

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Stephen Underdown S30760

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State of Kentucky, Russell Circuit Court Fall Term 1832

On this 29th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court Before the Honorable John L. Bridges Sole Judge of said Court now sitting Stephen Underdown a resident of the County of Russell State of Kentucky aged 77 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 7th June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in the County of Caswell and the State of North Carolina as an enlisted Soldier in the month of September 1775 for six months under Captain Alfred Moore, Lieutenant L. Thompson, Ensign Moore he was marched to Hillsborough where he remained a few days, then was marched to Cross Creek where he remained a short time and then marched to Wilmington where a Captain Walker's Company joined them after staying there a few days he was marched to a place then called Barnett's Creek where they Built Barracks and remained there several months under the Command of Colonel Moore to whose Regiment he was attached at his arrival at Barnett's Creek While there he was at different times scouting about after the British and Tories, he was marched on from Barnett's Creek to Brunswick [County] from there to Fort Johnston and other places as scouts, having remained there some time was finally marched back to Wilmington, where he was honorably Discharged by his Colonel having served the full Term of six months being the Term for which he enlisted and returned home, he states that he has lost the discharge but does not know how, where or when unless it was taken from him by the Tories by whom he was afterwards plundered and believes they got it together with some other papers. He was soon after his return home married and moved to Rutherford County and was there drafted for three months then belonging to Captain Venzant's Company his wife at that time was in a situation which would not Justify his leaving her and in obedience to the law and [with] consent of his officers he hired Daniel Singleton as a substitute to whom he paid forty pounds which said substitute served out the full term of three months and as he informed me procured a discharge for this applicant but whether he ever received it from him or not does not recollect but if he ever received it the same is lost, this he states was in the year 1778, after this time by a vote adopted by the officers of the militia was classed and called out for short periods to guard a Fort called Earle's Fort and under this regulation he was called out for short periods and served at said Fort under different officers the precise number of tours he does not Recollect, but feels confident in this way he served more than one month for the last mentioned Services he took no written discharge but at each and every call faithfully Served out the full term of the Call and never left there until prevented.

He again in the month of April 1782 was drafted for three months still serving in Captain Venzant's Company and was again marched to Colonel Earle's Station and was under the command of said Earl [sic] and John Anderson Lieutenant under whom he was placed there being [illegible word] Captain and under said Anderson he was kept scouting and guarding the Fort and neighborhood for the

full term and by him Honorably discharged which discharge is herewith presented bearing date the 15th day of July 1782 he has no other Documentary Evidence of his services but the above discharge nor is there any person he can procure or whose Testimony he can procure to testify to his Service he states that he was born in the State of Virginia Caroline County on the 9th day of June 1755 according to the register furnished him in Early life which he believes Correct and which he now has at home he states that he remained in that County until he was 18 or 19 years of age when he moved to North Carolina first making a short stay in Granville County and then moving on to Caswell [County] where he lived as before stated until he moved to Rutherford [County] from Rutherford after the Close of the war he moved back to Caswell where he remained several years and moved from there to Burke County North Carolina where he remained until the year 1825 when he moved to and settled where he now lives. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. S/ Stephen Underdown

We James Browder a clergyman residing in Russell County and William Bradshaw residing in Adair County hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Stephen Underdown who has subscribed & sworn to the above declaration that we believe to be 77 years of age that he is reputed and Believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have Been a Soldier of the Revolution and that we concur in that opinion. Sworn to and subscribed to the day & year aforesaid.

S/ James Browder

S/ William Bradshaw

State of Kentucky, Russell County

Be it remembered that on the 22nd day of July 1833 personally came Before the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Russell aforesaid State of Kentucky Stephen Underdown a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged now 88 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath state that on the 29th day of October last past he made his declaration in the Honorable Circuit Court in and for the County of Russell & State of Kentucky for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832 to which original Declaration he offers this as an amendment he states that in addition to the Statements therein made and in exclamation thereof he states that he now well Recollects that in the year 1777 previous to the time he hired Daniel Singleton as stated in his former declaration that on the first of April 1777 he was then in the militia Company of Captain Jacob Vinzant Rutherford County State of North Carolina he states that he served at Colonel Earle's Fort during that year in the following manner and under the following regulations, to wit, that Captain Vinzant's men was classed and this affiant as well as all the others of the Company was by the Regulation Compelled to Serve at said Fort ten days and then stay at home ten days and so he was kept from the first of April 1777 until the first of December in the same year a period of eight months that Lieutenant John Anderson was mostly there with him but Colonel Earles was the Commander he states that in this way in that year he served at the aforesaid Fort under said Lieutenant Anderson & Colonel Earles at the least 12 tours of 10 days each making 120 days he further states that in the year[s] 1779, 1780 & 1781 he served in the same character and in the same way not less than 12 tours of 10 days each in each of the aforesaid three last mentioned years making in the three last mentioned years an actual service of 120 days in each year making in all the aforesaid tours in the four years to wit 1777 – 1779 – 1780 – 1781 twelve tours in each year of 10 days each 480 days. And all of which service was done and performed by this declarant as a drafted or Classed militia man in the service of the United States in the war of the Revolution and that said Service was performed with an embodied called into service by Competent authority that he was either in the field or in Garrison during the aforesaid several periods as above stated and for this time during which the services was performed he was not employed in any Civil Pursuits he states that in his former

