

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Jordan Stewart R10160

NC VA

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State of North Carolina Wake County 24 day of May 1849

This day Jordan Stewart Came in open Court for said County aged Ninety five years of age and made the following declaration in order to obtain a Pension under the act of Congress passed the 7 day of June 1832 for the Revolutionary Service, rendered by him to wit. that he was Born in the County of Dinwiddie [sic: Dinwiddie] Va and moved in Macklenburg [sic: Mecklenburg] County Va and joined the army at the age of about 26 years in the Later county and was under the following officers in the Melitia Service in the said State of Va to the best of his knowledge and belief James Hester Nath'l Hester [Nathaniel Hester] Elijah Graves Henry or nath'l Walker [Henry Walker or Nathaniel Walker] and the officers in North Carolina were Capt Edward Montfort [Edward Montford?] and Luten't Col Joseph Montfort [Edward Montford?] with whome declarant became intimately acquainted with also under one Lieutenant or Ensign Hay of N. Carolina and that he joined the melitia on the 4 day of Feb 1780 and remained in said County of Macklenburg Va in Service Seven months, and upwards and that he was marched from said County of Macklenburg Va to Taylors ferry on the roanoke River in N.C. not verry far from Halifax Town N. Carolina where there was about three hundred soldiers where declarant staid about six weeks then was marched to the County of Granville N.C. then to the County of Wake where he remained some time thence to Randolph N.C. thence then on his way to Gilford [sic: Guilford] Court House and got within twenty or thirty miles of Gilford Court house declarant met his farther a Soldier William Stewart Returning with a great many others in one body after the Battle at Gilford Court House [15 Mar 1781] in N. Carolina. declarant further states that all those with him amediately countermarched or returned and made for Peyton Skippers ferry on the Roanoke River N.C. where he was stationed and knews came that Lord Corn Wallace [sic: Cornwallis] was taken in Little york [19 Oct 1781] and the following december Thereafter & on the 22 or twenty third day of December 1781 Seventeen Hundred & Eighty One he rec'd an Honourable Discharge which has been lost a great many years since. Declarant states as a reason for his not making a former application that he did not know that the melitia soldiers was entitled to a pension and only those in the Regular Continan [sic: Continental] army altho his services was verry Faithfully rendered and run many narrow Risks of loosing his life while in actual Service yet he was not apprised that he was Entitled to a pension for the above reason until verry lately & that he has lived in a verry retired part of Wake County and a verry retired life for many years past and seldom from home & has lived in the County of Wake N.C. since the war. The declarant prays that the war department may allow him what is just and due him in his old age for his said services and at this late date and in duty bound will ever pray. Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this 24 May 1849

James hisXmark Stewart

Janury 12 the 1850 This day Shedrick Harris [Shadrack Harris] of the County of Wake & state of north Carolina a Credable witness appeard before me the Undersigned an acting Justice of the court of peace and quarter Session for said county & state aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law depose as follows That he is 93 years old and during the Revolutionary war was acquainted with the foregowing identical Jurdon Stewart when declarant saw him in actual service in the Revolutionary war in said County of Halifax at said ferry as mentioned by him in his said decleration & that he did perform the Identical Alledged Service under the two office by the name of Montfort, lived in the County of Halifax NC & he did serve with them. The said Identical Jurdon Sewart has been Living in my Neighbourhood a great many years and has bourn the character of an Honest and Upwright Man and his foregowing statement is entitled to entire faith & credit the said Stewart is a very aged man but of sound mind and has a verry extensive memory and was in service to the close of the war Subscribe & sworn to before me/ L W Peck JP Shedrick or Shadrack hisXmark Harris

State of North Carolina, Wake County/ oct 29 the 1853

Jurdon Stewart or Stuart aged Ninety Nine years old resident of said County of wake and state of north Carolina, this day personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace and of the Court of please and quarter Session in & for said County & State who being first duly sworn according to law depose as follows to wit, That he was a Soldier in the war of the revolution, and that he made a Declaration about the date 1849 or 1850, in order to receive a pension and since which time he has made enquiry for those who served with him and up to this time he cannot find the first one supposed and believes all of them are now dead; & the Declarant Respectfully refers to his papers on file in washington city. he declares that he first joined the Militia Service in Va under the following officer (Hester) Graves (Nathaniel Walker and the officers in North Carolina were one Montfort and believes he was Col of the Halifax Regt. He declares that he joined the service in Mecklenburg Virginia, and served in said state seven months and then marched to North Carolina to granville North Carolina Wake N.C & Randolph, Gilford County he joined the service fourth Februy Seventeen Hundred & Eighty, and was discharged the 22 or 23 day of December 1781 but thinks it was on the 22d d 1781 he further declares that he recollect another officer by the name of Cannon, in Macklenburg County Virginia, & that this declarant, served under him up to the time he left Virginia in the in the service to North Carolina

all of which is most respectfully submitted subscribed & sworn to before me.

O. L. Burch JP

Jurdon hisXmark Stewart

NOTE: In the 1850 federal census for Wake County NC Jordan Stewart is recorded as age 85 and mulatto.