

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Stanley R10050

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On this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 1833 personally appeared in the County Court of Scott County and State of Virginia in open court and now sitting Richard Stanley a resident of Scott County and State aforesaid make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated that is to say in the year previous to the taking of Cornwallis this applicant was a resident of Franklin County Virginia, that Col Robert Wood of that County ordered a volunteer company of 18 men to be made up for the purpose of pressing persons and taking deserters, this applicant and 17 more volunteered and several such for 12 months in the County of Franklin, the names of the volunteers were William Mullins, John Hunter, Moses Stanley, Robert Stanley, John Turner, Silas Turner, William Turner, William Hills & others; that during year they were constantly engaged in pressing horses to carry forage & baggage to the army, and hunting out deserters that they caught one deserter by the name of James Casteel, and took him to Hillsborough in Carolina, that this applicant was the Captain of the company at the end of the year we all returned to our homes and a rifle company was raised for the same purpose afterwards but was not called out for some reason or other and that he again entered the service in May of the year in which Cornwallis was taken this applicant the a resident of Franklin County and State of Virginia left home on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of May of that year and marched from there to fort 96 [Ninety Six, Siege May 21-June 19, 1781] in South Carolina this applicant cannot say how long he was in his march from home to the fort - he was drafted from the Company of Capt. Rubles [?, perhaps Capt. Owen Rubel] in Franklin County, he marched under Captain Thomas Henderson, Lieutenant Matthew Small, but he does not recollect the name of the ensign nor does he recollect the precise day when he entered the services at said fort but it was as soon as he could march from home to said fort, he there entered the service under General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], he does not recollect the name of any Col there if there was one there except Colonel Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] of the Horse Company he was under Major Charles Rose, and remained while there under Capt. Henderson and in the same company in which he marched there for 18 days after he got there, during which time the army was constantly employed day and night in guarding said fort and to keep out reinforcements that they took the spring from them and kept it three days when a

reinforcement came from under the command of Craig [sic, Lord Rawdon led the reinforcements to Ninety Six] or to the British in the fort when they took the spring from us again and compelled us to retreat across Broad River where we stopped, formed a line and they came in sight saw us formed and turned back and then we pursued them again to the Utaw Springs [sic, Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781] & they there turned upon us again and we fought the battle of the Eutaw Springs in which we whipped them, and they retreated a short distance and stopped and remained there all night near morning we pursued to their Camps, but they were gone when we got there and then we turned back This applicant's time was out some time before the end of this battle, but he could not get his discharge until after this battle nor then until our company was marched back home again to which place we marched under the same officers, lest the Tories might Destroy us when we got home. we were discharged and then then got a written discharge signed by Captain Henderson. This Applicant's departure from the service was in the fall of the same year in which he went into the army having served his tour, which was a three months tour, and something more but the precise time more than the tour is not recollected in our march to and from the army, we passed through Campden [sic, Camden] and Salisbury in Carolina, this applicant does not recollect the name of the Continental Officers under Greene except as above stated, this applicant served himself a while under Col. Lee he thinks there was a Lieutenant there by the name of James Washington of the horse, this applicant has no written proof of the above facts he got his house burned at this County about 1804 in which his discharge and some other papers were burnt he knows of no person living by whom he can prove them except one Ambrus Mullins who was said, some year or two ago to reside somewhere in Kentucky he had two brothers Moses and Robert who served with him, but they are both dead, long since.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to any pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State whatsoever nor has it ever been.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Richard Stanley<sup>1</sup>

We John Pendleton a Clergyman and Dale Carter of said County do certify that we are well acquainted with the said Stanley that we believe him to be 81 years of age that he is generally believed and reputed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier in the revolution and that we concur in that opinion sworn & subscribed the day and year above aforesaid,

S/ John Pendleton

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State of Virginia, Scott County

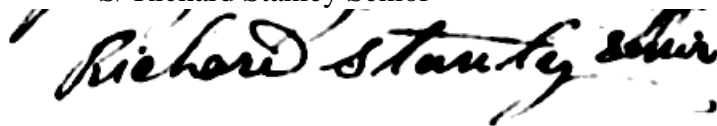
On this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February 1835 personally appeared Richard Stanley before me the undersigned a Resident and Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid the aged Richard Stanley being 84 years of age the 5<sup>th</sup> of December last past who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 that he was drafted in Franklin County State of Virginia about the first of April 1780 and entered accordingly he was their appointed sergeant and sent

