

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Bounty Land Claim of John Stuart BLWt2081-100
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State of Delaware }
County of Sussex }

Personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace for said County Susan Watson and Made Oath In due form of Law that shee was the Grand child and only hier at Law of John Stuart Late a private in the Delaware line in the Revolutionary War and that the said John Stuart was Killed in Battle as shee always understood, without Leaving any widow or any other hiers at Law as shee knows off &c

Susan hierXmark Watson – Affiant

Sworn to & subscribed before me this fifth day of April 1834 Wm S Hall, J. Peace

Mr Gordon.

Sir. On a list of Del. soldiers “for the War” furnished me by Major P. Jaquett [Peter Jaquett, pension application S46500] I find the name of John Stuard which I presume was Stuart. On a list of Soldiers furnished to the pension office & signed “W. McKennan Capt” [William McKennan W3104] will be found the name of John Steuart which is doubtless the same name, and by that return it seems John Steuart was dead & in a note Capt McKennan states that most of the dead were killed in action. That list I think is dated 1780 & was made out shortly after the destruction of the Delaware Regiment in N. Carolina [sic: at the Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780]. Yours V. Ellis

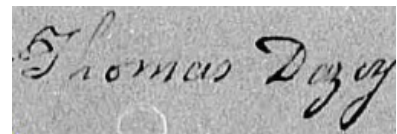
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I Susan Watson heir at Law of John Stuart do upon my oath declare and Testify, that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the said John Stuart, did enlist in and for the term of during the war as a private in the Delaware troops, and served in the Regiment No [blank] of Infantry under the command of Colonel David Hall of the Continential line and that continued in the service untill killed in Battle. I futher declare that I have never received a warrant for the Bounty Land promised to said John Stuart on the part of the United States; nor do I believe that he ever received it or transferred his Claim to it in any manner whatsoever; Therefore know all men by these Presents that Susan Watson aforesaid do hereby constitute and appoint Vespasion Ellis of Accomack, Virginia to be my true and Lawfull Attorney.... Witness my hand and seal this fifth day of May 1834

Susan hurXmark Watson

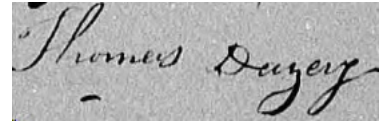
The deposition of Thomas Dazey [S35881] aged Eighty one years who says he was well acquainted with John Stuart and that John Stuart did enlist in the continential army in the Delaware line for the term of during the war and was Killed in Battle as this deponent well remembers as he was in Battle at the same time [see endnote]. And that Susan Watson is a Grand Child of this same John Stuart who served as aforesaid

[5 May 1834]



The deposition of Thomas Dazey aged Eighty three years who says he was well acquainted with John Stuart and that the said John Stuart enlisted for the term of during the war into the Delaware Rigmnt and served as this Deponent well remembers untill he was killed in Battle at the Crossing or Guilford Courthouse in the state of North Carolina in the Spring of the year of seventeen hundred and eighty one [15 Mar 1781] under the Command of Capt Robert Kirkwood – but further says he might possiable be

mistaken as to the time and place but to the best of his knowledge and recollection he is correct and that
the he was the same John Stuart who was the Grandfather of Susan Watson &c
[5 July 1834]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Dazey". The ink is dark and the background is a light, textured surface.

The deposition of John Bennet Aged Eighty three years who says he was well acquainted, with John Stuart, that himself and Stuart was raised in one neighbourhood boys together, that he well remembers the time that John Stuart enlisted in and for during the war into the Delaware Rigement and served as this Deponent well remembers to have heard the said John Stuart's father say untill he was killed in Battle in some parts of the Carolinas he thinks about the year of 1781. And the said John Stuart which he Refferes to was the Grandfather of Sussan Watson and only Grand Child or hier at Law that he knew off &c [5 July 1834]

John Bennet Affiant

NOTE: In his own pension application Thomas Dazey stated that he served from 1 March 1777 until 1 Jan 1778, and he did not claim to have been in any battle.