Pension application of John Scarborough

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[Declaration]

In order to Obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th of July 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to Certain Widows."

State of Ohio Scioto County SS

On this 13th day of August A.D. 1840, personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas of Scioto County aforesaid Mary Scarborough a resident of Portsmouth in said County aged seventy-three years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows:" That she is the widow of John Scarborough who was a Lieutenant in the Virginia Continental line upwards of two years, the proof of whose services are now on file in the War Department.

She further declares that she was married to the said John Scarborough in Northampton County Virginia in the month of June in the year of our Lord 1784 at the residence of her uncle and guardian Hezekiah Pitts. That her husband the aforesaid John Scarborough died on the 2nd day of January 1794; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the 1st day of January 1794, viz. at the time above stated.

Sworn to & subscribed on the day & year above written in Open Court

S/ Mary Scarborough, X her mark

[f p. 5: Ezra Bradford, 79, a resident of Portsmouth in the County of Scioto gave testimony that he was acquainted with the veteran in the year 1783; that he knew the veteran and Mary Jacob before their marriage in 1784; that they were married in Northampton County Virginia. "This deponent further deposeth and & saith that he knew the said John Scarborough while in the Continental Service in the Virginia line and knows that said John Scarborough served upwards of two years as an Officer of the line. And this deponent further saith that he believes the said John Scarborough was a Lieutenant in said service and further this deponent sayeth not."

[f p. 8: copy of a consent given by Hezekiah Pitts for the marriage of Captain Jno Scarborough to Polly Jacob, to whom he is Guardian. Also, a copy of the marriage bond dated June 14, 1784

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2 I could find no federal pension or by this name.
issued to John Scarborough and Maddox Andrews in North Hampton County Virginia conditioned upon the marriage of John Scarborough to Mary Jacob.]

[f p. 11: Ezra Bradford gave further testimony that he was for me with the family of John and Polly Scarborough; that since Scarborough's death to the best of his knowledge, Vienna P. Turner, formerly Vienna P. Scarborough, wife of John R Turner of Scioto County Ohio is the only heir and legal representatives of John Scarborough.

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of $320 per annum commencing March 4th, 1848, for her husband's service as a Lieutenant in the Virginia Continental line.]