

[Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Thomas Stanford S11463

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The State of Alabama } On his 2nd day of June 1834 personally appeared in vacation before the
Fayette County } Honorable Nath Haskins Judge of the County Court of Fayette County
Alabama Thomas Stanford a resident of Marion County aged about 78 years who being first duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, that he enlisted in the service of the United States in Chester District South Carolina about February 1776 under the command of Captain George Wade who was commanded by Col. Sumpter [sic: Thomas Sumter], and Joined the main army at or near the Eutaw Springs and marched from thence to Charleston South Carolina thence to Sullivans Island thence to Hadderwill point [sic: Haddrell Point] and was there furloughed on account of sickness sometime about February 1777 and returned home where I remained until the company to which I belonged was discharged. Again sometime early in the Spring of 1777 [sic] I was drafted in Chester District S. Carolina under the command of Capt [John] Nixon who was commanded by Col. [Edward] Lacey and marched from Chester District to Augusta [GA] from which place I returned home sometime in the summer thereafter making a service of about three months during which time I was in the Battle of Rockey Comfort [Rocky Comfort Creek GA, 22 Mar 1779] against the Indians. Again sometime in the summer after I returned home from Augusta [sic] I volunteered in Chester District S. Carolina under the command of Capt. [Hugh] McClure who was commanded by Col. Lacey and marched from Chester District to Wateree Creek and joined Col Sumpters Command from thence we were marched to Friday Fort and was in the Battle at Fridays Fort [Siege of Fort Granby at Friday's Ferry, 19 - 21 Feb 1781] against the British and Tories, from thence we were marched to Thompson's Fort [Siege of Belleville, plantation of Col. William Thompson, 22 Feb 1781] where we had a skirmish against the British and Tories from thence we were marched to Rice Bluff [sic: Wright's Bluff near Eutaw Springs] where we had another Skirmish against the British [at Fort Watson, 1 Mar 1781], from thence we were marched to near Camden where we had a Battle against the British [possibly skirmish at Ratcliff's Bridge, present Lee County SC, 6 Mar 1781] after which battle the company to which I belonged returned for a short time making a tour of duty at said term of about six weeks and was not called on again until another volunteer company raised at which time I volunteered but am not able to recollect the names of my officers or the period when the services were rendered owing to the effects of old age and the loss of memory but I know I was almost continually engaged in the service of the United States from the time I entered in 1776 until the end of the War. I never received a regular discharge for either term of service. the first term I was furloughed and each of the other terms we were only dismissed. But I am however able as yet to prove my services as an enlisted soldier, I know of no person whose testimony I can procure who can testify to the other part of my service And my reason for claiming out of my County is that there is no person at this time who attends to business of that nature in my County. And also to obtain a certificate from my oldest acquaintances who reside in this county. There is no clergyman living in my vicinity or near enough to my neighborhood to obtain a certificate therefrom. I therefore refer to the annexed Certificate of Isaiah Vanhoose and William Morton. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State,
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid



- Ans 1. I was born in the State of Virginia near Patomac [sic: Potomac] River
- Ans 2. I have no record of my age only from information
- Ans 3. Each time that I was called into service I was living in Chester District South Carolina
- Ans 4. The first time I entered the Service I enlisted the second time I was drafted and the third time I

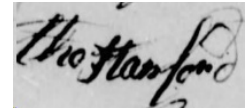
volunteered

Ans 5th Col. [William "Danger"] Thompson, Col [Richard] Richardson, Col. Sumpter, Col Lacey and Major [William] Henderson are some of the principal officers who were with the troops where I served

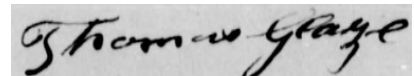
Ans 6th I did not receive a regular discharge for any of my terms of service. The first time I was furloughed the other times I was dismissed

The State of Alabama } Before me Levi Taylor an acting Justice of the peace for said county
Fayette County } personally appeared Thomas Stanford who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memmory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades towit from the time that he enlisted in 1776 until he was furloughed in 1777 was not less than eleven months. from the time that he was drafted in 1777 until he returned home was not less than three months, at which time a great part of the company also returned home believing that Gen'l. [Andrew] Williamson was too friendly with the British a that time From the time that I volunteerd in 1777 under the command of Capt McClure until the company had leave to retire was not less than six weeks making in all three of my tours of duty not less than fifteen months and for such services He claims a pension

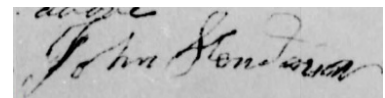
Sworn to and subscribed this 28th day of October 1834



The State of Alabama } Before me Levi Taylor an acting Justice of the peace for said county
Fayette County } personally appeared Thomas Glaze [pension application S10748] and after being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith, that he is well acquainted with Thomas Stanford who was a private in Capt. Wades company who was commanded by Col Sumpter in the Revolutionary war and was a faithfull and Obedient soldier in said Company he is not able from personal knowledge to state the time of his entering the service and the time and manner of leaving the same but believe that he entered and retired from the service in a legal manner Sworn to and subscribed this 28th day of October 1834



State of Tennessee }
McNairy County } Be it known that on this the 27th day of October in the year of Our lord 1835 personally appeared before me the undersigned one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for the county aforesaid John Henderson [pension application R4869] who is about seventy nine years of age and said Henderson after being duly sworn makes the following Declaration as a Witness for and behalf of Thomas Stanford who is an applicant for a pension under the Law of the United States passed 7th June 1832. The said John Henderson who is a respectable Witness deposeth and saith that he commanded as Captain in the Revolutionary War, he was at the Battle of Hanging rock in South Carolina which was faught in the year 178[page torn; see endnote] and that he has every reason to believe and doth believe from every circumstance and from facts that did transpire at that place which is in the Recolection of Mr Stanford that he was in that Battle. I do also belive he was at the Battle of Rockey Mount [sic: Rocky Mount SC, 30 Jul 1780] and blackstocks [20 Nov 1780]. I have no Recolection of seeing Mr Stanford at them places as he was in a differant company from mine but I am well convinced he was there from circumstances and facts which he relates to me and which did occur, given under my hand the day and date above