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<sup>1</sup> Not the signature of the veteran but the name of the veteran written by the application scribe.

out by his superior officers in order to press guns wagons horses for the use of the army of the United States and also to take all Deserters which he could find which he accordingly did he states he took one James Casteel who had deserted from the army of the United States and took him the aforesaid Casteel to Hillsborough and delivered him up to one Major Tacket, he states that he was engaged in the aforesaid business for one year and in such time was not engaged in any other business of any kind only that at the service of the United States and he got a Discharge for the same form under the hand of Major Tacket and that got burnt in a house left of this service the last of March or first of April 1781 and for such service he claims a pension he states he was then drafted on 9<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> days of May in the year 1781 and entered the United States service in the Virginia militia and served under the following name officers to wit under General Nathaniel Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], Col Thomas Henderson, Major Charles Rose Lieut. Mathew Smaul [Matthew Small?] we marched from Franklin to Henry County though Salisbury and Cambon Town [sic, Camden] South Carolina to a place called ninety six [Siege of Ninety Six, May 21-June 19, 1781] there was stationed 18 days every day or night has some little scimmages with the British we took their spring and kept is three days the British reinforced and we had to retreat over Broad River and then to the yew taw springs [sic, Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781] there we had a sever Battle many killed and wounded he knows not how many these with many other circumstances too tedious to mention or not well enough Recollected to mention as all statements have to be made with precisian and upon oath he does not wish to mention more than what he can precisely Recollect he states in a short time after the aforesaid Battle he received a discharge from under the hand of Col or Capt Henderson and that was burnt with the other left service the last of September 1781 served four months and about 15 or 18 days in the militia and 12 months as a sergeant and for such services he claims a pension and he now old frail and unable to support himself by his own labor and the service he rendered in defense of this country has rendered him helpless in his old age and he served with are embodied corps called on by competent authority that he now claims the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 and he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State or if any only that of the State of Virginia

S/ Richard Stanley Senior

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Stanley Senior". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and a flourish at the end.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

And I Zach Fugate do hereby declare my opinion that the aforesaid applicant was a Revolutionary soldier and served as he states

S/ Zach Fugate JPSC

The following interrogatories were this day put to the applicant before me Zach Fugate a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid

1<sup>st</sup> where and in what year were you born

I was born in orange County State of Virginia in the year 1750 to the best of my recollection and information

2 have you any record of your age and if so where is it  
I have none nor never had that I recollect of

3 where were you living when called in to service where have you lived since the  
Revolutionary wore and where do you now live  
I was living in Franklin County State of Va I then moved to Bunkum [sic, Buncombe]  
County North Carolina then to Scott County State of Virginia and am now living in the  
same

4th How were you called into service were drafted did you volunteer or were you a  
substitute and if a substitute for whom  
I was drafted and served as a sergeant twelve month I was again drafted and served 4  
months and 15 or 18 days

5 State the names of some persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood  
and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your service as a  
soldier of the revolution  
Ambrus Mullins<sup>2</sup> of Russel County can testify for me because he was in the service with  
me and John Pendleton, Silas Flanery, Thomas Carter, Dale Carter can also testify there  
for me

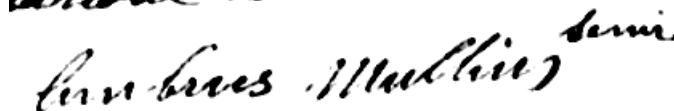
[John Pendleton, a clergymen, and Silas Flanery gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Virginia, Russell County

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February 1835 personally appeared Ambrus Mullins before me  
a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid doth on his oath make the  
following statements to wit first that he was acquainted with the aforesaid Richard  
Stanley who has subscribed and sworn to the aforesaid declaration that he was drafted in  
1780 in Franklin County State of Virginia that he acted as Sergeant for one year in the  
Army of the United States in pressing guns wagons horses for the use of the Army of the  
United States and taking deserters he was again drafted in the spring of 1781 and entered  
the service of the United States and served under the aforesaid officers was in the battle at  
the Eutaw Springs for I was in the same and saw him before and after the aforesaid battle  
therefore I do not hesitate to say from my own acquaintance with him as a man and as a  
soldier that every word ascribed in his declaration is true and is entitled to credit.

S/ Ambrus Mullins, Senior

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ambrus Mullins Senior". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.  
S/ Reuben Steele, JPRC

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2 [Ambrus Mullins R7484](#)