

The North Carolina Oath of Allegiance

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This “Oath of Allegiance” was a form that new soldiers, politicians, and civil servants — people who worked for the state — had to fill out and sign after North Carolina seceded from the Union. After being appointed as a militia officer or government official, a person was required to swear his allegiance to the State of North Carolina before a local justice of the peace, who would sign the form as well. The form was then sent to North Carolina’s adjutant general, the commander of the state’s military administration. Someone who signed this oath not only pledged loyalty to the State of North Carolina but also renounced his loyalty to the United States of America.

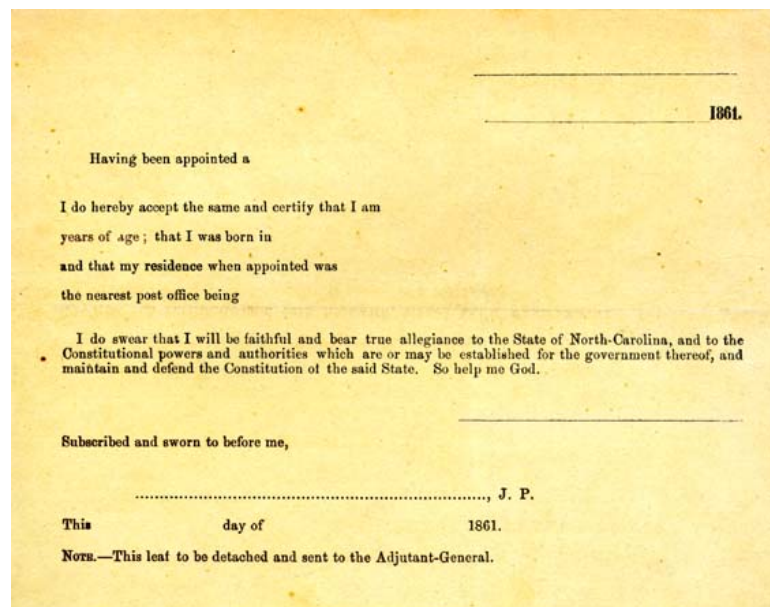


Figure 1. A copy of the oath.

Having been appointed a

I do hereby accept the same and certify that I am _____
years of age; that I was born in _____
and that my residence when appointed was _____
the nearest post office being _____

I do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the Constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof, and maintain and defend the Constitution of the said State. So help me God.

Subscribed and sworn to before me,

_____, J. P.

This _____ day of _____ 1861.

NOTE. — This leaf to be detached and sent to the Adjutant-General.

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