

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Stewart R10167

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State of South Carolina Pickens District: March Term 1833

On this 11th day of March in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Josiah J. Evans in the Court of General Sessions and Common Pleas of said State and District now sitting Robert Stewart Senior a resident of the District of Pickens and State aforesaid aged eighty-four years of age, 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 the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He was classed or drafted in the commencement of the War -- he was living in Wilkes County in Georgia & served under Colonel Dooly -- Captain Burke, Captain Ware, and Captain Walker he was under Captain Walker at the Siege of Augusta where he was commanded by Colonel Clark [sic, Elijah Clarke] & Colonel Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry"] Lee. He was in the attack on Grayson's Fort [sic, Grierson's Fort] which they stormed & took where a number of the enemy were killed 13 were lying between the Fort & the spring. He was whenever able out on duty part of the time he was sick he was out on scouting parties against the British Tories and Indians -- At one time he was out 3 months that he never went home -- The whole time he was out he cannot relate, he is illiterate, old and has a memory which is much impaired. He was at the attack on Brown's Fort at Augusta -- He was a part the greater part of his time he was a volunteer generally was in the Cavalry, always at his post he got Discharges but they are all mislaid or lost. -- This declarant has no documentary evidence of his services, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure to testify to his services.

This declarant was born in the State of North Carolina near New Bern as he has been informed when quite a child his Father moved into Cumberland County as he was informed -- His Father moved to Wilkes County Georgia for the Revolutionary war and before he this declarant was grown & he lived there until he married he then moved to Ogeechee about the time the War commenced. He moved to Uptons Creek Richmond County Georgia. After the war he moved to Ogeechee again. He there remained but a short time before he moved to Secona [?] in Pickens District South Carolina. He has lived in Pickens District for about 40 years.

He hereby relinquishes every 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.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid

S/ William S. Keith, CC

S/ Robert Stewart

[John Cobb, a clergyman, and Joseph Grierson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of South Carolina Pickens District: Before me E. M. Keith a Magistrate in and for the District of Pickens in the State aforesaid personally appeared William Holliday¹ who being duly sworn upon his solemn oath declares, That he was well acquainted with one Robert Stewart who was a soldier in the Revolutionary war -- that he went from Wilkes County in the State of Georgia first as he was informed having been drafted for a tour of 6 months, that he afterwards returned to Wilkes County Georgia where he volunteered with this Deponent under Captain Walker in said County of Georgia in the war of the Revolution, John Rhines was the Major, he does not recollect certainly the names of the other officers but thinks they were under General Clark -- that this Deponent in company with the said Robert Stewart marched to the City of Augusta and was there at Clarke's defeat -- that this Deponent with the said Robert Stewart marched much through Georgia and South Carolina and were in 2 battles at Augusta one at Wrightsborough which Town was burned -- that they also were at Fort Charlotte, and at the attack at Cherokee Ford -- that this deponent with the said Robert Stewart crossed the mountains and were reinforced by Colonel Shelby of Kentucky and that after this through Georgia among other places he recollects that they were at Beach Island -- from there he thinks that they marched to the City of Augusta -- that the said Robert Stewart continued with this Deponent under the same officers for the time of 2 years and 6 months and was discharged at the same time and that the said Robert Stewart is dead.

Sworn to before made this 28th day of April 1852

S/ E. M. Keith, M. P. D.

S/ William Holliday, X his mark

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State of Georgia

This is to certify, That Robert Stewart have steadfastly done his duty from the time of passing and Act at Augusta, to wit: on the 20th of August, 1781, until the total Expulsion of the British from this State; and the said Robert Stewart cannot, to my knowledge or belief, the convicted of plundering or distressing the country; and is therefore, under the said Act, entitled to a Bounty of two hundred fifty acres of good land, free from taxes 14 years.

Given under my hand at Savannah the 2nd day of February 1784

S/ Elijah Clarke Colonel

State of South Carolina Pickens District

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for the District aforesaid -- Robert Stewart Senior a person to me well known and of great respectability for truth & honesty -- who being duly sworn deposes and saith, That by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, But according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades -- Before the year 1777 as well as he recollects he served as first Lieutenant under Captain Burke at a Fort on Broad River in Georgia 3 months. For the year 1778 he served not less than 2 months was at the siege of Augusta under Captain Walker this service was done as a private. For the year 1779 he served as a private not less than 3 months he thinks much more. For the year 1780 he served as a private at least 3 months. For the year 1781 he served not less than 3 months as a private -- He was sometimes a volunteer sometimes drafted -- He has a commission as Lieutenant which he has lost or worn out or destroyed. His memory now does not serve him to tell whose company he was then in every tour -- But this deponent is of opinion

¹ FPA R5149

that most of his Tours were for 3 months, he was much out he thinks much over the time stated above. He is positive he served 3 months as Lieutenant and 11 months as a private but he did little else during the War, but cannot now state with precision war clearness the particular places he was engaged at, and would prefer to state less than make out and account which he is at a loss about the times or amount.

S/ Robert Stewart

Sworn to before me the 6th August 1833

S/ F. N. Garvin, JP

[fn p. 40: gave a supporting affidavit as to the service of Robert Stewart during the war. Her affidavit is dated January 21, 1854 in Pickens District South Carolina.]

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The State of South Carolina Pickens District: Before me personally appeared William Holloway and made oath in due form of law and upon oath saith that he was at the marriage of Robert Stewart to Nancy Holloway in the State of Georgia Columbia County they lived on the Kiok's Creek they were was married by Abraham Marchel [sic, Marshall?] A Babtis Preacher [sic, a Baptist ? Preacher], they was married some 2 or 3 years before the Revolutionary war and he lived with her until his death the 8th day of December 1835.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the first day of May 1852

s/ William Holloway, X his mark

S/ R. A. Stewart, M. P. D.