

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Stewart S19106

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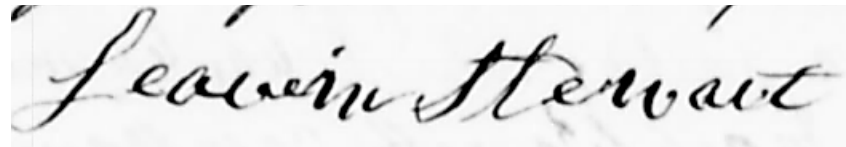
State of South Carolina District of Richland: SS

On this the 20th day of December 1852 personally appeared before me the undersigned Judge of the Court of Ordinary now sitting, & which is a Court of Record, in open court, Levin Stewart a resident of the district of Laurens in said State, aged fifty-six 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832: That he is the only living child & heir at law of John Stewart deceased who was a pensioner of the State of South Carolina and a resident of the District of Kershaw in this State & who is this deponent has been informed & verily believes entered the service of the United States in the war of the Revolution and served as follows viz. for more than eighteen months a part of which was ten months service in Captain Jacob Barnett's company of cavalry in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Henry Hampton in General Sumter's Brigade of State Troops: That deponent cannot give in detail the battles in which his said father John Stewart deceased was engaged or the Countries through which he marched as for about thirty-three years past he deponent, has been living in a different section from that in which his said father lived & consequently had not frequent opportunities since he has grown up of hearing him relate the history of his services: That in the year 1830 his said father was correctly a loud a pension by this State and continued in the receipt of the same at the rate of \$60 per annum until 1st March 1840 after which from bodily infirmity he did not receive his pay from the State and died about the 1st of November in the year 1842 in Kershaw District in this State. That deponent has no record showing exact date of his death but is enabled to arrive at the month & year by the date of the birth of a child of Mr. Lewis Perry a near neighbor of his said father & which is recorded. That said father said John Stewart had a wound which he said he had received in the Revolutionary War in the service of his country. That his said father left no widow & that this deponent is the only living child of said father. All of which will more fully appear by reference to the proofs herewith submitted to which attention is respectfully solicited. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid and deponent further swears that the reason why he has [not] prosecuted his claim sooner is the fact that he has only very lately been aware of his right thereto on the laws of the United States.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me as witness my hand & seal

S/ James L. Guignard, Judge

S/ Leavin Stewart



[p 6: Certificate dated March 3, 1854 from the South Carolina Comptroller General showing payments made to a John Stewart for service as a private in Barnett's troop H. Hamptons Regiment, Sumter's Brigade of State troops.]

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To the Honorable the Resident of the Sent & Members of the same. The petition of John Stewart sheweth. That by resolution of your Honorable body which was concurred in by the House of representatives his name was placed on the pension list – and that by mistake the name of James Stewart was substituted by resolution in 1828.

Your petitioner prays that his name may be restored to the pension list and the arrearages due him for the last year may be paid annual petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

S/ signed John Stewart, X his mark

South Carolina Kershaw District: The Petition of John Stewart respectfully sheweth that he served for more than eighteen months in the Revolutionary War in the service of the State of South Carolina; He was attached to Captain Jacob Barnet's Company of Cavalry, who belonged to Colonel Henry Hampton's Regiment: the petitioner also states that he is about the age of seventy-five; that poverty and the infirmities of age render it impossible for him to subsist without the Assistance of his Country: He trusts that the accompanying affidavits (marked a & B) will be game sufficient to establish his claim

S/ John Stewart, by another

Kershaw district October 1827

A

State of South Carolina Kershaw District: By Richard L Whitaker one of the Justices of the peace for said District personally appeared John Stewart of Kershaw District before me and after being duly sworn saith on his examination that the following is a true statement of all the property that he is worth viz., one gilt sow two old weeding hoes one axe, a few shoe tools and one old spinning wheel.

Sworn to before made this 5th December 1827

S/ John Stuart, X his mark

(B)

State of South Carolina Fairfield District: Personally appeared before me Samuel Duke one of the Justices assigned to keep the peace for the District aforesaid John Kelly¹ of said District and after being duly sworn saith that he the said John Kelly was personally acquainted with John Stewart in the South Carolina Troop of horse under Captain Jacob Barnett who belonged to Colonel Henry Hampton's Regiment & was acquainted & remembers perfectly well of seeing said John Stewart in the company that he was in himself and under the command of said officers & he saith also that the troop he was in suffered immensely & has no doubt but said services was

¹ [John Kelly R5845](#)

performed in the Revolutionary war & he believes said Stewart deserves some compensation for his services in that war.

