

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Michael Stump R10285

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State of Virginia Tazewell County: SS

On this 4 day of April in the year of our Lord 1834 personally appeared before me Thomas Peery an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Tazewell and State of Virginia Michael Stump a resident in the County & State aforesaid aged seventy 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 provision made by 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 he moved from Culpeper County in the State of Virginia in the year ___ to the South Fork of Clynch [Clinch] River in what was then called Montgomery now Tazewell County and State aforesaid.

That in the spring of the year 1780 he was enrolled in a company of Militia under the command of Captain Thomas Mastin. That as early as the 1st day of April in that year he entered the service of his Country as a volunteer Indian Spy under the command of the aforesaid Captain and was Stationed at Wynn's Garrison which was situated on the South fork of Clynch River that he continued in Service this year until the 1st of November. That he again entered the service of his Country as a volunteer Spy on the 1st of April in the year 1781 and continued in service until the 1st of November following that he was stationed as before in Wynn's Garrison and commanded by the aforesaid Captain Thomas Mastin. That he again Forted and scouted as a volunteer Indian Spy from the 20th of March in the year 1782 until the 1st of November following that he was Stationed at Wynn's Garrison and commanded by the aforesaid Captain Thomas Mastin. That he again volunteered and entered the service of his Country on the 1st day of April in the year 1783 and continued in service until the 1st of November following that he was stationed in Wynn's Garrison and was commanded as before by the aforesaid Captain Mastin. That he does not recollect that there was any attack made on their Garrison during the aforesaid periods but there was a succession [?] of counts [?] transpired in the Settlement and the Indians were constantly committing depredations on the frontier Settlements by murdering individuals who would chance to fall in their way at times they would steal into the Settlements in considerable numbers unperceived by the Spies and would murder whole families. That there is no Historical account of the circumstances that transpired during the aforesaid periods in this section of the Country by which he can refresh his memory, and from the loss of memory he has failed to relate any of them fearing that he might be guilty of some inaccuracies. That he nature of his services was to go out with small parties in Spying excursions that his companions in this Service was generally Duncan Ogulian [?] and David Johnson that they generally range the Country from Wynn's Garrison round the dividing ridge between the waters of Clynch River and

those of Blue Stone River and from thence through the back Valley of Clynch thence up Clynch River to Wynn's Garrison. That when he was not actively engaged as a Spy he was engaged in guarding and defending the Garrison in which he was stationed.

That when the Spies would come in with a report that they had seen signs of Indians in the neighborhood a party would be dispatched in pursuit of them. That he recollects one time particularly a party of Indians made their appearance on tug [?] Ridge Twelve Miles from Wynn's Garrison that fifteen persons and himself making the sixteenth were dispatched in pursuit of them but the Indians finding that they had been discovered made their escape. That during the whole of the Period aforesaid he was either actively engaged as Spy or in garrison with a regularly Embodied Corps, and that he was not engaged in any Civil pursuit during the Periods mentioned in the foregoing part of his Declaration. (First) That he was born in Culpeper County in the State of Virginia in the year 1764. (Second) That he has no record of his age nor never saw one. (Third) That he was living when called into service on the South Fork of Clynch River in what was then called Montgomery County now Tazewell County and State of Virginia where he has lived ever since. (Fourth) That he volunteered when he entered the service of his Country. (5th) That he has named his Officers in the foregoing part of his Declaration. (Sixth) That he never received any written discharge for any of the Services he rendered his Country. (Seventh) that he is known to William G. W. Currin and John Linkous [?] who can testify to his good character for veracity and their belief of his services as a Soldier and an Indian Spy of the Revolution. That he can further support his Declaration by the evidence of William Wynn¹ who served in the same Garrison. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an 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 before me an acting justice of the peace in and for the County of Tazewell in State of Virginia the day and year aforesaid

S/ Thomas Peery JP

S/ Michael Stump, X his mark

[William G. W. Currin and John Linkous gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Virginia Tazewell County

On this 4th day of April in the year of our Lord 1834 personally appeared before me Thomas Peery an acting justice of the peace in and for the County of Tazewell & State of Virginia William Wynn a resident in the County & State aforesaid and after being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Statement. That he well recollects the services of Michael Stump as an Indian Spy and as a guard. That they were stationed in Wynn's Garrison together and served under the command of the same Officers and that he believes Michael Stump did serve at least as long as he has stated in his Declaration. Sworn to before me an acting justice of the peace in and for the County of Tazewell the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Thomas Peery, JP

¹ [William Wynn R11920](#)