

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Thomas Stanfield R10047
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State of Tennessee, White County

On this 15th day of April 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of pleas and quarter sessions for said County now sitting. Thomas Stanfield a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged Seventy three ^{four} years, past, on the 9th day of November last, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his Oath make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

After making the best calculation he can, he is satisfied that he entered the service in the year 1780, and he believes it was the 18th day of July in that year. He then resided in Rowan County, State of North Carolina. He volunteered under Captain Benjamin Carter, as a private soldier for twelve months, but for reasons which will be hereafter explained, he only served Nine Months under Capt. Carter - The name of his Colonel was Dickson [Henry Dixon?] - and the name of the Major attached to the Regiment was John Armstrong. The name of his Lieutenant he has forgotten. But he well remembers, that his principal Commander was Gen. Greene [Nathanael Greene].

When he turned out Volunteer, he distinctly recollects, it was at a mill known as "Frowhawk's mill" [Frohock's Mill] in the said County of Rowan. From that place, the Company immediately marched to "the high hills of Santee," and there joined Genl. Greene's army. He remained with General Greene's army for nine months from the period of his volunteering. He was then taken with the small pox, and suffered much from exposure, and took cold, to such a degree, that he supposes it to have caused his right shoulder to come out of place; at all events, he then met with that misfortune, and has been so afflicted ever since. His father heard of his distressed condition, and came after him, and obtained leave from the Commanding General, for this declarant to return home; and he accordingly did so, intending to serve out his twelve months, so soon as he should be able to undergo the labor and fatigue incident to a Campaign. He did not feel himself able to join the infantry, or rather to rejoin the Company in which he first volunteered and to which he was attached when he obtained leave to return home. But after having remained a considerable time at home (how long he cannot say) he adopted the advice of General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford], and joined a Company of Cavalry at Salisbury. This declarant was induced to join the Cavalry for two reasons. 1st He believed that this mode of service would be less laborious, and better suited to his feeble health. 2nd Genl Rutherford represented to him that three months service in the Cavalry, would be accepted in lieu of three months service in the infantry, and he could in this way render essential service to his Country, and also Comply with the

spirit of his undertaking when he engaged for twelve months. The object of raising this Company of Cavalry, was to guard and protect the Country around Salisbury, from the depredations of the Tories. This declarant for the reasons given above, and with that definite object in view, joined the Company of Cavalry. It was directed in its operations by Genl Rutherford, but was under the immediate Command of Capt. John Lopp. The lieutenant's name was William Bodenhammer. This engagement was for three months, and he served it out, making in all twelve months, for which he respectfully asks from the hands of his Government, a pension. He was not in any battle during his service. He will briefly relate one occurrence, worthy of being noted, while he was attached to the Company of Cavalry. The Company, after traversing the Country all day, on a certain occasion, put up at a house where they supposed they could rest for the night in safety. It turned out to be the house of a Tory, and they were surprised near midnight by an armed force sufficiently strong to compel them to retreat, which they did in considerable confusion, without however sustaining any loss, except the horse of the lieutenant, which was shot and Killed, and the Lieutenant himself badly wounded, though not mortally.

As above stated, he cannot say how long he remained at home under the influence of indisposition; but he distinctly remembers having heard of the surrender of Lord Cornwallis, about the time his three months service in the Cavalry expired. The date of his entering the service has been given.

He has no documentary evidence, nor does he know of any living witness by whom his services can be established. He hereby relinquishes ever claim to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

Answers to the Interrogatories prescribed by the war department and propounded by the Court:
(the Answers will be found on the next page)

1st He was born in Rowan County North Carolina Nov. 9th 1759.

2. He has no Record of his age, but speaks from the information of his parents.

3. When Called into the service, he lived in Rowan County N.C. From there, he removed to Surry County N.C. And from there to Sullivan County East Tennessee. From there he removed to McMinn County Tennessee then to Franklin County Tennessee, and from Franklin he came to the County of White, where he now resides.

4. When Called into Service, he Volunteered both times.

5. He has given the names of all the officers he can recollect anything about having known - Nor Can he go more into detail, than he has already done, in stating the general circumstances of his service.

