

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Stewart R10166

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[State of Tennessee Morgan County: SS

On this 19th day of August A.D. 1836 Personally appeared before me John C McEwen a justice of the County Court of Morgan County Rachel Stewart a resident of and in the County of Morgan and State of Tennessee aged seventy-seven years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 4th 1836

That she is the widow of James Stewart deceased who was a private Militia Soldier in the revolutionary war that said James Stewart resided in Franklin County State of Virginia in 1782 and was drafted in the latter part of the winter or early part of the spring of 1782 for a six-month tour of duty the month or particular day not now recollected as applicant has not any record of the day or month but she well recollects that it was at or after the breaking up of the winter said James Stewart entered the service of the United States as a private Militia soldier under his aforesaid draft & served his full 6 months Tour, Applicant cannot now recollect the names of his officers as she has no record documentary evidence of his services and it has been many years since she heard her said husband specify his officers names and as applicant's memory from old age and bodily infirmity consequent thereon has greatly failed her & the [one or more indecipherable words] she recollects the dates of the year in which her husband was drafted & served is because while he was in the service above stated she bore a child and had a record made of its birth which bears date the 4th of July 1782 Applicant further recollects that her husband was marched from Franklin County down the country and was stationed at old James Town in the State of Virginia was never in any Battle and that he was there discharged in the last of August or first of September and that he served his full six months. She further declares that she was married to the said James Stewart according to the best of her recollection sometime in the month of October 1775 (as applicant has been married about seven years before her husband was drafted as above stated[)] applicant states that she has no any record evidence of her marriage nor is she able to procure any but she was legally married to the said James Stewart at the time above stated by a Presbyterian preacher according to the rules of the Presbyterian Church and the laws of Virginia as she was then & yet advised – and that her husband the aforesaid James Stewart died on the last of August 1829 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

S/ Rachel Stewart, X her mark

[f p. 7: John Byrd gave testimony in Morgan County Tennessee that he was a small boy at the time of the revolutionary war; that he was well acquainted with James and Rachel Stewart; that he remembers James Stewart being drafted into the militia; that he cannot remember the names

of the officers under whom he served but believes he served under Colonel Skipwith and "Left ridge". He signed his affidavit with his mark. His testimony was given August 19, 1836.]