

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Sturgeon R10286

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State of Kentucky Morgan County: Sct.

On this 5th day of October 1834 personally appeared in Open Court before the court of Morgan County James Sturgeon a resident of Morgan County and State of Kentucky aged seventy-three years 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 provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the Army of the United States on the \_\_ day of June (the day of the month not recollected) 1777 as a Substitute for Frank Sturgeon who was drafted under Captain John Hays Colonel \_\_ Crockett. We rendezvoused at Dokes [?] Mill on the \_\_ day of June 1777 in Wythe County Virginia – we was marched to Ramsour's Mills in North Carolina where we was stationed a short time we was then marched to Kings Mountain after the Battle of Kings Mountain (whilst at Ramsour's Mills we had a skirmish with a party of Tories & defeated them) we was Detached to Guard the prisoners taken at the Battle of Kings Mountain we guarded them on to Albemarle County Virginia well we was relieved by a Company of Regulars taking charge of them we was then marched to Wythe Court House & discharged on the \_\_ day of November 1777 – (the Day of the month not recollected but thinks between the first & 10th of November 1777).

He states that he went to North Carolina and in [sic] volunteered for six months under Captain \_\_ Martin they rendezvoused on the \_\_ day of February 1781 at Franklin in Surry County North Carolina, Colonel Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] we was marched to Guilford Court house we did not reach Guilford Court house until the 3rd day after the battle having been stationed a short time after our Rendezvous at the Shallow Ford on the Adkin [Yadkin River] & before the Battle of Guilford – we was marched from Guilford to Salisbury in North Carolina where we was stationed and acted as spies or scouting parties from Salisbury we was marched to a place known by the name of the Thicket where we lay a few days we was then marched to Burke Court House thence was marched to Surry Court House & was discharged in July 1781 at Surry Court House I was under Captain Martin & Colonel \_\_ Sumpter.

He states that he returned to Wythe County in the fall of 1781 and in the spring of 1782 was drafted he states that he on the \_\_\_ day of April 1782 he rendezvoused at Wythe Court house Virginia under Captain John Cox was marched [to] a place called the Lead Mines in New River where we was stationed as Indian Spies or Scouts being out every day until our Term of Service of three months had expired we was then marched to Wythe Court house & Discharged on the 4th day of July 1782.

He states that he was born in the year 1761 in Orange County Virginia.

That he has no record of his age.

That when he first Joined the Army he lived in Wythe County Virginia that since the Revolution he has lived in Virginia & Kentucky where he now lives – he states that one time he served as a Substitute for Frank Sturgeon for six months, a second Tour as a volunteer and the 3rd Tour was drafted for three months.

He states that he was commanded by the officers above named and a short time by Colonel Cleveland in place of Colonel Crockett. That he received a written discharge from Captain John Hayes and none other and that the same is lost so that he cannot find the same. He states that he is known to Levi Swanson & John E Williams who can testify as to my character for veracity & their belief of my Services

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency in any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ James Sturgeon, X his mark

[John E Williams, a clergyman, and Levi Swanson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]