

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Stewart R10158

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State of Georgia Butts County: On this twenty third day of January in the year of our Lord 1835 personally appeared in open Court it being the Court of Ordinary for the County aforesaid George T. Speak, Ezekiel Walker & Alx H. Daugherty Justices John Stuart a resident of the County of Butts & State of Georgia aged Eighty-five years old who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June the 27th 1832 [sic, June 7th, 1832]. That he entered the Army of the United States in the year 1777 as a volunteer and served as a private two months in a Regiment of State Troops under the following named officers in the State of North Carolina. The Regiment was commanded by Colonel Pastly [sic, John Paisley ?] in a Company commanded by Captain Stewart: we started from Guilford Court house in the month of September and marched to Randolph County in said State and at a place called the cross roads joined General Rutherford's Army and there marched to a place called the Raft Swamps in said State and there encamped some time and in the time of being there he had a small skirmage [scrimmage or skirmish?] with some Tories that lurked about the swamp but they dispersed and there was nothing done on either side we staid until November and then Col. Pastly's Regiment which I belonged to was discharged; and I received a discharge from Captain Stewart: but the long time which has elapsed and not knowing it would ever be of any service to me it has been lost. The days of the month that I entered the service and was discharged from the time it has been and the loss of memory I cannot precisely say but am certain it was two months or more: at the time I rendered the service I lived in Guilford County State of North Carolina; the next tour I entered into service the first day of April in the year 1780 at Guilford Court house State of North Carolina under the command of Captain Bethell as a private drafted man who then marched to Charlotte in Mecklenburg County North Carolina and there we joined General Caswell's Army of State Troops we then marched to Camden South Carolina and there joined Colonel Bluford's [Abraham Buford] Regiment of regulars and Colonel Washington's Regiment of cavalry we then marched to Moncks Corner twenty-five miles from Charleston South Carolina with the intention of joining General Lincoln Army at Charleston but at Moncks Corner news met us that he had surrendered the town we then retreated to Camden in our retreat after we crossed Santee River Colonel Tarleton appeared on the other side on our pursuit Colonel Washington recrossed the River and gave him a brush and took twelve prisoners and then aimed to cross the River twelve

miles above but before he got across Tarleton came up with them and retook the prisoners we then got back to Camden there General Caswell and Colonel Bluford parted Bluford aimed to go by Charlotte and Salisbury but before he got to Charlotte at the Hanging rock Colonel Tarleton and some Tories overtook him and defeated his Army General Caswell and the State troops took the lower route and aimed to go to Fayetteville and Wilmington when we got to Cape Fear [River] between Fayetteville & Wilmington the Regiment that I belonged to was discharged the first of July I received a discharge at that time from Captain Bethel but it is lost; the Battalion that I was in was commanded by Major White the above service was 3 months and rendered in the places above stated. I then lived in Guilford County North Carolina and resided there until the year 1790 and then came to the State of Georgia and has resided in this State ever since and now reside in Butts County State of Georgia:

Questions propounded by the Court

1. Where and in what year were you born?

Answer I was born in the State of Pennsylvania in the year 1750.

Question 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it? Answer. My age was recorded in the family prayer book of my father but at the death of my father the book fell to possession of some other of the children and I expect that the Book is now in the State about.

Interrogatory 3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. I was living in Guilford County State of North Carolina; and there lived until the year 1790 and from that time till now I have lived in the State of Georgia; & now live in Butts County Georgia

Interrogatory 4th: How were you called into service; were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a Substitute? And if a Substitute for whom? Answer First 2 months I served as a volunteer, the next tour of 3 months I was drafted: I was not a substitute.

Interrogatory 5th State the names of some of the regular Officers who were with the troops where you served; such Continental, Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the circumstances of your services?

Answer. The first tour of two months I was with no regular officers but in the tour of three months I was with Colonel Bluford's Regiment of Regulars and Colonel Washington's cavalry; there General Rutherford, General Caswell and Major White and Captain Bethel of the State militia I cannot recollect the Colonel of the Regiment the general circumstances of my services are fully stated in my foregoing Declaration.

Interrogatory 6 did you ever receive a discharge from the service if so by whom was it given and what has become of it?

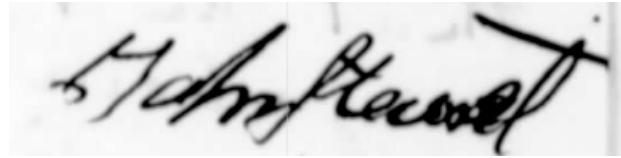
Answer to 6th interrogatory – I did receive a discharge the first tour from Captain George Stewart who was my brother the 2nd tour I received a discharge from Captain Bethel but they are both now lost from my possession

Interrogatory 7th. State the names of the 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 services as a soldier of the Revolution?

Answer: Jason Grier who is a clergyman and Robert Bickerstaff with others.

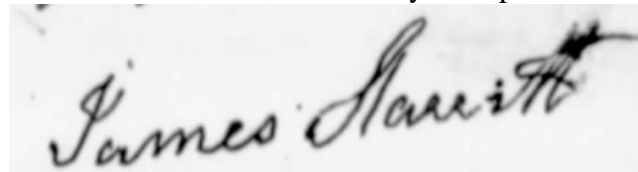
He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency in any State; sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Stewart

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Stewart".

[Jason Grier, a clergyman, and Robert Bickerstaff gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Georgia Habersham County: Before the subscriber a justice of the peace in and for said County personally appeared James Starritt¹ who after being duly sworn deposed and saith on oath that he has been well acquainted with John Stewart in the Revolutionary War that he has known him since he was a boy that he frequently saw the said John Stewart in the service of the United States during the said War that he was in one tour [of] duty with the said John Stewart of two months and something over – during the Raft Swamp Campaign, the said John Stewart was during that campaign under General Rutherford he further new John Stewart to be a good soldier in the Revolutionary War and true to his Country he also knows that the said John Stewart board the character of an upright honest man that he is a man of truth and veracity and entitled to full credit upon his oath. Sworn to and subscribed before me the 30th day of September 1834

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James Starritt".

¹ [James Starritt R10084](#)