

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Jacob Stilwell (Stillwell) S31993

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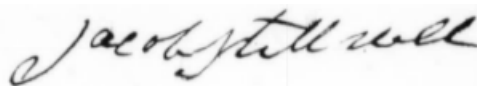
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Georgia, Henry County

For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of "An act for the relief of certain Surviving officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution," approved on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 1828 I Jacob Stillwell, of the County of Henry & State of Georgia do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution for and during the war and continued in its service until its termination; at which period I was a fifer in Captain Henry Dixon's Company and the First Regiment of the North Carolina all line, Commanded by Colonel Archibald Lytle. And I also declare that I afterwards received a certificate for \$80 to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress passed the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 1770 8 – And I further declare that I was not on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March 1828 on the Pension List of the United States.

S/ Jacob Stillwell



[John Barnhill and that Reuben Edwards gave a supporting affidavit as to the reputation in the neighborhood of his serving as a fifer during the revolution.]

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Revolutionary Claims

Treasury Department,

17 November 1828

Jacob Stilwell of \_\_\_ in the County of Henry in the State of Georgia has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that he enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued until its termination, at which period he was a fifer in Captain Dickson 's Company, in Col. Lytle's regiment of the N. Carolina line; and that he received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars, provided by the resolve of the 15th of May, 1778; and further, that he was not on the 15th of May, 1828, on the pension list of the United States, and that he has received as a pensioner since the 3rd of March, 1826, nothing

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records in his Office.

By order of the Secretary

S/ F. A. Dickins

Treasury Department,  
Third Auditor's Office,  
19th of November 1828

~~It appears by the records of this office, that a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars has been issued to \_\_\_ in the \_\_\_~~

It further appears that Jacob Stilwell is not now on the pension list of any agency, and has not been so since the 3rd March 1826—~~at the rate of \_\_\_ dollars per month.~~

The name of Jacob Stilwell cannot be found among those of the North Carolina line to whom Certificates for the gratuity of \$80 were issued.

S/ Peter Hagner, Aud.

War Department: Bounty land office  
12 May 1829

The records of this Office do not show that Jacob Stillwell of the No. Carolina line ever received or is entitled to bounty land of the United States.

S/ Robert Taylor

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State of Georgia, Troupe County

On this the Sevynth [7<sup>th</sup> ?] day of January in the year of our Lord 1833, personally appeared in open Court before Joel P. Newsom, David Evans, James Culberson and Cotton Rogers-- Justices of the Inferior Court now sitting: Jacob Stilwell, a resident of the County of Troupe and State of Georgia of 76 years of age, 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States and served as herein stated.

The deponent was born in the County of Bedford in the State of North Carolina [sic, Virginia?]; and removed at a very early age to Pittsylvania County in the State of Virginia, was born on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 1755. The Deponent has a Record of his age which was recorded by the Deponent's Father and by this Deponent Transcribed in his family Bible: and which is now in his possession: The Deponent was living in Caswell County North Carolina when he entered the service of the United States, that, after the close of the Revolutionary War he Situated [?] in Pittsylvania County in the State of Virginia from thence he [indecipherable words] to the County of Greene in the State of Georgia, from thence to the County of Jones: from thence to the County of Monroe, and from thence to the County of Troupe in the State last aforesaid where he now resides. I first entered the service of the United States under an enlistment in the first North Carolina Regiment and Marched to Wilmington in the State last mentioned under the command of Colonel Thaxton [James Thackston] (Major not recollected) Captain Henry Dixon first Lieutenant Tilmon Dixon [Tilghman Dixon] and was stationed at Wilmington near six months. The deponent's time of enlistment for six months having lapsed or expired the deponent then enlisted again for nine months, under the Command of the above named officers and marched from Caswell County in the State of North Carolina to Stono Point in the State of South Carolina, passing through the Counties of Guilford, Mecklenburg, Salisbury and crossed at the High Hills of the Saluda [sic, Santee?] to Stono Point: and there had an engagement with the British, the day and year of this Battle not Recollected; from thence we marched to Hillsborough North Carolina and there Rendezvoused a short time, and from thence he marched through Halifax County Virginia to Petersburg, Richmond & Fredericksburg Virginia and was there inoculated for the Small Pox and there remaining a short time: from thence he marched to Baltimore, from thence through Philadelphia in the State of Pennsylvania from thence to Trenton at the Head of the Delaware River;

