

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Stewart S32534

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State of Georgia Heard County} On this Seventeenth day of December 1832 personally appeared in open Court before us Samuel Ward, Thomas Awbry & John Jean the Inferior Court of Heard County now sitting James Stewart a resident of Georgia in the County of Heard aged Sixty Eight years who being duly sworn according to law and order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress. He the said James Stewart on oath states that he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. The said Stewart entered the service in 1781 under the command of General Griffith Rutherford who was chief Commander and Colonel George Daverson [sic, George Davidson<sup>1</sup>], John Slone [Johnson Sloan] Captain of the company in which he the said Stewart served though he does not now recollect the day or month on which he entered into the Service, but knows that it was sometime in the early part of that year and remained in said service until the latter part of the same year when he was given liberty to return home though not finally dismissed, being subject to being recalled back at the discretion of the commanding Officers. The said James Stewart states that he resided in the State of North Carolina and in Roan [Rowan] County at the time that he was called into the service & that he was drafted to serve in the revolution war at Sixteen years of age, he was in no battles but was stationed frequently on the ferries to prevent or intercept the passage of the Tories. The said Stewart does not now distinctly recollect when he quit the service finally but was often in said service during the war. The said James Stewart is now old and infirm & could recollect many other facts but for his infirmity and old age.

S/ James Stewart, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 17th day of December 1832

[Signed by the above named judges]

Georgia Heard County} Personally appears in open Court before us Thomas Awbrey, Samuel Ward & Kennesaw G. Peddy & Cicero D Hudson Judges of said court of the County of Heard & State aforesaid James Stewart who after being sworn deposeseth & saith that in answer to the 5th question<sup>2</sup> propounded he states that he served as a common soldier on the best of his recollection

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<sup>1</sup> In his application for a new certificate, the veteran refers to this officer as Colonel William Davidson.

<sup>2</sup> The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

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

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

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where

from the middle of April until the middle of October being drafted to serve a tour of six months duty. This was in the year 1781. This was the only tour that he served. To the 7th question propounded he answers that he relinquishes every & all other claim or claims except the one under the provision of the act of June the 7th 1832.

Sworn to and subscribed before us this first day of August 1833

S/ James Stewart, X his mark

[signed by the above named judges]

[James T. Wafer and William Barkley, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum missing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

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do you now live?

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

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?

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.