

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Frederick Stipe R10193

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State of Indiana County of Daviess: SS

On this 25th day of March 1837 personally appeared before the Daviess Circuit Court now in session, Frederick Stipe a resident of the town of Washington in said County of Daviess, in State of Indiana, aged seventy-seven years on the 11th of April last past, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, That in the month of September 1780 and for a long time prior to that period, he resided near Winchester in Frederick County Virginia; that in that month and year, in the County last aforesaid he was drafted, (among other Virginia state Troops) as a private, to serve for three months, in a contemplated expedition to Hillsboro, North Carolina, and immediately entered into service for that purpose; that the Captain of his company was of the name of John Smith, his Lieutenant was of the name of Colerus [?] (his Christian name not recollected) and that there was another officer of the Company of the name of Bell, but whether he was an Ensign, or some inferior officer, this declarant cannot remember; that after this declarant had, in manner aforesaid, entered into the service of the United States, and when he, in said company, was ready to proceed on said expedition the company was ordered by the Governor of Virginia (as declarant then understood) to march to Richmond Virginia, to which place, declarant, along with the rest of said Company, accordingly forthwith marched, passing on the way through the Counties of Culpeper and Orange. The Company stayed but a few days at Richmond, and then marched (declarant in it) to Williamsburg, Virginia, at which place they tarried also a few days. Declarant, then, along with his Company aforesaid, crossed James River at Williamsburg, to a large church on the South side of the River, which church, he thinks, was called Isle of Wight, or some such name, and where the company remained a short time – thence this declarant was marched in said Company to Portsmouth Virginia; before arriving at the latter place, they joined an army under General Steuben, and this declarant and his said Company were attached to a Regiment of regular soldiers to fill out the said Regiment, as was said: but the name of any of the field officers of said Regiment or Army, except that of General Steuben, he cannot recollect. In this Regiment and Army declarant marched to Portsmouth and thence to Norfolk Virginia at which latter place he remained in his company from one to three weeks. He was in said Regiment, in all about a month as near as he can remember; at the end of which time, he was marched back in his said Company towards Richmond, keeping on the South side of James River, till they reached a little town on that side of said River, opposite Richmond, called Manchester he believes; and on their arrival at that town, the three months for which he had been drafted being expired, he (as well as all the Company) was discharged and returned home. He received a written discharge, and retained it in his possession till about the year 1831, or 1832, when it was, as he is informed and

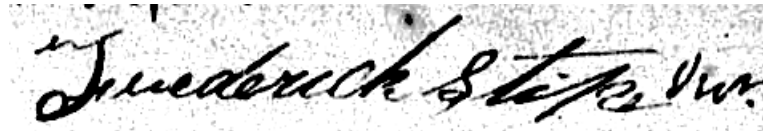
believes, accidentally destroyed, by a daughter of his who is an idiot, and into whose hands it casually got, and was by her torn up. The discharge was in printed form, and was filled up and given him by the aforesaid Bell, but whether it was signed by him or by said Captain Smith he does not now remember. He was discharged shortly before Christmas 1780, but he cannot recollect the day of the month either when he entered into the service or left – he knows, however, that he served fully three months, and that his time had been out a few days before he got his discharge – And indeed, he could scarcely recollect the month, were it not that he distinctly remembers that he was drafted just after fodder gathering time, and returned home on Christmas.

Declarant was born on the 11th of April 1759, eighteen miles from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, but in what County he cannot tell. He has no record of his age. At seven years of age his parents removed from that place with him to Frederick County Virginia where he lived till about the year 1790, thence he removed to Jessamine County Kentucky, where he resided till about 12 years ago, at which time he removed to Knox County Indiana, & there has lived ever since till about a year ago, and thence he came to Daviess County, Indiana, where he has resided ever since, and still resides. He cannot give the name of any regular officers who were with the troops with whom he served, nor any Continental or Militia Regiments, other than those stated. The following persons, to wit, Robert B Wallace and Norval D. Marchard to whom he is known in his present neighborhood can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. He knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service, except William Pollard of Anderson County Kentucky whose deposition is hereto attached, with whom this declarant served in the Company aforesaid for 3 months, and with whom during all that time this declarant was intimately acquainted, and who, as this declarant has understood, draws a pension for his services in said 3 months tour. This declarant never was in any battle. He hauled would 3 months for 800 British, Scotch and Hessian prisoners who were kept at Winchester Fort about the year 1778 – he was engaged 6 weeks about the same time in building barracks 4 miles from Winchester for the United States – he was engaged in month in clearing out the well of the Fort at Winchester about the same time – and in the year 1777 (or about that time) being in Baltimore with his wagon & teen, he was pressed for a week, to haul provisions to Annapolis to the U.S. Army – But as he is advised that he probably cannot be allowed for these services, he does not state them in detail. 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.

S/ Frederick Stipe, X his mark

[Norval D. Marchard and Robert B. Wallace gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Fredrick Junior being duly sworn says that he is a son of the above applicant who has made the foregoing declaration, and that he has often seen the discharge named in said declaration, and that he believes it was lost as therein stated.

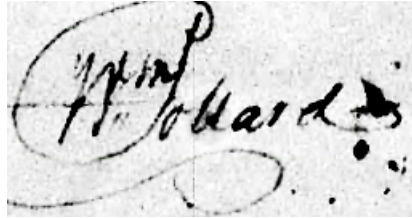
A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Frederick Stipe, Jr." The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

The deposition of William Pollard¹ taken before Johnson Wallace in the County of Anderson

¹ FPA S17638

state of Kentucky the deponent being of lawful age and 1st being duly sworn to be in read as evidence in order to obtain a pension for Fredrick Stipe from the United States deposed and says that Frederick Stipe entered the service of the United States in the fall of the year 1780 but the month he does not now recollect under Captain John Smith in Winchester Frederick County Virginia and Lieutenant Calmes for the purpose of going to Hillsboro in North Carolina but the Company was ordered by the Governor to March to Richmond, to which place he immediately marched – In marching to Richmond he passed through Culpeper County and Orange County Virginia. From Richmond in the said Stipe and this deponent joined General Steuben on the South side of James River. This deponent states that he entered service at the above stated time and in the same company under officers with the said Stipe and that this deponent knew the said Stipe personally and that he the said Stipe did serve 3 months with this deponent in the said Company of John Smith and he the said Stipe and this deponent at the end of said service was discharged and went home further this deponent states that he is now above 75 years of age and further this deponent sayeth not.

Wm Pollard

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wm Pollard". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The letters are connected and fluid, with a prominent loop at the end of the word "Pollard". There are some small dark spots and smudges around the signature, particularly on the right side.