

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Conway Stone R10213

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State of Tennessee } Circuit Court  
Monroe County } S.S.

On this 17th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Circuit Court sitting Conway Stone, a resident of said County of Monroe, and state of Tennessee aged seventy one years, 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. That, in the year 1780 the exact date he cannot recollect, he joined a company of volunteers in Surry County North Carolina, where he then resided, for a three months term of service, the object of the company being to go to the assistance of Gen'l. [Horatio] Gates. the company was commanded by Capt'n David Humphreys (the other company Officers not recollected,) and met at Richmond Court House [in present Yadkin County], where, together with some other companies it was placed under the command of Maj'r White and Col. McDowell. They marched through Salisbury and joined Gates' Army stationed near Camden [SC]. The time cannot be recollected by applicant, but it was some time before the Battle of Camden [16 Aug 1780]. He was, at the time of that battle, engaged a few miles distant, guarding some prisoners and was not in the engagement. Early in the morning of the Battle the intelligence came to himself and those stationed with them that Gates ws defeated, and that each man must shift for himself. They let the prisoners go, and left the ground with all possible speed. He remembers, as he was making his escape, seeing some mounted light horse [probably from Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton's Legion] coming in pursuit, with swords drawn. He ran into the thicket and escaped. He lost his cloathes in the hurry & fright. His memory is so much weakened by a swimming in the head, and general infirmity that he has a very indistinct recollection of the occurrences of that time, and remembers none of the Officers but Gen'l. Gates, except those before mentioned. He served out three months time of service, & returned home, but received no discharge that he remembers.

Some time afterwards while he yet resided in Surry County N.C. and when he thinks he was about 20 years of age, and pretty soon, he thinks, after the battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], he again volunteered for three months under the same Offi- he stated above, and joined several other companies, he cannot say how many, and marched out against the British. They joined no Continental army this tour, for he thinks that soon after the battle of Guilford, Gen. Greene, with his Army went somewhere to the south. Applicant and those with him were marched under said Col. McDowell from Surry County down through the Sand hills through what towns, if any, he disremembers & thro' the Raft Swamps to Wilmington, and were there stationed some length of time; they were this time engaged in no engagements, as the British Army had gone on to the north. Shortly before his time expired, they heard that Cornwallis was taken [19 Oct 1781]. Gen'l. [Griffith] Rutherford was then Gen'l. but applicant dont think he went this tour, and he remembers no Officers further than those stated. He served out the term of three months, but rec'd as he thinks, no discharge. The soldiers were allowed to get some salt, and have it taken in the baggage wagons, but applicant & most of his Company did not wait thinking there would not be enough to supply all. He has no documentary evidence, as to either of the above named terms of service, and knows of no person who can testify to his service.

Applicant was born in Granville County North Carolina, on the 16th day of July 1761. There was a record of his age which he remembers seeing, and recollects that his birth day was Thursday, but it is now lost or destroyed. He was living in Surry County No. Ca. on he thinks, Bluser's Creek 12 miles from Salem, when he went into service each time. Shortly after he came out of the Army he moved to Randolph County No. Carolina, where he resided till 1818 or 9 when he moved to Blount County

Tennessee, where he lived till 1828 when he moved to this state where he now resides. He is well acquainted, in addition to those who certify below, with the following persons living in his neighborhood and who can testify as to his veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution, viz - Maj'r. John Blair, David Williams, John Carey, Rev George Moore, Iredell D Wright, & John F Gillespy

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 and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid [signed illegibly]

NOTE: On 1 Sep 1845 Nancy Beazley, daughter of Conway and Elizabeth Stone, applied for a pension as heir of her mother, who never applied. Nancy Beazley stated that Conway Stone married Elizabeth Galaglee in Surry County in 1781 while he was in service, and he died on 25 Nov 1834. She stated that Elizabeth Stone died 10 Jul 1842 at about age 80, leaving the following children: William, Joel, John, and Conway, all of Blount County; Reuben, Nancy the wife of Fuquey Beazley, and Barsheba wife of William Hargus, all of Monroe County; Susan wife of Samuel Gilbrath, living in AR; Mary wife of Josiah Roberts, living in MS; and Hannah wife of Henry McCarty, now deceased. Her application was supported by one Ezekiel Stone, 89, of Marion County TN, a Revolutionary pensioner [S1933], who summarized Conway Stone's service and stated that he was present at his marriage.