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State of Carolina

Orsiah Sykes

of North Carolina in the State of N.C.  
who was a Soldier in the Revolutionary War  
by Captain Serano of the ... commanded  
by ... in the ...  
for 21 months

Enrolled on the Roll of the State of Carolina  
of the county of ... Dollars ... Cents per annum  
was made on the 11th day of March, 1831.

... of ... and ...  
... 33 ...  
... 35

... to the ... of ... 1840 ...  
... all ... 35

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Revolutionary Claim  
Set June 7, 1832

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United States of America  
State of North Carolina  
New Hanover County

On the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December AD. 1832, personally  
appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the  
Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for New Hanover  
County now sitting, ~~John~~ <sup>Jasper</sup> Sykes a resident  
of New Hanover County, State of North Carolina  
aged ninety two years on the fifth day of March  
last, who being first duly sworn according  
to law, did 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.

That he first joined the Militia as a volunteer under  
Captain John Devane. That he does not recollect  
the year when he entered the service, but that he  
is certain he entered it at the beginning of the  
war. That while under Capt. Devane, he does  
not think he went out of the County of New-  
Hanover. The Company was kept in the County  
marching about through the County to annoy  
the Tories and discover their plans. That nothing

of importance occurred during his service as  
volunteer under Capt. Devane, except the Battle  
at Moore's Creek Bridge in the above-mentioned  
County. That Capt. Devane understanding that  
McCloud with a considerable number of Tories —  
were marching towards the bridge and intended  
crossing it. He took the Company to the Mill  
thence up an entrenchment near it took up a  
the bridge and left nothing but the sleepers for  
them to cross on. That having three brass pieces  
he placed them in a range with the three  
sleepers of the bridge and then kept the men  
entrenched. That very early one morning the Tories  
arrived. McCloud at the lead marched across upon  
getting over, he waved his sword around his head and  
said "Come on my boys, the day is our own, when  
he was instantly shot down, and all those on the  
sleepers coming over were fired upon and shot  
falling off into the Creek. That they attempted  
three times to come over but all being killed.  
who came on the sleepers, they did not attempt it  
a fourth time, but those of them who were left  
alive retreated. That he served under Capt.  
Devane as volunteer, six months. That he was  
next drafted and served under Capt. Stephen  
Andrews three months at Green Field near  
Rutherford in New Hanover County North Caro-  
lina. That he was next drafted in Bladen County



and served six months or thereabout under Captain  
Thomas Haynes, that he was marched from Bladen County  
North Carolina to Pedee in South Carolina, and from  
thence back again to Swowing Creek in Bladen  
County, backwards & forwards through that section  
of Country - that during his service under Capt.  
Haynes nothing of any consequence occurred. They  
were in the time in search of Tories, that while  
in Bladen County they attacked a small party of  
Tories on the Brown Marsh and killed one man  
that his Captain Thomas Haynes aids - and not  
long after he was again drafted and served under  
Captain Turpin Mc Pen about six months - that  
while under Mc Pen he was employed with the conf  
- army he was in, in gathering cattle for the use of  
the soldiers - that he got cattle in Bladen County  
North Carolina and drove them to Green's Camp -  
back of Charleston - Upon being asked what  
Battle he was in - he recollects and states that  
he was drafted and served under a scout Captain  
from the west whose name he does not recollect,  
- that he was while under him a part of the time  
at Green's Camps in South Carolina - that he  
went under the Command of General Green, being  
(the same detachment from the west being his Cap-  
- tain) to the head of the Santee River - that while  
in Camp at the Entwinn Springs they were attacked

by the British - about the break of day - That  
a battle ensued, which lasted, as well as he can  
recollect, about two hours - when the British re-  
-treated, that General Green then sent a flag to  
them to return & bury their dead - which they did.  
That General Green with the main body of the men  
returned to the Camps - but understanding that  
the remainder of <sup>the</sup> British who were in that  
engagement were to march to the Cape Fear River  
in North Carolina, - sent Morgan with some of  
the men, ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> command a march for Cape Fear  
River in North Carolina - that he <sup>was</sup> <sup>his</sup> <sup>deponent,</sup>  
was among those under Morgan - that while on  
their march at the Cowpens, where encamped for the  
night they were attacked by the British and  
Dorsey - an engagement commenced which lasted  
he thinks, about an hour or an hour and a half when  
the enemy - retreated - that he does not recollect  
when these engagements happened, but he is certain  
they were after the battle at Savannah in Georgia -  
that he does not recollect the names of any officers  
besides those he has already mentioned - that he has  
no documentary evidence of his service, and that he  
knows but one person now living who ~~can~~ <sup>can</sup> testify  
of his having served in the Revolutionary war, and  
that person is a coloured man by the name of  
Nobles, living on Long Creek in New-



- Hanover County - I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State

To the interrogatories propounded by the Court - he makes the following answer -

To the first Interrogatory he saith -

I was born in North Carolina, in Edgecombe County - The year when born, he cannot precisely say but thinks he was ninety two years of age the first day of March last -

To the second Interrogatory he saith -

My Father put my age in a large Bible, which he gave to one of his last sons, who carried it to Kentucky -

To the third Interrogatory he saith -

I was living in Bladen County North Carolina, I have since the war lived part of the time in Bladen County, a part of the time in New Hanover County, North Carolina - I now live in New Hanover County -

To the fourth Interrogatory he saith -

I served as volunteer for six months, and after that was drafted -

To the fifth Interrogatory he saith -

I have already answered this as fully as I am able in the above declaration to which I beg leave to refer -

To the sixth Interrogatory he saith -

I never did receive a written discharge -

In the Oath Interrogatory he saith -

Lieutenent Orr, William Lewis, David Lewis, William  
Leadder. I cannot remember any more names -

This Deponent states that he cannot procure the  
attendance of a Clergyman without too much incon-  
venience & expense

Joseph Lewis  
Stephen & Sypher  
mark

Sworn to and subscribed the  
day & year aforesaid.

We Lieutenent Orr and William Lewis

both residing in the County of New Hanover, State  
of North Carolina, hereby certify that we are well  
acquainted with <sup>Joseph</sup> ~~Stephen~~ Sypher, who has subscribed  
and sworn to the above declaration, that we believe him  
to be ninety two years of age that he is reputed and  
believed in the neighbourhood where he resides, to have  
been a Soldier of the Revolution and that we concur  
in that opinion

Sworn to and subscribed the  
day and year aforesaid -

Lieutenent Orr  
mark

William Lewis  
mark

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion  
after the investigation of the matter and after putting  
the Interrogatories prescribed by the War Department  
that the above named Applicant was a Soldier of the  
Revolution, and served as he states and the Court



D. W. & N. Division

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Pensions

Washington, D. C., February 25, 1892.

Sir:

In reply to your request for a statement of the military history of JOSIAH SYKES, a soldier of the REVOLUTIONARY WAR, you will find below the desired information as contained in his widow's application for pension on file in this Bureau.

NAME OF PENSIONER	NAME OF ANNUITY PAYEE	NAME OF OFFICER UNDER WHOM SERVICE WAS RENDERED	GRADE
JOSIAH SYKES	JOSIAH SYKES	CAPTAIN	Colonel

Whether engaged in, the Revolutionary War.

Residence as soldier or lieutenant, 1800-1801.

Date of application for pension, December 1, 1872.

Residence at date of application, St. Petersburg, Fla.

Age at date of application, approximately 72 years of age.

Remarks, has been upon the pension list since 1872. No record has been found of his name since that time.

Yours truly,

J. S. [Signature]

Assistant Commissioner

Very respectfully,

Commissioner

