

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Stewart R10173

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Penna West<sup>d</sup> County: SS [Pennsylvania, West Moreland County]

Personally appeared in open Court William Stewart a Soldier of the revolutionary Army who on his solemn oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain a Pension under the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832. The declarant states that he was born in Brunswick County State of Virginia and is now in his seventy sixth year of age, he removed to North Carolina, Northampton County where he enlisted in the year 1777, under Major Hardy Murphy [sic, Hardy Murfree] a Continental recruiting officer in the month of June, he was then marched to Halifax North Carolina, and from that to Alexandria in Virginia, where there were assembled fifteen hundred new recruits where those who had not the smallpox were inoculated, and in the last of September of the same year we were marched to a place called the White Marsh in New Jersey and there joined the headquarters of General Washington, where the detachment was placed in the company of Captain Robert Fenns [sic, Robert Fenner] in the Second Regiment North Carolina line our Colonels were Colonel John Patton & Colonel Harney. We there wintered and in the spring marched to ~~West Point~~ the Valley Forge on Schuylkill [Schuylkill] River and from thence to West Point on North River and was there at the time the British took Stoney Point, Declarant was marched among other places to the White Plains, Pyramus [Paramus], Hackensack & Long Island, Declarant was in the Battle of Monmouth, under the command of General Hogans [sic, James Hogun], we marched to various places in jersey and finally marched, through Baltimore, to North Carolina under the command of General Hogan, and was discharged in the month of June in the year 1780 in North Carolina, his discharge was signed by General Hogan, having served three years the full term of his enlistment, He preserved his discharge for many years until it was worn out, & lost. He has no other documentary Evidence of his Services. After his discharge he remained in Northampton County North Carolina until about 27 years ago when he removed with his family into Pennsylvania, and has for the last 21 years resided in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, Declarant is a colored man but was free born. He claims a pension for three years, having served the full term, in the Revolutionary Army. His name is not inscribed on the pension roll of any State or agency of the United States, and he hereby relinquishes all claim to any pension, Except what he may obtain

upon this application. The reason, he has not brought a clergyman, is that the Reverend Gentlemen whose church he attends lives ten miles from his residence, and of course knows little of the history of so humble an Individual, moreover the only knowledge, or report of his revolutionary Services in the neighborhood where he has resided for the last 27 [written over, could be "21"] years, could only be derived from his own details. The declarant is known to Peter Gay Esquire, William Thompson Esquire, Jas. W. Jones, John Campbell Esquire  
Sworn & Subscribed in open court the 19th May A.D. 1835,  
S/ Randal M. Laughlin, Clk S/ Wm Stewart, X his mark

Personally appeared in open Court at the same time Nancy Scott who on her Oath saith that she resided in Northampton County North Carolina in the year 1777, & was well acquainted with William Stewart a Colored man, the declarant who now appears in Court and knows that he Enlisted in the Continental Army in that year, the Deponent knows that he was absent about three years, and always understood that he was in the Army. The Deponent came from North Carolina to Pennsylvania, with, the family of said William Stewart, She is a Colored woman.

S/ Nancy Scott, X her mark

[Chauncey Rice and John McGowan gave testimony that from his appearance they believe William Stewart to be the age he states and that his character in the neighborhood where he resides is of an honest man and a person of truth and veracity.]

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Pen. Office July 20, 1842

Sir,

I herewith returned the letter of Mr. J. C. Stewart in the case of William Stewart and I have to inform you that the papers in support of his claim to a pension under act 7th of June 1832, were examined on the 20th of June 1835, and his claim rejected of which the Hon. R. Coulter was informed by a letter to him of that date. It is alleged in the applicant's declaration that he enlisted in the North Carolina line in June 1777 for three years, and was discharged in June 1780. It is shown from the records in this office of those who served in the North Carolina line that he enlisted on the 27th of June 1777 for three years and that he deserted and January 1780. By that act he forfeited all claim to the bounty of his country, and his claim to a pension was accordingly rejected. No documentary evidence is filed with the declaration of Stewart.

[unsigned]

Hon. A. Plumer, H. R.