

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Stewart (Stewart) R10172

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State of Indiana Monroe County: SS

On this fourteenth day of August in the year of our Lord 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before William D McCullough sole Judge of the Court of Probate of Monroe County aforesaid, now sitting, Thomas Stewart, a resident of said County in the State aforesaid, aged seventy-six or seventy-seven years, on the 19th day of April last, 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 was born April 19th 1755 or 1756 at Rowan County North Carolina; that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated; to wit, that he enlisted for six months in the month of August, the precise day not recollected, 1775, in the County of Rowan in State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain George Davidson in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Alexander Martin in the line of the State of North Carolina on the State Continental Establishment, and continued to serve therein about four months beyond, and in addition to, the said six months for which he enlisted, making together about ten months as well as he recollects, that the company to which he was attached was divided on different points of service shortly before its dissolution which took place so far as regards that portion of it to which this applicant belonged, at Rowan County North Carolina; that in consequence of there being no officers of higher rank than a Lieutenant in command of the detachment in which he was included at the time of it being disbanded, or from some irregularity in the officers, or other causes to him unknown, he received no written discharge when dismissed, but he expressly alleges that he served out the full period of his said enlistment and about four months in addition thereto as before stated, faithfully and to the acceptance of his officers. During his said period of service, the Corps to which he was attached marched in quest of a detachment of Tories, commanded by Colonel Cunningham [Patrick Cunningham or Robert Cunningham] in South Carolina, crossing the Catawba River, Broad River, Tiger River [Tyger River], Pacolet River, Ennoree River [Enoree River], & defeated him on Saluda River; the Corps thence marched back to Salisbury, Rowan County North Carolina, thence to Guilford Court House, to Cross Creek or as it is now called the town of Fayette [Fayetteville]; thence back to Rowan County where the dissolution

took place. Afterwards within a month, or immediately after the time not exactly recollected, this applicant volunteered as a private in the North Carolina militia, for three months, in a company commanded by Captain Samuel Young in a detachment or Corps commanded by General Rutherford and was marched across the Catawba near the head, thence across the mountains, thence down in across the Swannanoa River, thence across Big and Little Pigeon Rivers, French Broad River and Little Tennessee River and had a skirmish with, and destroyed the towns of, the Cherokee Indians on the Highwassee [Hiwassee] River; thence they marched back to Rowan County North Carolina where the Corps was disbanded. Afterwards the applicant volunteered in the North Carolina militia for three months in a company commanded by Captain Abel Armstrong in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Francis Lock [Francis Locke], also in the same militia for in a company commanded by Captain David Calwell [sic, David Caldwell?] same Regiment; also in the same militia in a company commanded by Captain William Armstrong, for three months, also in the same militia for three months, in a company commanded by Captain Thomas Cowan, also in the same militia in a company commanded by Captain Bartlett Marshall for three months, also in a detachment commanded by Ensign Gillespie, for a time not recollected, in the same militia, also in the same militia, in a company commanded by Captain James Huggins for three months. While attached to the Company of Captain Abel Armstrong (as he thinks) he was marched successively through Burke, Iredell, Surry and Wilkes Counties (then all included in Rowan County North Carolina) in pursuit of Colonel Fanning's [David Fanning's] party of Tories, and had a skirmish or affair with them near the Shallow Ford of the Yadkin River. While attached to Captain Caldwell's Company, he marched through Rowan County (then very large) in quest of a detachment of Tories commanded by Colonel Bryant. While belonging to Ensign Gillespie's command he marched in pursuit of Colonel Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton] in Rowan County North West of Salisbury. While under Captain Huggins' command he was under General William Davidson at the time he was killed at Cowan Ford near Beatties Ford on the Catawba River. Afterwards under the same Captain he marched after the British to Dan River when they met and fell under the command of General Greene, and went with him to __ River a little above Guilford Court House and was there discharged 3 or 4 days before the battle. He resided in Rowan County North Carolina at the time of his joining as a volunteer the several militia companies above stated. About the fall of 1781, he removed to East Tennessee then North Carolina, where he resided about 28 years & from thence he removed to West Tennessee about the fall of 1809 where he resided about twenty years, and removed from thence in the fall of 1829 to Monroe County, Indiana, where he has since resided. While under the command of Captain Marshall he marched on a tour against the Indians down the Tennessee River under Colonel John Blair. He volunteered as a private in the last named company after he had removed to East Tennessee, for three months. This was the last of his revolutionary services. He joined the command of Captains Abel Armstrong, William Armstrong, Caldwell, Cowan & Ensign Gillespie and Captain Huggins in Rowan County North Carolina. From lapse of time he cannot well recollect the order or succession or the exact time in which he joined the last named companies except that Captain Huggins' Company was the last which he joined, previous to Captain Marshall's in East Tennessee. He frequently volunteered for a few days at a time on other occasions during the Revolutionary Struggle, to repress the insurrections of the Tories. The different militia companies in which he volunteered as aforesaid (excepting that of Captain Marshall) belonged to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Francis Locke, the Lieutenant Colonel of which during the greater part, at least, of that time was James Brandon, all being under the command of General G. Rutherford. No written discharges (he