The State of Alabama } Personally appeared before me Joshua Gann an acting Justice of the
 Marion County } peace in and for said County Amy Stanford and Egness Almon and made
 oath in due form of law that they are well acquainted with Thomas Stanford and that they also knew him
 previous to the time of the Revolutionary War, and that they know from every circumstance, and credible
 information, that he enlisted under the command of Capt George Wade and was out in Service under said
 command for the space of twelve months, which service was rendered (as well as recollected) in the
 years of 1776 & 1777 Sworn to & subscribed before me this 27 day of June 1836
 Amy hirXmark Stanford Egness hirXmark Almon

Fayette Court House Ala/ January 9th 1837

Dear Sir Some time since I received a letter from the Department requiring further evidence
 or Record proof in the case of Thomas Stanford for a pension. I immediately wrote and received from the
 Secretary of State of South Carolina the enclosed document which appears to describe several tours of
 duty, but all of short duration, but nothing is said concerning the term of his enlistment which he served
 under Capt Wade, which tour was much the longest and the principal time that he desired pay for. I once
 enclosed the affidavit of Thomas Glaze to the Department relative to his services which appeared at that
 time to be the only one required, those services were both rendered at the same time under the same
 Captain although they were not commenced at the same time yet they served together a sufficient time to
 get thoroughly acquainted with each other. I saw the two men meet and heard them relate the
 circumstances which occurred in the service and both appeared to agree in every particular although they
 said they had not been in company with each other for near fifty years, which induces me to believe their
 services were correct. As it regards the character of the two men I will only give you my opinion. Mr
 Glaze has a tolerable education for a person born in the age that he was without an opportunity of being
 educated he belongs to no religious denomination some times drinks spirituous liquors and is quite a
 poor Man Mr Stanford to the contrary has scarcely any education and has belongd and still does to the
 Methodist Episcopal church for more than twenty six years he does not drink any strong drink and is
 also a poor man. But as regards their claims for a pension I would not hesitate one moment in saying I
 believe their statements to be correct, and would not feel satisfied if I thought I had been the cause of
 either receiving one cent unjustly. You will please examine the enclosed document together with those
 heretofore forwarded and if they will not entitle him to a pittance do not reject his claim but give him for
 this time to make proof of his services &c

I am with great Respect/ Your Obt Servt/ Daniel Peyton

State of South Carolina

To Thomas Stanford Dr.

For Duty done in Col. Lyayl[?] Regiment

To 35 Days Horsemans Duty at £ pr £35.0.0

To 18 Days D'o 18.0.0

To 8 Days D'o 8.0.0

To 25 Days D'o 25.0.0

To 4 Days D'o 4.0.0

To 5 Days D'o 5.0.0

under Lieut Huston

To 42 Foot Service @ 10S pr Day 21

Total £116.0.0

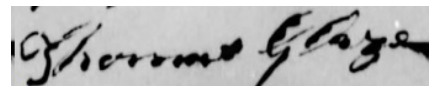
Comptrollers Office/ Columbia 29 Oct. 1836

I do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the original account of Thomas Stanford, for services
 performed in the War of the Revolution as settled and filed in this office, and that an Indent was issued
 for the same. William Laval Compt. Gen'l per John T. Seibels

[The above account is evidently for a different Thomas Stanford.]

The State of South Carolina } Personally appeared before me John Brown [S17848] & David
Chester District } Mcdonald and upon being Sworn Saith Saith that they are well
acquainted with Thomas Stanford who is now a citizen of Marion County Alabama and that we knew that
he did Enlist in early part of the year 1776 under the command of Captain George Wade who was
commanded by Col Sumter and we know that the said Stanford served faithfully as a Soldier during the
whole of the Revolutionary War and that he was always ready and served in behalf of his Country
whenever Legally called into service until the close of the said War
Sworn to before me this 25th of Feb'y. 1837 John hisXmark Brown David hisXmark Mcdonald

The State of Alabama } Before me B W Wilson an acting Justice of the peace for said
Fayette County } county personally appeared Thomas Glaze a Revolutionary
pensioner of the United States who receives his pension in Decatur State of Alabama and after being duly
sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he is well acquainted with Thomas Stanford who served
in capt Wades company under the command of Col. Sumpter, that he did not see Thomas Stanford enlist
but knows that he was marched from Lancaster district South Carolina in the Spring of 1776 as well as
recollected in the same company under the same command and that at Santee River myself with others
were march from thence to Dorchester Fort leaving Thomas Stanford with the remainder of the army and
previous to our return the army from which we were detached were marched in the direction of Florida
and my time elapsed and I was discharged from the service previous to their return and from which time I
do not recollect of ever seeing Thomas Stanford until a few years past in the State of Alabama but I have
no hesitation in saying that he was a faithful and obedient soldier during my knowledge of him in service
Sworn & subscribed this 2nd day of May 1837



NOTES:

There were two engagements at Hanging Rock SC, neither of which John Henderson mentioned in his own pension application. Gen. Thomas Sumter was at the engagement at Hanging Rock that occurred on 6 Aug 1780.

On 10 June 1837 Stanford was issued a certificate for a pension of \$50 per year for 15 months service.