

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Stephen Snell R9896

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A Declaration in Order to obtain the benefit of the [Act] of Congress passed June the 7th 1832 State of Tennessee Perry County} Circuit Court April Term 1838. On the this 5th day of April personally appeared before the Circuit Court for the County of Perry Stephen Snell a resident of Beach River [Beech River] in Henderson County State of Tennessee aged ~~about~~ 76 years who being first 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 the 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated. This declarant entered the service in the State [of] North Carolina in Duplin County and was mustered into service under Captain Daniel Williams, Thomas James was his ~~Ensign~~ Lieutenant Daniel Clark was his Ensign John Griffin was his Orderly Sergeant was mustered in to service at Duplin Old Courthouse from thence we marched to Fayetteville which was then called Cross Creek thence to Husband's Old fields near Cheraw Hills we lay at that place till General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] marched from the North to that place declarant recollects that General Arrington [John Henry Harrington?] gathered part of Gates' scattered Militia we returned home about the first of January. Declarant served this tour three months.

Next time declarant entered the service was in the same year about the 8th or 10th of January under Captain John Fort Lieutenant Josiah Nolly James Right was his Ensign was mustered in the service at the same place as before from thence marched to Beauforts Bridge [Buford's Bridge]¹ near Wilmington on our way Cape fear [Cape Fear River] about this time Kenan [Benjamin Kenan] was our Colonel this was about the time of the Battle at Guilford Courthouse [March 15, 1781] from Beaufort's Bridge we were marched to Lockwood's Folly from thence declarant returned home declarant served this tour three months.

He then entered the service directly after his return home about the first of June in the same year under Captain Michael Kenan [Michael Johnson Kenan] was again mustered into service at Duplin Court house again this tour declarant was engaged after the Tories on the confines of his County & neighborhood nothing particular occurred was again discharged after a three months tour.

The next Tour was performed under Captain Dodd [David Dodd] we mustered into service at the same place at as before & again mustered to serve in Duplin marched from thence

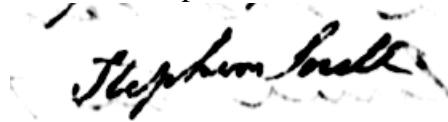
¹ J D Lewis notes: "The bridge was a recently constructed "swing bridge" that was built by a man named Mr. Buford in the early 1770s. But, by the late 1770s, it had been purchased by a Mr. Heron and everyone in the vicinity knew it as Heron's Bridge - primarily because he strengthened it considerably and made it much more reliable. But, the "old timers" still called it Buford's Bridge." https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_herons_bridge.html

to Bladen County Benjamin Castle from there to old John Boldin's about three O'clock in the morning of the 11th of October 1781 the enemy then attacked us at that place we lost three killed we stood until our ammunition gave out we had then to retreat to retreat & returned home we served this tour three months.

The next time declarant entered the service under Captain William Beck, this same ended in 1782 in March and declarant was employed in gathering beef cattle for the Army, he served this tour three months all these above tours were served as a volunteer mounted horseman. He has no documentary evidence by which he can prove his services nor does he know of any person by whom he can prove the same. He hereby relinquishes 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 to and subscribed in open Court this 5th day of April 1833

S/ Stephen Snell



[Adam Huntsman and Charles Deaton, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Questions by the Court

1st Where & in what year were you born

Answer in Duplin County in the year 1762

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

Answer I have at home in Henderson County

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 lived in Duplin County where I entered the service I have since the Revolutionary war lived in Tennessee & Alabama and now live in Henderson County Tennessee

4th how were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom?

Ans. I volunteered on each tour as a mounted gunmen

5th. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental & militia regiments as you can recollect and the General circumstances of your services.

Ans. Recollects General Gates [Horatio Gates] and Troops & as for General Circumstances see declaration

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

answer. I was discharged by Colonel Kenan declarant thinks but his discharge has been long lost as he never expected to [words obscured and rendered illegible]

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 of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Answer. I refer to [illegible word, looks like "Naul"] Adam Huntsman, A. Peacock and Elias Deton a Minister of the Gospel

[Note: A note in the file indicates that this claim was rejected because the veteran "did not served by order of competent authority."]