believes) where ever given in the militia service in which he was engaged, to anyone except in the last expedition under Colonel Blair in Tennessee. He never received a cent for those services (excepting 40 shillings bounty for enlisting in the regular service, and his claim for services under Captain Marshall against the Indians, which he bartered for a hat and a pair of sheep shears). He states that he has no documentary evidence of any part of his services; nor does he know of any person whose testimony to his services or any part thereof can be procured, excepting that of David Clements¹ and William Clements.²

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 the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Thomas Stewart



[Daniel Anderson, a clergyman, and James Alexander gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

County of Monroe: SS

On this the 15th day of April 1830 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record to wit the Circuit Court for the County of Monroe aforesaid in the 7th Judicial District or Circuit of the State of Indiana David Clements resident in said County, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration and deposition to wit

That in the year 1775 he was well acquainted personally with Thomas Stewart now of the County of Monroe aforesaid. He states that he the said David Clements belonged and was enlisted under Captain Knox of the North Carolina Troops in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Alexander Martin. That at that time, which was in the year last above, he saw Thomas Stewart aforesaid mustering and serving regularly in a Company commanded by Captain George Davidson in the first Regiment of the North Carolina Troops, which Regiment was commanded by the above named Colonel Alexander Martin. That he himself (the said David Clements) had enlisted for six months and that the said George Davidson's Company was raised in August 1775 aforesaid of which (Company) the said Thomas Stewart appeared to be a regular Soldier. That he repeatedly saw said Thomas Stewart standing in the ranks of said Company, and in the regular service thereof, heard the Roll of said Company repeatedly and daily called by its Officers and saw and heard the said Thomas Stewart daily and repeatedly called by his name aforesaid from said Roll by the Officers of said Company, and saw and heard the said Thomas Stewart answer thereto. He continued in the service in the same detachment with the said Thomas Stewart from the time of raising said Davidson's Company in August 1775 during the ensuing fall and winter without any interval. He saw the said Thomas Stewart regularly, and until, and for the last time at Wilmington in North Carolina, they were separated – the said Thomas Stewart still being and continuing in the regular Service in said Company. He states that before he, and the said Thomas Stewart enlisted and met each other in the Army, they were intimately and personally acquainted having resided about six miles apart – they were therefore intimate and friendly, and the more particularly and nearly associated in the Army. He states that the time at which he left Wilmington in North Carolina aforesaid and separated from the said Thomas Stewart as aforesaid was in the month of June 1776. He recognizes the said Thomas Stewart now a resident

¹ [David Clements S35840](#)

² [William Clements S30942](#)

of Monroe County aforesaid and applicant for a Pension to be the same Thomas Stewart identically, who served in the Army as aforesaid.