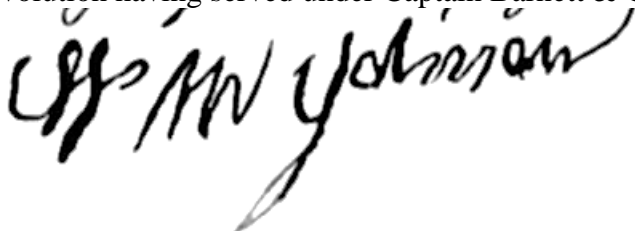
Sworn to before me this 21st November 1827.

S/ Samuel Duke, JP

S/ John Kelly, X his mark

[p 26: On February 28, 1854, Mrs. Rhoda Simmons of Richland District South Carolina testified that she is about 85 years old; that she was well acquainted with John Stewart, a young man in her neighborhood; that he married Mrs. Mary Johnson of the same neighborhood; that she was not present at their marriage but that they were reputed in the neighborhood and lived together as lawful husband and wife until the death of Mary Stuart which took place a few years before that of her husband; that John Stewart died about 11 years ago leaving Levin Stewart his only child and heir.]

[p 27: On February 28, 1854 in Richmond County South Carolina, William Johnson, 73, gave testimony that when he was about 10 years old his mother Mary Johnson married John Stewart; that his mother was then a widow; that John Stewart then resided in Fairfield District South Carolina; that John Stewart and his mother were married by the Reverend Ralph Jones a Baptist Minister; that of the children born to the marriage of his mother to John Stewart only Levin Stewart survives; that John Stewart was reputed in the neighborhood to have been a soldier in the revolution having served under Captain Barnett & Colonel Hampton.



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[Veteran's son and sole heir received his father's pension of \$41.66 per annum commencing October 4th, 1831 and ending October 31st 1842 for 10 months service of the veteran as a private in the South Carolina State Troops.]²

South Carolina Audited Accounts³ relating to John Stewart AA48
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 7388

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State of South Carolina

To John Stewart

Dr

For ten Months Duty Done in General Sumter's Brigade (commonly called State Troops) in
Colonel Henry Hampton's Regiment Captain Barnett's Company a private

² A power of attorney signed by Leavin Stewart is erroneously filed in the pension file of [John Stewart S7621](#).

³ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The "SC" file number shown on this transcript has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number.

I do Certify that the above named John Stuart's account is Just and true for the above Mentioned duty.

Fairfield County} Before me James Craig Esquire Personally appeared John Stuart and made Oath that he did Serve the above ten Months as a Private Soldier under the Aforesaid Officers and that he never has received any Pay for said Service.

Sworn to September 8th, 1785

S/ John Stewart, X his mark

Before

S/ James Craig, JP

September 8th 1785 – I have this Day Received from James Hoy [?] the full Amount of my Demand against the Publick for [text too faint to discern] I do Request the Honorable the Commissioners appointed to Settle said Accounts to Make my Pay to him the said James Hoy [Text too faint to discern]

September 8th 1785

S/ John Stewart, X his mark

Witness

S/ James Craig, JP

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To the Honorable the Speaker and other Members of the House of Representatives

The Humble petition of John Stewart humbly Sheweth

That your petitioner during the Revolutionary War was a private soldier in Captain Jacob Barnett's Corps of State Troops and under the command of Colonel [Lt. Col.] Henry Hampton. He saw much service and devoted himself to the great interest of his Country, in the active period of youth – and though he lived to see the cause of freedom gloriously triumphant, and witnessed the establishment of free institutions in his native land, he is compelled at an advanced age from the pressure of want to speak to his Country of his private distresses, and to solicit her liberal provision for the war worn soldiers.

Your petitioner prays that your Honorable body will take his case into consideration, and in reward of his labors in the times that tried the courage of the bravest, will be pleased to place him on the pension list, or extend to him such other relief as to your Honorable body may deem meet.⁴

And your petitioner Will pray

Kershaw District

26 November 1826

[no signature evident]

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State of South Carolina Fairfield District

Personally appeared before me John Kelley who being duly examined saith on his oath that in the old Revolutionary war in Captain Barnett's company commanded by Colonel Hampton in behalf and in defense of the United States he the said John Kelley was personally acquainted with the said John Stewart the above petitioner as a soldier under the above Captain

⁴ In Samuel Johnson's Dictionary of 1755, the first definition of the word "meet" he gives is "Fit; proper....". Johnson noted that even at that time the word "meet" was rarely so used. It must have become fairly popular in South Carolina in the early 1800's, however, as it appears in many petitions submitted to the SC Legislature.

Barnett.

