

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Stewart S21504

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State of North Carolina Montgomery County: SS

On this Eight day of April A.D. 1834 personally appeared before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions held for the County & State aforesaid In the Town of Lawrenceville John Stewart, a resident of the County and State aforesaid on the Age of sixty-nine 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 the 7th 1832.

That he volunteered in the Army of the United States In the State Troop Light Horse a private for a three month Tower [tour], In the fall season of 1780, under the command of Captain William Cage, who was commanded by Colonel John Litteral [John Luttrell] And we rendezvoused at a place called Litteral's Barrax [sic, Luttrell's Barracks] in Chatham County North Carolina about 10 miles northwest from Pittsborough [Pittsboro] and from there we rode & scoured the country all around about there, and made to out trips in that time in search of the Enemy, one of which was made to Salisbury North Carolina and the other was made to Masks feary [ferry] on the Peedee [Pedee] River in said State. But we he was in no Battle, at all, with the exception of that of accidentally following into the possession of a loan Captain of the Tories by the name of Guard whom we took & made him Prisoner, & sent him to Hillsboro North Carolina where he was taken chear [care] of as I suppose until he was lawfully Disposed of and which closes at present, so much of his first Tour.

(2nd Tour)

And the said John Stewart – upon the oath which he has already taken, further continues his Declaration for one other Tour of three months, a volunteer in the State Troop Light Horse and served as a private under Captain Joseph Rosser who was commanded by Colonel John Dudley, and which Tour of service commenced in the summer season 1781 the month & day in both the above mentioned tours not relected [recollected]. But at any rate this last service ended about the time of the surrender of Corn Wallis [Cornwallis] and his Army at Little York. We commenced our march for this last mentioned Service, at Pittsboro Chatham County North Carolina and road [rode] & scored [scoured] the Counties of Chatham, Orange & Moore for the full time, But was again in no engagement; at all.

And the said John Stewart on the oath which he has already taken, swears that he served both the above mentioned Tours fully, and punctually and obtained a Discharge for each Tour of

Service But has since either lost them both or mislaid them so that he cannot find either of them at present, and further the said Stuart saith not at present.

Interrogatories by the Court

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

Answer. In Chatham County in State of North Carolina and was born May 24th day a D 1762.

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

Answer. I have and it is at home in an old Bible

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. I living in Chatham County North Carolina at the time of the revolutionary war, and entered the service at that place, But in some 2 or 3 years thereafter, I migrated together with my family to Montgomery County North Carolina the place where I do 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. I was a volunteer in both my Tours.

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. I knew the same officers whom I served with and have already mentioned some of them in this Declaration (to wit) Colonel John Literal [Luttrell] who commanded the Regiment in my first tour, and Colonel John Dudley who commanded the Regiment where I served my 2nd and last Tour But as to Continental, or militia Regiments, I have no recollection at present what name or Number, that either of them – Regiments bore beyond that, I knew that I knew them to be a part of the Army of the United States and as to the general circumstances of my service I served both my tours punctually and faithfully as I have before mentioned in this Declaration.

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. I did one for each Tour, my first by Colonel John Litteral, my 2nd by Colonel John Dudley and has either lost them both, or mislaid them so that I cannot find it either of them.

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. Charles Morgan Senior, Edward Brewer Senior, Zachariah Morgan, Benjamin Bell, Senior, Colonel Hardy Morgan & the Honorable Edmond Deberry a part of which was well knowing to my Services, besides the other who can testify as to my Character.

And the applicant (the said John Stewart) hereby Relinquishes Every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any State or territory within the United States.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year first above written.

S/ John Stewart, X his mark

[fn p. 32: Littleton Harris & George Coggin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 33]

State of North Carolina Montgomery County: August the 8th day 1833

This day came Edward Brewer Senior<sup>1</sup> late of said County, and for many years past a

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<sup>1</sup> [Edward Brewer R1183](#)

Resident in the County of Randolph & State aforesaid

Before me Hardy Morgan one of the acting Justices of the peace for the County & State aforesaid and made oath according to law, upon the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, that he was & is yet well acquainted with John Stewart the present applicant for a pension and has known personally, the said John Stewart for upwards of sixty years past, and was well knowing to the said John Stewart's military services rendered in the Revolutionary War, and that he was also knowing to the said John Stewart's serving in the Revolution for two Tours three months each, as the said John Stewart hath set forth in his accompanying Declaration, and the said Brewer also swears that he was well acquainted with the commanding officers whom the said John Stewart hath set forth in his Declaration, and knows him the said Stewart to be correct in his Statement – on that point and moreover the said Brewer swears that in one of the three months tours set forth, that he the said Brewer served with said Stewart under the same Captain (Joseph Rosser) and was well knowing to the said Stewart's serving the other three months under Captain William Cage (both these Tours were served in the Light Horse) and further this deponent saith not.

Sworn & subscribed the day first above written.

S/ Edward Brewer, X his mark

[fn p. 11: On January 7, 1833 in Montgomery County North Carolina, Elizabeth Russell, sister of the applicant, gave a supporting affidavit as to his being out for 2 terms of 3 months each.]

[fn p. 12: On January 5, 1833 in Montgomery County North Carolina, Zachariah Morgan gave a supporting affidavit as to his recollection of the services of the veteran, he, Zachariah, being only 12 or 13 years old at the time.]

[fn p. 7: On July 28, 1838 in McNairy County, Tennessee, the veteran applied for a transfer of his pension benefit to the Tennessee agency stating that he had moved to Tennessee because "his children had removed to Tennessee and as he is very old and infirm, he moved here so that he might reside with his children so they may render him some assistance in his old age." Shadrach Stewart and Spencer Stuart gave testimony that he is the same man who formerly drew a pension in North Carolina – no relationship, if any, is shown.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$25 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia cavalry.]