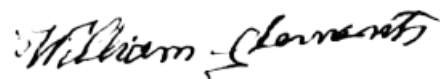
S/ David Clements



County of Monroe in the State of Indiana SS

On this the 20th day of February 1830 personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the peace of, in and for the Town and Township of [word written over and obliterated in part]ington in the said County of Monroe in the said State of Indiana William Clements, aged seventy-six, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, or statement to wit. – That in the year 1775 and for a long time previous he was well acquainted personally with Thomas Stewart, now of the County of Monroe aforesaid. This Affiant states that he himself belonged and was enlisted under Captain Knox of the North Carolina Troops, and under the higher command of Colonel Alexander Martin. That from the month of August through the year last above he saw Thomas Stewart aforesaid mustering and serving regularly in a company commanded by Captain George Davidson in the first Regiment of the North Carolina Troops, which Regiment was commanded by the above named Alexander Martin who was immediately promoted there to. That he himself had enlisted for six months and George Davidson's Company was raised in August 1775 aforesaid of which said company the said Thomas Stewart appeared to be a regular soldier. That he repeatedly saw said Thomas Stewart standing in the ranks of said Company and in the regular service, heard the Roll of said Company repeatedly and daily called by its officers and saw and heard the said Thomas Stewart called by his said name by the Officers of said Company and answer thereto. He continued in the service in the same detachment with the said Thomas Stewart (though in different regiments) from the raising of Martin's Company in August, during the ensuing fall and winter, without any interval, and until this deponent was marched to Sullivan's Island in South Carolina, leaving the said Thomas Stewart in June 1776 at Wilmington in North Carolina still in the service in said Company. This Affiant further states that before he, and the said Thomas Stewart enlisted and met each other in the Army they were acquainted personally, had resided about 6 miles apart and therefore they were classed the more intimately in friendship and were the more particularly acquainted and that he now recognizes him a resident of Monroe County Indiana. And further said William Clements now saith not.

S/ William Clements



State of Indiana Monroe County: On this 12th day of August in the year of our Lord 1833, in Open Court the Probate Court of said County in said state being a Court of record personally appeared before me William D. McCollough Sole Judge of said Court Thomas Stewart a resident of said County and state aged about seventy-seven or eight years who being duly sworn in open Court according to law (in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of 7th of June 1832) stated upon his oath that he is the identical Thomas Stewart who made the Declaration to which this attached as amendatory (dated 14th of August 1832). As to the objectionable things to which his attention is directed by the Department he states – (First) as to the language "about or near about" in reference to the length of service it was not at that time known to him that more precise language

was necessary – (Second) as to the omissions to state the length of tours in some instances, he through ignorance omitted them in relating to his lawyer and it is presumed his lawyer being engaged in suits at court was too much hurried and (Third) as to proof the clerk of Court has fortunately found the Statement of William Clements which for a while was not in my power to procure. This with that of David Clements (brothers and revolutionary soldiers) had been previously taken, by the Clerk with the intention of forwarding them with an application under the Act of 1818 and which Mr. Whitcomb my lawyer did not think necessary under the Act 7th of June 1832.

By reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively to the precise length of all his services, (having fallen for safety below the probable lengths), but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned herein after. He has been advised and [paper compromised and lines of text missing] as to length of service as are necessary to enable him to state positively as to the periods claimed for; He has no doubt that he served longer; but not less

1st For ten months I served in the company commanded by Captain George Davidson in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Alexander Martin as described in the first mentioned tour in said declaration I served as a private. I enlisted as a Continental regular soldier in the organize troops and service of the United States in the War of the Revolution. Since reflecting and conversing with David Clements he states as his impression that having served out a six months tour as a regular soldier and it being apprehended that the disbanding himself and others whose term of service had expired would be peculiarly unfortunate for the Country in that distressed portion of it on account of the delay of recruiting troops he volunteered and continued for additional months. He is certain that he served said ten months without intermission. Having continued under the same Officers for said ten months he never took a thought but that he did write to call himself a regular enlisted soldier for the whole time.

2 Tour. For three months I served as a volunteer private soldier in the militia of the State of North Carolina in a Company of foot commanded by Captain Young in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Francis Locke in the Brigade commanded by General Rutherford as described in the 2nd tour in said declaration.

3rd Tour. For three months I served as a volunteer private soldier in the militia of North Carolina in a Company of Foot commanded by Able Armstrong in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Francis Locke in another and third tour.