Sworn to before me this 30th day of November 1826
S/ John Kelly, X his mark S/ Samuel Duke, JP

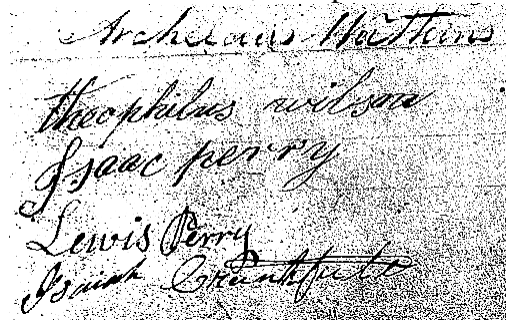
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To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives
Gentlemen

Whereas, John Stewart a respectable citizen of Kershaw District did in the time of the Revolutionary War serve a tower [tour] of duty in the South Carolina Troop, under Captain Jacob Barnett commanded by Colonel Hampton and whereas the said Stewart was at the same time wounded in the body, and we believe has never received any compensation for said service, and whereas also old age, misfortunes, penury and afflictions seem to be his present fate in the truest sense of the words; insomuch that we believe him to be entirely unable to procure a sustenance for himself & aged companion.

Therefore your petitioners beg leave to submit his case to you praying at the same time that you grant him a pension and alleviate his present distresses.

Archelaus Watkins, Theophilus Wilson, Isaac Perry, Lewis Perry Isaiah Crunkfield



Archelaus Watkins
Theophilus Wilson
Isaac Perry
Lewis Perry
Isaiah Crunkfield

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The Committee on pensions to whom was referred the petition of John Stewart praying for a pension Beg leave to Report

That they have considered the same and recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be not granted

December 1826

S/ John McComb, Chairman

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South Carolina Kershaw District}

The petition of John Stewart respectfully Sheweth that he served for more than 18 months in the Revolutionary war, in the Service of the State of South Carolina: He was attached to Captain Jacob Barnett's troop of Cavalry, who belonged to Colonel Henry Hampton's Regiment

The petitioner, also, states that he is about the age of 75; that poverty and the infirmities of age make it impossible for him to [undeciphered word] without the assistance of his Country; He trust that the accompanying affidavits (marched A & B) will be deemed sufficient to establish his claim

S/ Jon Stewart, by [undeciphered word]

Kershaw District
October 1827

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State of South Carolina Fairfield District }

Personally appeared before me Samuel Duke one of the Justices assigned to keep the peace for the District aforesaid, John Kelley of said District and after being duly sworn saith that he, said John Kelley was personally acquainted with John Stewart in the South Carolina Troop of horse under Captain Jacob Barnet who belonged to Colonel Henry Hampton's Regiment & was acquainted & remembers perfectly well of seeing said John Stewart in the Company that he was in himself and under the command of said Officers & he saith also that the troop he was in suffered immensely & has no doubt but said Stewart must have suffered equally with the rest, said services was performed in the Revolutionary War & he believes said Stewart deserves some Compensation for his services in that War.

Sworn before me this 21st November 1827

S/ Samuel Duke, JP

S/ John Kelley, X his mark

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State of South Carolina Kershaw District } By Richard L Whitaker one of the Justices of the Peace of said District

Personally appeared John Stewart of Kershaw District before me and after being duly sworn saith on his examination that the following is a true statement of all the property that he is worth Viz. one gilt sow, two old weeding hoes, one axe, a few shoe tools and one old spinning wheel

Sworn before me this 5th day December 1827

S/ Richard L Whitaker, JP

S/ John Stewart, X his mark

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To the Honorable the Speaker & other Members of the House of Representatives

The humble petition of Lebin Stewart of Laurens District respectfully Sheweth That his father John Stewart was a Revolutionary pensioner and died about last of November 1840. That his said father lived in Kershaw District & your petitioner lived there & since in Laurens District so that he did not make any record entry of the very day of his death, but is enabled to state the month & year from the date of birth of a near neighbor's child, that of Mr. Lewis Perry, which took place not long after his father's death. See the affidavit of Mr. Perry herewith. That his father who had been a wounded soldier was from bodily infirmity unable to attend to business the last two years & more of his life, and therefore did not receive his pension after first March 1840. Your petitioner was not until lately aware of his not having received his pension as your petitioner was living as before stated in Laurens District at the time – and his brother with whom said father lived not having survived his father the claim of arrears was not presented. Your petitioner is the only living child & he therefore prays your Honorable Body to allow him the arrears due as aforesaid & as in duty bound will ever pray.

S/ Lebin Stewart

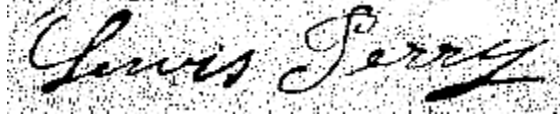
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lebin Stewart". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, textured background.

South Carolina Fairfield District }

Personally appeared before me Lewis Perry and made oath that he was acquainted with John Stewart and that he lived in Kershaw District and the said John Stewart Died about the last of November 1840 or 1st of December same year.

Sworn to this 19th September 1854

S/ Lewis Perry

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lewis Perry". The ink is dark and the background is a light, textured paper.

S/ Elijah H Jones, Magt.

I corroborate the above statement in every respect September 19th 1854

S/ Isaac Perry

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Isaac Perry". The ink is dark and the background is a light, textured paper.