

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Stevens R10139

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[State of Virginia, Campbell County]

On this 19th day of October 1844 personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Robert Stevens a resident of the County of Campbell and State of Virginia, aged 93 years, 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 Virginia under the following named officers in the War of the Revolution and served as herein stated: His first tour of duty was of three months duration under Captain Phillip Webber he marched from this place New London and served that tour faithfully and was honorably discharged from service which discharge has been lost or mislaid – The second and last tour of duty was for three months under Captain John Coterel he was stationed in this place New London Campbell County Virginia where he guarded the Tories. His discharge in this case has also been lost or mislaid. He claims a pension for six months service in all, and should long since have applied, had he been able to prove his service such as he had been enabled to obtain he herewith encloses to the Pension Office – That from old age, bodily infirmity &c &c he is unable to travel any distance to procure evidence and also, for the same reason to attend the County Court of Campbell in order to make the foregoing Declaration.

He hereby relinquishes any Claim whatever to a Pension or Annuity, except the present; and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

S/ Robert Stevens his mark [not his actual signature]

Sworn to and subscribed before me a Justice of the Peace in the County of Campbell and State of Virginia this 19th day of October 1844.

S/ Frederic Speece, JP

[Edward Carter and P. Echols gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Virginia Campbell County to wit:

I do hereby Certify that I was acquainted with Robert Stevens in the Revolutionary War and know the fact of his serving a tour of three months in that War in the militia service under Captain Philip Webber he was marched to South Carolina and was stationed at Cheraw Hills in that state, he said Robert Stevens was stationed here in this place New London in the time of the Revolution by orders of Colonel James Calloway under Captain John Coterel for about 4 or 6 months guarding the Tories during of which time he was generally engaged as Commissary by direction of Colonel Calloway. The circumstances took place about the year 1780 & 1781. Said Robert Stevens served a tour as orderly Sergeant under me in this place New London of 3

months guarding the magazine in the year 1801 all of which duties was faithfully performed by said Robert Stevens. I am now in my 83rd year of age. Given under my hand this 19th day of October 1844

S/ John Murcheson,¹ X his mark

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[State of Virginia, Campbell County]

On this 1st day of August 1845 personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Robert Stevens a resident of the County of Campbell and State of Virginia aged about 94 years 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 marched by orders of Colonel James Calloway from this place (New London Campbell County Virginia then Bedford[]), to serve his tour of three months in the No. 1 Virginia militia on 10th day of October 1780 to Hillsborough North Carolina where he was attached to Captain Philip Webber's Company from Goochland County Virginia in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Morris from thence we were marched to Cheraw Hills in South Carolina crossing the Pedee River at Haley's Ferry. We were stationed at Cheraw Hills in South Carolina under the command of General Stevens [Edward Stevens] where we remained until the 25th day of January 1781 which day we were marched from Cheraw Hills in South Carolina under General Stevens by orders from General Green [Nathanael Greene] with prisoners called the Yeaugers to Albemarle County Virginia. I was on this tour from the time I marched from this place New London until my return four months and four days, Though I only claim it as a three month tour which was faithfully performed. I served in this place New London Virginia to the best of my recollection six months in the year 1781 Guarding the Tories by orders from Colonel James Calloway under Captain John Cotterell , there was to the best of my recollection about 25 men of us stationed in this aforesaid place New London in Campbell County Virginia for that purpose during of which time I was generally employed in buying provisions for the Soldiers and acted as Commissary. The Tories were confined in the Gail [Jail] and Court House of this County & this place New London for which service I never received any Compensation neither do I believe any the Soldiers that served with me on this occasion ever were paid as I never heard of their receiving anything. I do not distinctly recollect how the provisions was paid for but believe the money was furnished Colonel James Calloway by the Government as Colonel Calloway paid for all I know of. We the Guard encamped near the Jail and in the Court House while guarding the Tories – I had only claimed a three month tour for the last stated as above those served much longer faithfully. I served one other tour of three months in this place New London guarding the magazine in the years 1801 for which I did not claim in my first declaration, under Captain John Murcheson – there were 18 of us in this Company served on this occasion though 25 were ordered by Colonel Daniel Perrow. He claims a pension for whatever length of time the Department under the circumstances of the case may judge proper to allow him – and should long since have applied as before stated had he have been able to prove his service such as he has been able to obtain he herewith encloses to the Pension office. That from old age bodily infirmity &c &c he is unable to travel any distance to procure evidence, and also for the same reason to attend the County Court of Campbell in order to make the foregoing Declaration. He hereby relinquishes any claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the

¹ FPA R7362

present; and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

S/ Robert Stevens, X his mark

[Edward Carter and Peregrine Echols gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f. p. 5: Power of attorney dated January 7, 1854 executed in Campbell County Virginia by the Lucy J. Stevens to empower her attorney to pursue the claim of Robert Stevens. The relationship if any of Lucy to Robert is not stated in the power of attorney.

Lucy J. Stevens]

[f p. 7: letter dated January 28, 1751 sent from New London Campbell County Virginia addressed to Mr. J. B. Staball and signed by Elizabeth W Stevens and Lucy J Stevens in which they state that Staball has agreed to pursue their claims as the heirs of their father, Robert Stevens, for a pension for his service in the revolution.]