

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Spirus Standly (Stanley) S1726

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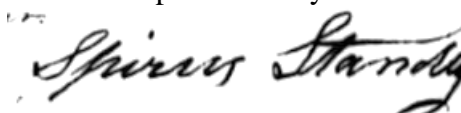
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State of Tennessee Shelby County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions October Term 1832

On this 19th day of October in the year of our Lord 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting, Spirus Standley, a resident of the County of Shelby and State of Tennessee, aged 69 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 July the 7th A.D. 1832. That he entered the service of the United States in the month of October 1778, as a volunteer in Captain David Jones Company of cavalry in Hanover County [sic, New Hanover County] in the State of North Carolina. That the commanding officer was General Lininton [sic, John Alexander Lillington]; Colonel Thomas Bledworth [sic, Thomas Blutworth] was an officer under General Lininton, That he continued in the service until the end of the war, in 1781. That he was in only one battle, which was fought at the Long Bridge with the British defeated General Lininton.<sup>1</sup> That he believes this battle was fought in March 1779, when he entered the service he lived 22 miles from Wilmington in Hanover County North Carolina. That he was confined during all the time he was in the service within the State of North Carolina, and chiefly engaged in keeping down the Tories, and in scouting expeditions against the British, in the Counties of Hanover, Duplin, Sampson, Onslow, and Bladen. That he was acquainted with General Roads, General Ashe, and many subordinate officers whose names he cannot recollect. U was under Colonel Jonas when General Rutherford & Colonel Washington came down with the mountain men, & piloted them to Clayton's plantation on Rocky Point. That he has no Documentary evidence of his service and that he knows of no person now living, who can testify to his service, Colonel Nixon died lately and was the only man that I know of who could have proven it.

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 or Territory whatever.

S/ Spirus Standly



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<sup>1</sup> This MAY be a reference to the engagement at Webber's Bridge August 17, 1781 between forces under Genl. Lillington and Major James Craig, but the date does not match the veteran statement.]

The Court then propounded to the said Spirus Stanley the following Questions, to which he made the following answers (to wit)

Question 1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Answer first. I was born on the 8th day of May in 1764, in Dobbs County North Carolina

Question 2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer 2nd. I still have my father's Bible containing a record of my age.

Question 3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer 3rd. In Hanover County North Carolina where I remained until 1818, I then moved to Georgia Green County remained one year, then to Alabama, remained 5 years, & then came to Shelby County West Tennessee where I now live.

Question 4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer 4th. I was a volunteer. Refer for particulars 2 (statement)

Question 5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer 5th. I cannot recollect the names of any more of the officers than those stated. I knew in addition to those above mentioned, Captain Larkins, Captain Lininton & Major Lininton. In the commencement of the war my father James Stanley was a recruiting officer & enlisted men to send to the North, who afterwards returned to Charleston and remained till the close of the War.

Question 6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer 6th. I received a discharge from Captain David Jones; I A long time and lost it, how or where I cannot tell. I did not think it would be of any service to me.

Question 7<sup>th</sup> 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 in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer 7th. Samuel R Brown & John K Balch.

Sworn to in open Court October 19 1832.

S/ Spirus Standly

S/ R Lawrence, Clerk

[Samuel R Brown & John K Balch gave the standard supporting affidavit. Brown is identified as the clerk of Shelby County Circuit Court and Balch as the Sheriff of Shelby County]

State of Tennessee Shelby County: Personally came before me William Williams an acting Justice of the peace in and for said County Spirus Stanley [sic], who made and oath the following amendment to his original declaration and supplement in the matter of his application for a Pension under an act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. The said spires Stanley having been duly and will legally sworn deposed and saith: That he commenced his service in the Revolutionary War as a volunteer, on the 11th of October 1778, in the manner and place, and under the officers before specified. That he was not required to perform short tours in particular services, and then discharge for a time, but his service was incessant without intermission from the time he entered until the time of his final discharge on the 27th of December 1781. That amongst his particular services were the battle of the Long bridge, Lininton commander, a skirmish with the British at Trenton when they attempted to march from Wilmington to New

Bern Caswell commander, his service in piloting General Rutherford to Clayton's plantation; and all the balance of the time he was engaged in guarding crossing places on North East River, Long Creek, and other great passes, and riding from one place to another watching the maneuvers of the British, and reporting day of to the different officers as required by his orders. That he was all the time under command of David Jones Captain of Cavalry and performed such duties as were required. That they were [indecipherable word] times required to press provision for Linenton's Army, and a great variety of services were performed which at this remote period he cannot recollect as his memory has failed in great degree. He is positive that the whole time he served is not less than 3 years and 2 1/2 months as before stated, for which he claims a pension. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23rd day of September 1833

S/ Spirus Standley

S/ William Williams, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]