6. He never received a regular discharge - when he returned home on account of disease as above stated, he obtained a furlough signed by Genl Greene, which is now lost.

7. He states the names of the following persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood, and who can testify as to his character for Veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution - Viz: Major James Anderson, Stephen Holland Esq., Major Lewis Philips, and George D. Howard Esq. There is no clergyman whose attendance he can procure, with any degree of Convenience.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year first above written.

S/ Thomas Stanfield, X his mark {Seal}

Sworn to in open Court 16th April AD 1834

S/ Jacob A. Lane Clerk of the County Court

[Stephen Holland and John D Howard gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee, White County: The amendatory Statement or Declaration of Thomas Stanfield of this County and State in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

On this 13th day of January 1835 personally appeared in Open Court before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County now sitting Thomas Stanfield a resident of White County and

State of Tennessee aged seventy five years on the 9th day of November last, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his Oath make the following amended 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. He lived in the County of Rowan in the state of North Carolina; and is now satisfied that it must have been the 18 day of July 1781 when he first entered the service, as a volunteer and a private soldier under Captain Benjamin Carter; John Armstrong was his Major. His Colonel's name, to the best of his recollection was Henry Dickson [Henry Dixon]. He belonged (i.e. the Declarant) to the Second Battalion, in the Regiment commanded by said Dickson. He states that he does not remember the names of his lieutenant or Ensign, at present. His engagement was for twelve months, but he only served nine months, in consequence of indisposition, having received a furlough at the expiration of the nine months. His recollection still is that he and the troops to which he was attached, marched immediately to the "High hills of Santee," where they joined General Greene. This Declarant was attached to Greene's army at the period of the Battle of the Eutaw Spring, but was not in that engagement, being at the time unable to discharge Military duty in Consequence of Indisposition. He remained after reaching Genl Greene's army, under his Command, until the expiration of nine months from the time he entered the Service, at which time as above stated, he was permitted to retire from the army on furlough; this was in consequence of being afflicted with the small pox. The twelve months expired before his health was restored. After the restoration of his health, and very shortly after it, at the suggestion of Genl Rutherford, he joined a company of Cavalry commanded by Capt. Lopp [?] - His Lieutenants name was William Bowdenhammer - The object of raising this Company, he states, was to protect the Country from the depredations of the Tories. He continued in This service for three months - making actual service in all of twelve months for which he claims a pension; also for the three months which he was on furlough if the department think it just making, in that event, fifteen months for which he claims a pension.

He has no documentary evidence, nor does he know at this time of any living witness by whom he can prove his service. He hereby relinquishes ever claim to a pension or annuity except the present taking in connexion with his form & Declaration and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state; Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Answers to the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department, and propounded to the Declarant by the Court -

- 1st He was born Nov 9. 1759 in Rowan County N Carolina.
2. He has no Record of his age but remembers to have seen it in his father's Bible which is now worn out or lost by time or accident.
3. When Called into Service, he lived in Rowan County North Carolina - from there he removed to the County of Surry in said State - from there to Sullivan County East Tennessee - From there to Franklin County Tennessee - and from thence to White County where he now lives.
4. When Called into Service he Volunteered -
5. He does not remember the names of any other officers than those already mentioned, as being with the troops where he served; nor can he be more explicit than he has been, in this and his original Declaration as to "the General circumstances of his service -"
6. For the nine months' service he received no discharge having been furloughed - as to the three months in the Cavalry, he recd a discharge from Capt. Lopp; but that discharge, and his furlough, have long since been lost.
7. He refers to the following persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood and who can testify as to his character for Veracity and their belief of his service as a Soldier of the revolution - Viz: George D. Howard Esq Stephen Holland Esq James Anderson Esq and Elisha Swift

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Thomas Stanfield, X his mark {Seal}

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court 13th January 1835

S/ Jacob A. Lane, Clerk of the Court

[Elijah Swift, a clergyman and James Anderson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Secretary of State State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify that the name of Thomas Stanfield does not appear on the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, or any other document in this office affording evidence of service in said line.

Given under my hand this 12th day of May 1834.

S/ Wm Hill