthouse on Monday the 11th of May 1818 This day Joel Yarbrough a revolutionary soldier came into Court and made oath to this his declaration, and Richard Bridges also made oath that the said declaration contained the truth and the Court being satisfied that he stands in need of Public support the same is ordered to be certified.

Test: S/ John L. Pendleton, CCC

District of Virginia, Caroline County –Sct.

On this __day of August 1820 personally appeared in open court, being a court of record, for the County aforesaid, Joel Yarbrough aged about seventy-four years, resident in said County, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War, as follows: served two years in northern Army under Colonel Parker in the 5th Virginia Regiment was in Battle of Germantown, Princeton and Brandywine, served

¹ I assume the "X" in this signature indicates that the signature is not that of the veteran but rather indicates that he signed a document with his mark.

afterwards in the southern Army as stated in declaration of the 11th day of May 1818 on which he received a pension certificate No. __

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 whatever 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 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. Have a dower right in one hundred acres Land and one cow family – wife and a daughter named Lucy aged about twenty-seven years, son named Henry aged about eight years

Joel Yarborough

Sworn to and declared on the 14th day of August 1820 before the court of the County aforesaid.

[fn p. 12: On May 14, 1839 in Caroline County Virginia, Agness Yarborough, 74, filed for a Widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of the late Joel Yarborough, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him February 1, 1783 and that her husband died December 12th, 1827; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[fn p. 13: Lucy Southworth, 76, gave a supporting affidavit in which she said she has known the widow since their infancy; that she was present at the wedding of the veteran and to the claimant and that the veteran died December 12, 1827.]

[fn p. 18: On December 6, 1839 in Caroline County Virginia, the widow filed a claim under the 1838 act for a widow's pension.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 11, 1818 for two-year service as a private in the Virginia Continental line. Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1843.]