declaration he stated in those short tours he served more than one month he meant more than one year but at that time he did not recollect the various transactions as well as he now does having meditated fully upon the subject and positively states that in the aforesaid four years he served as he has herein stated and for which he Claims a pension he further states that in the year 1778 in the year he hired Daniel Singleton as a Substitute for three months that during that year he was called out under the before mentioned regulations to go to said Earle's Fort at least six tours of 10 days each and that he faithfully served them and fully making a service in that year of six tours of 10 days each being 60 days which was also in the service of the United States in the war of the Revolution, he states that in 1775 he served six months as an enlisted Soldier in the years 1777 – 1778 – 1779 – 1780 – 1781 he served 540 days in the several tours heretofore stated and in the year 1782 he served three months as he has in his former declaration stated and for which he has a discharge hereto annexed bearing date July 15, 1782 and he again repeats that all the aforesaid service was rendered by him as a private Soldier in the United States service during the war of the Revolution and with an embodied corps called into service by Competent Authority and 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 the answers to the several interrogatories prescribed by the war department he states that he was born on the ninth day of June in the year 1755 in Caroline County State of Virginia according to the register furnished him by his father which he Believes to be true and which register he now has among his papers or at least a true copy of it he states that at about 18 or 19 years of age his father with this declarant moved to North Carolina made a short stay in Granville County and then moved to the County of Caswell where he lived when he served his first tour, he then moved to Rutherford County same state where he lived during the time he served the remainder of his tours and after the close of the war he moved back to Caswell County from there he moved to Burke County North Carolina where he resided until the year 1825, when he moved to and settled in the neighborhood where he now lives I have a copy of the record of my age, I enlisted the first tour of six months and all the others I was drafted or called out by being classed I never was a Substitute for any person, I received a discharge for my first tour signed by Colonel Moore which I have lost and for the last tour of three months I received a discharge from Lieutenant John Anderson which I hereto annexed for the other tours I received no written discharge I have named some of the officers in my original declaration Colonel Francis Nash was also with the troops where I served and several Captains. I am known to the Reverend James Browder and Col William Bradshaw who has certified for me in my original declaration, William James, William Perryman and Isaiah Bradshaw, John Perryman & many others all of whom and all others with whom I am acquainted I am Confident would certify to my character and veracity I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare my name is not or the agency of any States subscribed and Sworn to before me the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Stephen Underdown

S/ Saml. Collins, JP

[William Perryman, Isaiah Bradshaw and John Perryman gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Rutherford County

This is to Certify that Stephen Underdown has Served as a Soldier true and faith full three months under me at Col. Earl Station [sic, Earle's Station] and is hereby Discharged given under my hand this 15th day of July 1782.

S/ John Anderson, Let. [sic, Lieutenant]

State of Kentucky Warren County

On this 16th day of March 1837 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Asher W. Graham, Judge of the Warren Circuit Court now sitting, Stephen Underdown, a resident of Todd County Kentucky (and declares that he makes this application in Warren County because he is unable to procure a person to draw it for him in said County of Todd) aged 81 years on the 9th of June 1836,

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 enlisted in the Army of the United States in the fall of the year – either in the month of September or October – but his best impression is September, 1776 with Captain Alfred Moore and served in the Regiment of Colonel Moore – it's number not recollected certainly, but believes to be the 1st of the North Carolina Regular Troops – there belonged to the same Regiment, companies respectively commanded by Captains Walker, Dixon & Roan. There was a Major Clark likewise in the service at that time. Frank Nash was the Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment. He resided in Caswell County North Carolina at the time he entered the service. The company to which he was attached first rendezvoused at Hillsboro – from Hillsborough he marched to a place then called Cross Creek but now called Fayetteville Wilmington – thence to Barnet's Creek where the Regiment built Barracks & there continued until the Tories rose and commenced their ravages. A detachment was then sent to Brunswick & thence to Fort Johnson, to cut down the walls & dismantle the Fort. This was done without fighting – a little while after this the Tories “rose” and we were ordered to meet them & expected to do so on Cross Creek. They in the meanwhile left Cross Creek & marched towards Wilmington to assist the British to effect their Landing. As they were on this march they encountered Colonel Caswell at Buford's Bridge – where they fought and he defeated them. At this time we were trying to “head them” and came up immediately after the battle, on the same day – we were then marched back to Wilmington and there remained to prevent the landing of the British, until we were discharged – during the stay at Wilmington he was frequently marched down to Brunswick & back, more effectually to guard the coast. He was enlisted on this campaign for six months and served it as above stated. In answer to the questions directed to be propounded by the Court – He was born in Caroline County Virginia on the 9th of June 1755. The record of his age is lost. He was living in Caswell County N. C. when called into the service. -- he has principally resided in that state, until he removed to Kentucky where he now lives. He volunteered into this service. He refers to his foregoing statements as to the officers &c with whom he served. He received a discharge. He was robbed of it by the Tories during the war. They plundered his house. He is known to William Stainbridge, John Lawson, Mr. William Reese &c. he has heretofore procured a pension under the act of June 7th 1832 of military services rendered by him in the Militia, during the Revolution. He was instructed by the draftsman of his Declaration for that not rely on the Tour above narrated, because it was rendered in the Regular Service & he had no living witness by whom to prove it. He now claims and additional pension for this service, but cannot relinquish (or it would be unjust) is claimed heretofore granted to the pension aforesaid. His name is on the pension Roll, for the state of Kentucky – under the partial grant of pension for his militia service as aforesaid.

S/ Stephen Underdown

Warren Circuit Court 1837 personally

Sworn to and Open Court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jon Hobson, Clerk of the Warren Circuit Court