

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Stephen Lowe (Low) R6189

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State of North Carolina Buncombe County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions October 1832

On this 19th day of October 1832 personally appeared Stephen Lowe in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid now sitting Stephen Low [sic] a resident in said County and State aged ___ 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 seventh 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he was drafted in the state of Virginia Bedford County [one or more indecipherable words] to watt [sic, what?] was then called [word written over and obliterated] district South Carolina in the fall of the year 1778. He soon marched to Virginia by the order of General Green then received a discharge from under the order General Green after and eight months tower [tour] of servitude then entered Service under mager [Major] Ward in the year 1779 Virginia State Bedford County then marched to Ninety Six in South Carolina then marched from there to the cross roads there joined General manon [perhaps an attempt to identify for Frances Marion?] and General Sumter [presumably Thomas Sumter] and General Pickins [presumably Andrew Pickens] then was at the taking of seventy British dragoons then remained as a guard over and the Prisoners until discharged by the order of General Green after a three months servitude under a draft then entered service in the year 1779 for another three months servitude under Colonel William Trigg Captain John Trigg in the State of Virginia and then marched to little York there was at the Surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] there got a discharge from under the hand of Captain John Trigg.

October the 19th 1832

Sworn to in open Court and subscribed October the 19th 1832

S/ Stephen Low, X his mark

S/ John Miller, Clerk

[Hodge Raburn and James Osborn gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Buncombe County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions October Session 1834

On this 22nd day of October 1834 personally appeared in open Court before Jeremiah Blackstocks, Robert Williams and John Clayton Justices holding said court, now sitting, Stephen Low a resident of Buncombe County North Carolina aged 72 or 73 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 seventh, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated.

He entered the service as a private soldier militia man a substitute for Josiah Markham in the County of Orange North Carolina in the latter part of the summer or first of the fall of 1780 in the Company commanded by Captain Ewell, a Continental officer, ^{having substituted in Bedford} County Virginia and marched to North Carolina under a [indecipherable word or words] officer¹ in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Bedford under the command of General Gates. He marched from there to show brought into South Carolina on their line of March, General Green arrived and took command of the arms he was then placed under command of Captain Graves and marched to show law in South Carolina where they remained until the winter. In the spring of 1781 he was sent with a small detachment to guard a drove of hogs intended for the Army into Virginia. The detachment was commanded as well as now remembered by an Ensign named Cobb. When they arrived at a place called Banister Bridge in Pittsylvania County Virginia they were discharged. The term for which he entered was eight months, but he was discharged a short time before the expiration of his time; having served he thinks seven months. He entered the service again in the County of Bedford State of Virginia as a drafted militia man for two or three months he does not remember which sometime in the spring of 1781 in the company commanded by Captain__ in the Battalion commanded by Major Ward under the command of General Greene. He marched through North Carolina to a place called Ninety Six in South Carolina and was in the siege of that place when Greene retreated from 96 he remained with the Army until they came near to Camden South Carolina where he was discharged having served the full time for which he was drafted; he does not remember whether two or three months, but thinks the latter. He entered the service again in the County of Bedford State of Virginia as a drafted militia man in the early part of the fall 1781 for the term of three months under the command of Captain Trigue [probably Captain John Trigg] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Coloway [probably Colonel James Callaway] he marched to Little York in Virginia and was there at the taking of Corn Wallace [Cornwallis]. Shortly after that event he was discharged having served between one and two months. 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, to his knowledge, he swore to a declaration setting forth his services for the purpose of procuring a pension [paper damaged, text missing] October of 1832 in the month of April 1833 as well as remembered, which Declaration he left to the management of James Osborn and has never heard of it since Osborn having left this Country shortly after that period, he supposes it never reached the Department.

S/ Stephen Low, X his mark

Where and in what year were you born?

I was born in Bedford County State of Virginia, but do not know in what year, but has understood it was in the month of June and he thinks from the best accounts he has on the subject in the year 1761 or 1762.

Where were you living when called into service, where he lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live?

I was living when called into service in Bedford County Virginia. I removed from there to Franklin County Virginia from there I removed to Surry County North Carolina and from there to Buncombe County North Carolina where I now live.

¹ It is not clear where the interlined text was intended to be inserte

How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute?
And if a substitute for whom?

I was a substitute for Josiah Markham the first tour and the other two I was drafted.

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

Answer Gates, Greene, Washington, Colonel Lee of the Cavalry, Colonel Bluford. The general
circumstances of my service is stated in the foregoing Declaration.

Did you ever receive a discharge? By whom was it given and what has become of it?

I received a written discharge each time. The first I think was signed by col, the second by
Major Ward, the last by Captain John Trigg never expected they would be of any service to me
after the war was over and took no further care of them and they were lost or destroyed in some
manner I do not know how.

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

Answer. Colonel John Clayton, Captain John Miller, Captain John Murray, Major Gordon
Anderson, and several others

Sworn to and subscribed in open court October 22nd 1834

S/ Stephen Lowe, X his mark

[William Kimzey, a clergyman, and Gordon Anderson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

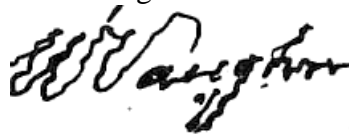
Grayson County Virginia

This day Stephen Low a citizen of Buncombe County North Carolina came before me
Abner Jones a Justice of the peace for the County of Grayson for the purpose of proving that he
the said Stephen Low was a Soldier & perform service in the Revolutionary war. Introduced
William Vaughn as a witness to prove his service as a soldier in said War – the said William
Vaughn being of lawful age & after being duly sworn deposed & saith that he the said Vaughn
was a soldier in the Revolutionary war But is not certain that he knew or was acquainted with the
said Stephen Low in the Army, But that when his (the said Vaughn service expired) he the said
Vaughn left the camp & that on the same day that he left the Army he fell in company with the
said Stephen Low with his knapsack on his back & every way in soldiers equipage & on his
return home, & the said Deponent further saith that he verily believes that the said Stephen Low
did serve two towers of Duty in the Revolutionary war in the Southern Army under General
green but the length of the two towers he does not know, & this Deponent further saith not.

Sworn to & subscribed before made this 23rd day of December 1835

S/ Abner Jones, JP

S/ W. Vaughn²



[p 2: Power of attorney dated September 27, 1851 signed by Sarah Low with her mark in
Buncombe County North Carolina: She states she is the widow of Stephen Low and claims for
his services in the revolutionary war.]

² Probably the same man as [William Vaughn \(Vaughan\) W2708](#)