4th Tour. For two months I served as a volunteer private soldier in the militia of the State of North Carolina in a Company of Foot commanded by Captain David Caldwell in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Francis Locke in a fourth tour.

5th Tour. For three months I served as a volunteer private Soldier in the militia of the said State of North Carolina in a company commanded by Captain William Armstrong in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Francis Locke in a fifth tour.

6th Tour. For three months I served as a volunteer and private Soldier in the Militia of the State of North Carolina in a company of Foot commanded by Thomas Cowan in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Francis Locke in another and sixth tour or expedition.

7th Tour. For three months I served as a private volunteer soldier in the Militia of the State of North Carolina in a Company of Foot commanded by Captain Bartlett Marshall in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Francis Locke in another and seventh tour war expedition.

8th Tour. For one month I served as a private volunteer soldier in the Militia of the State of North Carolina in a small detachment commanded by Ensign __ Gillespie his first name

forgotten.

9th Tour. For three months I served as a volunteer private Soldier in the Militia of the State of North Carolina in a company commanded by Captain James Huggins in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Francis Locke.

10th Tour. For three months I served as a private volunteer Soldier in the Militia of now Tennessee in the Company commanded by Captain Bartlett Marshall in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Blair. At the time the place of entering the service in this tour is East Tennessee then North Carolina.

He states that he frequently during the revolutionary War rendered services besides those herein described of a few days at a time. He was under the command perhaps at times (temporarily and when detached) of Lieutenant Colonel Brandon. In one of his said tours called he thinks the "Snow Campaign" William Polk Esquire, Cashier of the Bank at Raleigh (since) was along and got shot in the shoulder. He is known well or was to James K Polk Representative in Congress from Tennessee was one of his Constituents and supported him.

The interrogatories prescribed by the War Department being put to made the following all my answers saith fully to the best of my recollection

To Interrogatory No. 1. I was born in Rowan County North Carolina April 19th 1756. No. 2.

The record of my age was left by my father at his death to me which as I presume was written soon after my birth. This Bible I have now in my possession which contains said record. 3rd.

Where were you living when called into the service in the Revolutionary War and where do you now live. Answer. I resided in Rowan County North Carolina when called into the Service in all

said tours except the last under Captain Marshall when he lived in East Tennessee. He now lives in Monroe County Indiana. Since the War he resided in Rowan County North Carolina, in East Tennessee, West Tennessee and Monroe County Indiana where now he resides. Interrogatory

4th. I was called into service as an enlisted soldier a Continental regular in the said first mentioned tour under Captain Davis, in all the succeeding tours he was a volunteer.

Interrogatory 5th. I cannot recollect the names of any other militia or Continental officers than those named herein.

Interrogatory 6th. I received a discharge from Captain B. Marshall which is long since lost.

Interrogatory 7th. He is well known to the Reverend Daniel Anderson and James Alexander Esquire Sheriff of said County and others. He is known to the Honorable James Polk of

Tennessee Representative in Congress and others in Tennessee where he formerly last resided.

He is well known to William Clements and David Clements the former of Kentucky and the latter of this County with both of whom I served in the Revolutionary War. I was familiar with

them in North Carolina and in this County where said Daniel resides and said William has

visited. I applied for a pension under the Act of May 1818 some years ago, and also petitioned Congress to place me on the pension Roll. Since that time and prior to this I have made several

declarations one of which was never forwarded to the Department. The declaration aforesaid to which this is attached he is advised is objected to on account of the want of a sufficient seal to

the Certificate of the Clerk Authenticating the proceedings. He hereby so far as said declarations go in regard to the circumstances attending his services as well as generally and altogether states

that the same is true and therefore makes his affirmation thereof.

S/ Thomas Stewart

[fn p. 3: Power of attorney dated February 25, 1854 executed in Washington County Illinois by Lazarus Stewart a citizen of said County in which he says he is one of the 4 sons and only living

children of Thomas Stewart, a revolutionary soldier from Rowan County North Carolina. His brothers are not named.]