

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Steuart S19474

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The Commonwealth of Virginia

Bath County to wit.

On this 12th day of November 1833 personally appeared before the Justices of the County court of said county now sitting in open court John Steuart aged seventy two years on 6 September last a resident of said County 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 the 7th 1832. That he was born on the 6 day of September in the year 1761 in the County of Augusta (now Bath [Highland after 1847]) in the state of Virginia That in January 1781 he was drafted as a private and served a three months tour of duty and marched from Augusta County down to Newcastle [New Castle, now Old Church] and crossed James River at Sandy point and joined the army and from thence marched to Suffolk and thence to Camp carson [near Portsmouth in Dismal Swamp] at which place he was stationed during the winter, and was frequently out on scouting parties. In the month of March he was marched down to Portsmouth and back to Camp Carson where he was discharged on the 10 of April and received no written discharge he was under the Command of Captain Thomas Hicklin, Lieutenant Joseph Givin [probably Joseph Given], and Ensign Thomas Wright who were under the Command of Colonel Sampson Mathews and Colonel William Bowyer. He further states that he was drafted in the year 1781 for three months tour and served out the same as a private. was marched from Augusta County down to Little York and was in the engagement at that place [Siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct] where he was wounded on the hand by the cut of a sword and remained there until Cornwallis's surrender was then discharged but received no written discharge. He is not in possession of any documentary evidence by which he can establish the fact of his services as above set forth That he does not know of any person now living by whom he could prove the same. That there is no Minister of the Gospel residing in his neighbourhood. That John McGloughlin [John McLaughlin, pension appliction W18494] and John Reade are his neighbors who will testify as to his character for veracity and their belief as to his services as a revolutionary soldier. That he has no record of his age. That 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

[signed] John Steuart