

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lewis Stubbs S21999

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indcipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

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South Carolina Marlborough District } Fall Term 1832 Court of Common Pleas

On this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of October A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Court of common pleas now sitting, Lewis Stubbs a resident of the District of Marlborough & State aforesaid, aged \_\_, 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 was born in the year \_\_ in Marlborough District & State aforesaid that he has no record of his age except one kept by himself since he grew up which he has at home, That he was in Granville County North Carolina when he entered the service to which place he went when quite young on a visit whilst there, he substituted himself for a man whose name he has forgotten, which took place sometime in the fall of the year 1780. The Captain of his Company was named Jones Fuller of the militia. He went on with him to Hillsboro North Carolina, from thence to Salisbury & from thence to Haw River, where one General Davis [sic, William Lee Davidson] commanded the Americans were stationed there to prevent the British under Colonel Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton] [sic, Lord Cornwallis] from crossing the River. At one of two fords<sup>1</sup> on this River they were expected to cross & the American forces were so divided as to command each. This deponent was among others at the upper Ford but he does not recollect what officer had the command at that place. General Davis, commanded at the lower. Deponent with nine others was detached from the main body & placed on an island to keep a lookout, but had been there but a short time when they received orders to quit the island & joined the main body, as the British were crossing at the lower Ford. They hastened to the camp which they had left but found it deserted; they however took the trail pushed on and overtook them. The officer in command expecting an immediate attack formed his men in order for battle every mile in seven that he moved on through the rain it being a very rainy day. They however came at last to a Lane on the plantation of a widow Torrence,<sup>2</sup> & whilst the men were taking a drank of grog the British light horse came upon them & killed

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<sup>1</sup> Davidson actually posted forces at four fords of the Catawba River, namely: Beattie's Ford, Tuckaseegee Ford, Tool's Ford and Cowan's Ford. [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_cowans\\_ford.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cowans_ford.html) Beattie's Ford was located above Cowan's Ford. The men at Tuckaseegee Ford were commanded by Lt. Col. Joseph Winston. The action at Cowan's Ford occurred on February 1, 1781.

<sup>2</sup> Tarrant's Tavern [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_tarrants\\_tavern.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_tarrants_tavern.html) This action also took place on February 1, 1781.

Deponent: Lewis Stubbs also swears that he can neither read or write That his parents left no record of his age & that he speaks on that subject without having any certain evidence of it. He recollects that he was a young man nearly grown when he first went to Granville North Carolina. He does not know any one now alive with whose age he can compare his own & therefore can speak with no certainty on that point." ]

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or took prisoners all who remained in the road & did not take the fence to save themselves. The Americans were completely scattered & he did not come to the camp on the Yadkin until the next evening about sundown. Green's [Nathanael Greene's] & Morgan's [Daniel Morgan's] Army was crossing the River in great haste: he stepped into the flat for the purpose of crossing but was ordered out by a Continental officer but he hid himself among the men who were crowding in & got over. That night those who had not crossed were attacked by the British. Deponent went on within twelve miles of Roanoke North Carolina where the militia were sent home on furlough – the Army he left went on to Virginia, was reinforced & the militia being ordered out again, gathered together at Harrisburg, Granville County North Carolina. They went to Hillsboro North Carolina & joined the Army on Haw River not far from Salisbury within hearing of the British Drums. Deponent got a discharge at this place – came back to Marlborough District South Carolina & substituted himself for one William Stubbs & under the command of Captain Daniel Sparks joined Marion's [Francis Marion's] Camp in the Swamp on Santee River – here he was out two months pursuing the British & Tories. At one time they were attacked by the British light horse. Marion's men being protected by houses sustained no injury from the charge whilst the British retreated on the first attack with the loss of three men killed. One of these three whilst lying on his back in the agonies of death, lifted his sword against an American who was about putting an end to his life. Deponent told his fellow soldier to forbear, that the man was dying and just at that moment his arm dropped in death. Upon obtaining his discharge, <sup>he was drafted</sup> <sub>for one month when that expired</sub> he substituted himself again for one James Stubbs for one month & was under the command of Marion on both sides of Santee River harassing the British & Tories when an opportunity offered. When his time was out he received his discharge & substituted himself again for one William Wolden, served his time out (one month) & substituted himself another time for a person whose name he has forgotten (for one month). During all this time he was with Marion, he was generally engaged in hunting & harassing the Tories whenever he could hear of them. At one time Marion & his men were attacked by the British at Wambo [Wambaw]<sup>3</sup> Bridge in the Williamsburg District South Carolina. The Americans had to retreat & Marion himself was so closely pushed that had to swim his horse across the Creek to save his own life. After deponent received his discharge he returned to Marlborough, volunteered under Captain Hal Delona & Served with him 3 months in skirmishes with the Tories; in none of which does he recollect anything particularly worthy of notice. He has stated the names of all the officers with whom he served as far as his memory would allow; he cannot call to mind any particular Continental or militia Regiment & has already stated the general circumstances of his service as well as he could, the length of which he estimates at 12 months in actual service besides turning

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<sup>3</sup> C. Leon Harris notes: "I think it more likely that "Wambo" was meant to be Wambaw rather than Wadboo (which was in the Charlestown rather than Williamsburg Precinct). It's a little messed up, because Marion wasn't at the skirmish at Wambaw Bridge on 24 Feb 1782, but he was at the skirmish at Tidyman's Plantation on the following day, where, by some accounts he had to escape across the creek." See, [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_wambaw\\_bridge.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_wambaw_bridge.html) & [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_tidymans\\_plantation.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_tidymans_plantation.html)

out at home. He received a discharge from the service, thinks it was given him by General Marion, & has lost it. He is known to E. W. Jones, John McQueen, William Crosland, Hartwell Ayers, William Munnerlyn, John McCollum, Joshua David & many other gentlemen of respectability who can testify to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. He has no documentary evidence of it but thinks that John Haskew is now alive & is able to testify as to his services. He hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to a pension except the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any state.

