

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Stubblefield R10281

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State of North Carolina Rockingham County: SS

On this 14th day of August A.D. 1844 personally appeared before me D. E. Guerrant one of the acting Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for the County and State aforesaid, Richard Stubblefield of the County of Rockingham and State of North Carolina – aged eighty-one years who first being 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he volunteered himself and the Service of the United States in the year 1781 as a private in the North Carolina militia under Captain William Bethell [William Bethel] of Guilford County, North Carolina, for once tower [tour] of three months, he volunteered in August or September 1781 as well as he can recollect – he recollects that it was after the battle of Guilford: That he was marched to Martinsville and from thence to Randolph County, North Carolina, where they joined the Regiment under Colonel Smith and General Weatherford [sic, Griffith Rutherford?] and were kept constantly marching towards Wilmington North Carolina until the news reached them that Cornwallis had surrendered after which they were dismissed and returned home to Guilford County where he resided: He has lost his discharge; and that he cannot recollect the date or the month he entered or left the service, but recollects that it was after the battle of Guilford in 1781, and that it was warm weather when he entered the service, where he continued for 3 months. That he has no documentary evidence to prove his service: and that he was born and raised in the County of Guilford and State of North Carolina where he entered the service and where he now resides) the County of Rockingham the County of his present residence being at that time a part of Guilford County).

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 any State. He further makes oath that from bodily infirmity he is unable to attend Court to make his Declaration.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid
S/ D. E. Guerrant, JP

S/ Rich'd Stubblefield



[Thomas Chance and Robert Shreve, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Rockingham County

I, D. E. Guerrant one of the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County and State aforesaid, do certify that I propounded to Richard Stubblefield whose name is subscribed to the foregoing declaration the following interrogatories and that he gave the answers annexed hereto: –

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born within 4 miles of where I now live, in Rockingham County North Carolina – at the time I entered the service it was a part of Guilford County North Carolina – and was born February the 20th 1763.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans. I have, and it is in my possession.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans. I was living when called into service in what is now Rockingham County, but was then a part of Guilford County, North Carolina; I have lived there ever since the Revolution and lived there now.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans. I volunteered as stated in my declaration.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. I volunteered and marched under Captain William Bethell all the time (to the best of my recollection) at Randolph or some of the adjacent counties we joined the Regiment under Colonel Smith and General Weatherford and marched under them till dismissed, as before stated.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans. I received a discharge: it was given by Captain William Bethell and it is now lost or mislaid so that I cannot find it.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans. I am known to most if not all the old persons living in my part of the County, to all or most of whom, I presume, I could with safety refer. I will mention, James Rawley, Colonel James Watt, Thomas Blackwell, Esquire, Doctor Edward T Brodnax and Honorable David S Reid, and to anybody else who knows me.

Sworn and subscribed before made this 14 day of August A.D. 1844

S/ D. E. Guerrant, JP

S/ Richard Stubblefield

[F. B. Moore and William J. Gilliam gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[On December 30, 1852, Tilghman J. Stubblefield, of Rockingham County, North Carolina, served as the executor of the last will and testament of Richard Stubblefield and administrator of the estate of Elizabeth Stubblefield, widow of Richard.]

[fn p. 22: On August 28, 1844 in Rockingham County North Carolina, Nicholas McCubbins,¹ gave testimony that he served with Richard Stubblefield a 3 month tour. His testimony as to Stubblefield's service is as follows: "the said Nicholas McCubbins says that he served one tower of 3 months in the Revolutionary War with the applicant Richard Stubblefield. The said McCubbins further states that he and the said Selethial volunteered together under Captain William Bethel of North Carolina called Guilford County in the year at that time but sense has been divided and they live in a part called Rockingham the said McCubbins states that they marched to Martinsville Guilford County North Carolina from thence to Randolph County North Carolina there they joined the Regiment under Colonel Smith and General Weatherford, they then marched on towards Wilmington North Carolina. The said McCubbins further states that he himself & the said Stubblefield and Captain William Bethel were messmates together during the 3 months tour in the Revolutionary War."]

¹ Sic, [Nicholas McCubbin W3574](#)