

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Stidham S14598

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State of Kentucky Perry County

On this 12th day of December 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices of the County Court of the County of Perry now sitting Samuel Stidman a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged Eighty-five 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under Captain James Giddens Lieutenant David Humphreys & Ensign Benjamin Humphreys – Colonel Martin Armstrong & Major John Armstrong & General Rutherford at Surray [sic Surry] Court House North Carolina, & at that time he was a resident of said County of Surray that he was with the Company stationed at Surray Court House aforesaid as a guard of the Magazine at that place – the tour was for 3 months and during the time it was said that the Tories were raising about the Mulberry fields on the Adkin [sic, Yadkin River] & he with others were marched from there after them but the Tories had fled & the Company returned back to the Magazine at the end of the 3 months he was discharged. Afterwards he was drafted & was again placed at the Magazine where he served 3 months and was discharged. He states that he was again drafted and taken to the same magazine as a Guard where he was detained a part of the tour of 3 months that the Company commanded by the same officers were marched on near to Sorceymores Mill [?] on Dutch Buffaloe Creek in Rowan County, same state where the Company joined the main Army & where they met General Rutherford. That the Company took down to the main Army ammunition. They then marched on towards General Gates Army about one day and night and took up camp on Long Creek where a man got killed by the falling of a tree on him – that himself and another soldier was left to bury the dead man which they done & started on in pursuit of the Army the next day & met the Company returning after delivering the Ammunition as they had said & that he then returned with the Company they having been discharged – That he got Discharges but does not know what has become of them.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Samuel Stidman, X his mark

[Stephen Codell gave a supporting affidavit based on his conversations with the veteran.]

[Daniel Duff, a clergyman and Jesse Bowling gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]