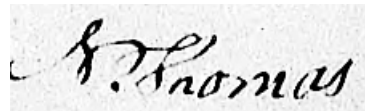
Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ B. J. Earle, Presiding Judge

S/Stubbs Stubbs, X his mark

Nathan Thomas Swears that he is seventy years of age that Lewis Stubbs who has signed the above declaration, was a fellow Soldier with him the said Thomas in the Revolutionary war & that his impression is that the said Stubbs whilst they were together in the war was older than the said Thomas. He cannot swear precisely to Stubbs' age, but from a comparison with his own thinks he must be 72 or 3 years old.

S/ N. Thomas

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "N. Thomas", written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Sworn to & signed before me October 2nd, 1832

S/ B. J. Earle, Presiding Judge

[Robert B Campbell & Campbell Stubbs, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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The State of South Carolina Marlborough District}

Personally appeared before me James E David a Justice of the Peace Lewis Stubbs who being duly sworn deposes and saith that by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his Service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below – in the following grades under the following officers & at the times stated.

In the year 1780 three months under Captain Jones Fuller, as a private in the militia – substituted for a man whose name he has forgotten.

In the year 1781 two months under Captain Daniel Sparks in Marion's camp on Santee River South Carolina one month for himself (drafted) & another for William Stubbs as a Substitute, in the militia.

Two months afterwards in the same year he was drafted again for one month & served under Captain Moses Pearson of the militia again in General Marion's camp – up, down and on both sides of Santee River.

When the tour of one month had expired without leaving the camps he substituted himself for James Stubbs & served one month under Captain Morris Murphy [Maurice Murphy] as a private in the year 1781.

At the expiration of that month he immediately substituted himself for William Wolden – served for him one month under Captain Daniel Sparks in Marion's camps as above stated.

In the same year (1781) under Captain Thomas Ellerbee, one month as a Substitute for a man whose name he has forgotten – This Service was in Marion's camps as above.

In the year 1782 three months under Captain Hal Delona, He had Quarters at Hicks plantation on Great Pedee River South Carolina – no field officer Detachment was stationed there to keep the Tories under. – He thinks that Colonel Lem Benton [Lt. Col. Lemuel Benton] commanded the Regiment of which Delona's Company was a part.

He further recollects that he served two months under Captain Henry Council in the year 1782 in Marlborough District, as a private in the militia Service – Lem Benton Col.

That in all these cases, he the said Lewis Stubbs served with an embodied Corps called into service as he believes by competent authority, that he was either in the field or in Garrison & for the time during which the service was performed he was not employed in any civil pursuit. He offers the above as an amendment to his declaration dated October 1<sup>st</sup> 1832.

S/ Lewis Stubbs, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for one-year service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>4</sup> relating to Lewis Stubbs  
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 7505

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No. 78

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July 21<sup>st</sup> 1785

Lewis Stubbs his Account of 36 days duty done as Private in the Militia at 10/Curry [old SC Currency] per day in 1782  
Amounting to £2/11.5 Stg [Sterling]

N. B. “not attested”

Ex<sup>d</sup>. J.H. S. J. M<sup>c</sup>. A.G. [ Executed [by] JHS [for] John McCall, Adjutant General]

[Note: a very faint (to wit, illegibly so) document which from experience I recognize as a direction from the veteran to the Commissioners of the SC Treasury to deliver his indent to someone other than himself but that someone else is totally illegible. The veteran signed this document with his mark and it is attested January 11, 1786]

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Rec'd 21<sup>st</sup> July 1785 full Satisfaction for the Within, in an Indnet No. 78 V by an Order Amotg.  
To £2.11.5

S/ [indecipherable] Thomas

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'J. M. Thomas', with a large, stylized initial 'J'.

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<sup>4</sup> 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 [ENTER ON-LINE RECORDS INDEX](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Individual" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

[p 4: Form of Indent No. 78 V]

[pp 5-6: reverse of the Indent]

This may Certify that I do hereby Assign my Right & Title to the within Indent to Mr. Daniel Sparks

S/ Lewis Stubbs, X his mark

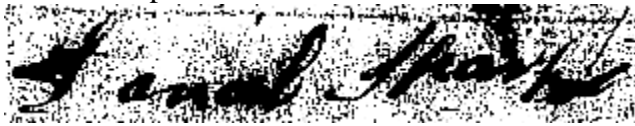
Signed Before me

This 25<sup>th</sup> March 1786

S/ Thos. Evans, JP

Received 14 June 1786 One Years Interest on the within Also full Satisfaction for the Principal by Discount on the Purchase of Land.

S/ Daniel Sparks

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Daniel Sparks", written in dark ink on a light background.