

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Stuart [Stewart] R10157

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State of North Carolina Davidson County: SS

On this 16th day of August 1839 personally appeared before me John Hussey a Justice of the Peace & one of the Judges of the court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for said Davidson County in the State of North Carolina Thomas Stewart [sic] for and on behalf of his Father John Stewart [sic] resident of said County who has been delirious [sic delirious?] during the last 40 years or upwards the 18th of last January according to his Mother's account and record which she left; and that said Thomas Stewart being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration as traditional evidence and proof in order for the said John Stewart to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That said Thomas Stewart makes the following preamble and statements of his father, John Stewart, and likewise his mother's as aforesaid set forth relative to the services of the said John Stewart.

That his father John Stewart, many years before the passage of the act of Congress of June 7th 1832 for the benefit of soldiers when his mind was composed, would talk much and frequently of his ups and downs when he was a soldier with correctness as he has every reason to believe. He John Stewart always stated that he was born and raised in the State of Virginia in Bedford, Blanford or Amelia County and at the time of the Revolution (I do not recollect of his ever giving any particular day and date) he was drafted as a soldier for the term of five months, and entered the service of the United States under Captain John Smith or Captain Jesse Herd (the General's name and other officers he has forgotten though he has heard him called their names) and after that tour expired, he was again drafted and was put under one of the above named Captains. He does not know which he said, if he did say at all was the first Captain, but they were his Captains, one the first tour and the other the second tour and he further stated that he held the office (if it be one) of Commissary during his services of two tours each five months. The said Thomas Stewart states that he John Stewart was at times when not on the full change of the moon told his General's name (perhaps it was Edwards, but not certain) his Captains, his Lieutenants and many of his subalterns and messmates together with many occurrences and things that were carried truth and rationality with them. He frequently would tell where he marched and through what portion of the Country and where he was stationed, one place was at the Long Honary [sic, Long Ordinary ?] near where Petersburg now is. He always stated that he served his two five months tours. He states that he is conscious that the said John Stewart was not influenced by [indecipherable word] or fraud or improper motives then in making an incorrect statement; for he had heard him talk of it in his (Thos') boyhood and youth and manhood before the subject of pensions was spoken of among the people. He states that his father made other statements on many other circumstances in the course of his life, which was

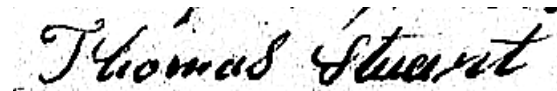
correct according to information from his mother who was a woman of liberal information for her day and possessed good common sense. She said that he did serve two tours in the services of the United States as a soldier and after his service expired in the war ended that he the said John Stewart was called to the ministry of the Methodist order and traveled and preached a few years before he and she were married and he afterwards traveled and preached several years until derangement seized his mind. He then moved to North Carolina, Orange County and then to Rowan County, now Davidson, where he has resided ever since, but the last 40 years or the rise has been spent in his delirious state of mind. The said Thomas Stewart further states that his mother's statement (who departed this life a few years ago) of what she knew and what he had told her when his mind was good and he young greatly corroborated with his original and now statements of the war which confirmed him that he did serve as a soldier the space of time above stated. He states that he has heard his mother speak of the discharges that the said John Stewart her husband had and that when he went delirious or lost his reason that them, with his library of books for the ministry he hid out in the woods in divers places, destroyed and left them in Virginia, therefore he says these misfortunes has precluded him from any documentary evidence of his service and the destruction of his mind and his removal so long ago from the place of his birth have prevented any particular dates or an importer events from being embedded in his Declaration. The said Thomas Stewart saith that the reason that he has not applied before this time for the old man's pension was on the account of his peculiar case and situation and thought that he had to attend Court, make out, and qualified to his own Declaration which he knew that he could not for the want of Capability. He further declares that he knows of no Clergyman acquainted with his father before he became deranged when in Virginia whose certificate he could procure and cannot obtain any –

And he further declares that his father's name John Stewart is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State to his knowledge.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Hussey, JP

S/ Thomas Stuart



On this 9th day of September 1839 personally appeared before me Thomas McNeely one of the acting Justices of the Peace in and for Davie County North Carolina, Edward Stewart aged 77 him as according to the record the 27th last January and made oath in due form of law to the following facts relative to the before named John Stewart for whom as it appears application is to be made for a pension: viz.. That he the said Edward Stewart in the time of the Revolutionary War was a resident of Amelia County in Virginia and the before named John Stewart was that of Bedford County State aforesaid, their residence being about 160 miles apart and that he heard about the time of the Revolutionary War, and afterwards from various credible sources that the said John Stewart (his cousin) was out as a soldier of the Revolution and that he the said Edward Stewart saw the aforesaid applicant John Stewart several times after the said War broke long before he became deranged and that he informed him of his being out in the War two five months tours 1 in Captain John Smith Company and the other with Captain Jesse Heard and as to his other officers names he has forgotten and that he has not the least doubt of his serving as he stated to him at that time and as to his services then, it was not disputed by any person to his knowledge and that he has not heard it since and the only delay as he believes has been on account of his peculiar state of derangement. Sworn to and subscribed before me, the day and

year first above written.
S/ Thomas McNeely, JP

S/ Edward Stewart, X his mark