and there remained a short time, and from thence he marched to Brandy Wym [Brandywine], where a Battle was fought, the day and year not Recollected, from the Battle of Brandy Wym he marched to the Battle of Germantown; and there winter quarters were taken, at Valley Forge, on the ScgyuKill [Schuylkill] River: During the time Captain Henry Dixon was promoted and Lieutenant Tilmon Dixon was promoted to Captain, the Deponent was then discharged upon Furlough, and he returned to Caswell County in the State of North Carolina under and in Company with Col. Henry Dixon – and in the Spring though he then Joined General Green's [sic, Nathanael Greene's] Army, marched as a volunteer from Caswell County North Carolina under the Command of a Virginia Militia Captain William Dix and Joined General Greene's Army just before the Battle of Guilford North Carolina, and was there during the engagement with the British: and after the Battle was over we Rallied at the Iron Works, Valley Ford Guilford County in the State of North Carolina and remained there but a few days, then marched through Salisbury and Mecklenburg Counties to the High Hills on the Santee River where we were stationed some months it was in the summer after the Battle of Guilford which was fought in the Spring, the particular day & year not recollected, from thence we marched to Charleston, and there remained two or three months, and Were the principal part of the time whilst there engaged in Building Breast works & Forts. The deponent was absent on Furlough to Hillsboro Orange County North Carolina when Charleston was taken by the British, and he returned and joined the Army again in South Carolina (the particular place not recollected) and marched to the Battle of Eutaw Springs, where a Battle was fought, and soon thereafter peace was Declared.

The Deponent says that he received a Discharge from the Service of the United States: (I do not recollect by whom it was signed) but believes that it was signed by Colonel Henry Dixon, which has been lost or destroyed.

I received a Commission as Fife Major which was also stated on my discharge, and I do not recollect by whom it was signed, the Commission was also lost or destroyed at the same time as my discharge. The Deponent saith that he served by virtue of his commission as Fife Major three years and a little upwards, he Served as stated above for the term of Seven years and a little upwards from the time he entered the Service until he was finally Discharged in the Settlements of the Eutaw Springs in the State of South Carolina. The Deponent saith that he has no Documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service.

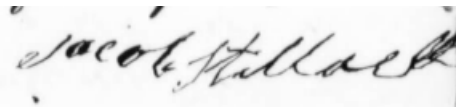
I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Sworn to in open Court

S/ Oliver P. Friars, Clk

S/ Jacob Stillwell



[Henry Perkins, a clergyman, and Daniel G. Robertson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Georgia Troup County: Personally appeared before me Willis J Whatley, a Justice of the peace of said County Jacob Stillwell a revolutionary Soldier whose declaration & application for a pension under the Laws of the United States has been returned for a want of precision in specifying the length of his Service & the grade in which he served, who being duly Sworn Saith that, his first time of service as he specified in the said declaration was for the period of six months: his Second term of service as is also Specified in said declaration was for nine months Except the time he was absent on furlough as is there mentioned, and that after the Expiration of the said Second term of Service, he enlisted for & served during the whole war, which fact was intended to be Stated in his said declaration when it is said "and in the Spring thereafter he joined General Green's Army &c." that the whole term of Service which the

applicant performed was Seven years, that during the first four years he served as a fifer, and that during the last three years he served as fife Major.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this the 13th day of April 1833.

S/ Jacob Stillwell

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$88 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a fifer in the North Carolina Continental line.]