

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Peter Stout S32541

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State of Indiana Clark County: Sct.

On this 27th day of April 1833, Personally appeared in Open Court before the Honorable John F Ross President Judge of Judge of the said Clark County Circuit Court, and John Carr and Samuel Prather Esquires his Associates, now sitting, Peter Stout, a resident of said County of Clark and State of Indiana, aged seventy-six years on the 3rd day of September next 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. He served as a volunteer under command of General Butler, as a Militia Officer, one year as a minute man, in the State of North Carolina against the Tories commencing in the month of June in the year of the Guilford battle in the County of Guilford and State of North Carolina; his Captain's name Thompson his first Lieutenant's name was William Hinson, his Colonel's name was John Lane, was not in any general engagements during that year, but was within hearing of the battle of Guilford his services consisted in reconnoitering the Country and was in several skirmishes with the Tories, his residence during that year was in the County of Orange in said State, the next Service he performed was about eight months service under General Lee, in the same State, during which last time, or tour the only remarkable act that was with performed, was, the taking and putting to death Stephen McPherson a Tory Captain, his Captain's name in this tour of service was ___ Gallasby [Gillespie] his next service was a tour of about eighteen months under the command of Captain Casby, under General Glascock in the Counties of Richmond & Chatham in the State of Georgia was in the battle of Savanna [Savannah] in the County of Chatham where the British troops took the town, and the Americans retook it, when the British retook it on the 3rd attempt the part of the Americans to retake said town of Savannah under the command of General Glascock, they were enabled to do so by the assistance of General McIntosh who came to their assistance with the men under his command General McIntosh was a French officer no other General engagements took place during the last

named tour of 18 months, had some skirmishes with the Tories but nothing took place in which he was engaged worthy of particular observation, during all the service aforesaid he served as a volunteer minute man as they were then called, on quitting the service he received a written discharge from General Glascock which he preserved until the year 1828, when it was consumed by fire in the burning of his house in the County of Washington and State of Indiana aforesaid. That in consequence of bad health performed no other service until after or about the close of the revolutionary war Except that he was in an engagement with the Cherokee & Creek Indians at South West Point between Clinch and Tennessee rivers where he received a severe wound in the left leg and a slight wound in the right arm from the bullets of the Enemy the officers were Major Evans, Captain John Crawford, 1st Lieutenant James Adair Ensign Thomas Bounds that the principal service he performed was the 3 first tours, to wit, one year as first aforesaid, 8 months as secondly above stated as aforesaid and 18 months as thirdly above stated as aforesaid making together 3 years and 4 months all which service he performed during the revolutionary struggle and previous to the treaty of peace between Great Britain and the United States. He has not named the particular years in which his services aforesaid were performed for the reason that he cannot distinctly recollect, that in performing the services as aforesaid, in the United States service he was at all times a volunteer minute Militia man and served in that character; that although he cannot distinctly recollect the particular years in which he performed his different tours of service as aforesaid he is perfectly certain that they were all performed within or rather between the years of the battle of Guilford, in North Carolina in the year 1782 except his last aforesaid services against the Indians that the greater part of his service was performed on horseback, that he lost during said service one valuable horse. That he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services, that there is no clergyman in the Neighborhood where he now resides with whom he is acquainted who can certify to his belief of his services for the reason that there is none in it, that he can prove by Richard Slider and Benedict Nugent Esquires 2 of his Neighbors their belief in the truth of his declaration, he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Peter Stout, X his mark

[Benedict Nugent, JP, and Richard Slider gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Indiana Clark County: Sct: Probate Court May Term 1835

On this 25th day of May 1835 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Willis Goodwin Sole Judge of said Court now sitting Peter Stout a resident of said County of Clark and State of Indiana, aged seventy-eight years in September next, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following Amendment to his former declaration made before the Clark County Circuit Court on the 27th day of April 1833. That the first service spoken of in his former declaration was in the year of a battle fought at Guilford called then the regulation battle¹ and some considerable time before the battle of Savannah in Georgia, that he volunteered in that year as a minute man. During the war to be always in readiness when his services should be needed that the first year service spoken of was served

¹ This appears to be a reference to the engagement known as the Battle of Alamance. If so, that engagement took place on May 16, 1771, obviously well before the commencement of the Revolutionary War. See, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Alamance

under three different calls and receiving three different discharges, one signed by General John Butler one by Colonel Love and one by Captain Thompson the next eight months was under two calls & served under Captain Gillaspie [Gillespie] he received two written discharges signed by Captain Gillaspie his General's name was Lee, his Colonel's name he does not recollect but recollects of one Joseph Hill having some command during that tour, That the last tour was under Captain Crosby and which service was performed in several different tours with very short intermissions said declarant having volunteered to serve at any and all times when called upon, during the last mentioned eighteen months he was frequently permitted to return home but received no written discharge until the expiration of said eighteen months which was signed by General Glasscock that he belonged to the horse at his services was performed at different times with very short intermissions that the whole of his service he served as a minute man and as a private and the whole of his service was performed previous to the close of the revolutionary war except his tour against the Cherokee & Creek Indians, that in consequence of old age and loss of memory he cannot state the periods, length and termination of any term of service but the time of his first becoming a minute man was in the year of the regulation battle at Guilford which was fought between the Whigs and Tories all in confusion, and was not long after the commencement of the revolution. That he is positive that in all, he was in actual service considerably more than two years, in which he was not employed in any civil pursuit, and for two years of such service he claims a pension, he further declares that he is very much disabled and unable to labor and that he is a very poor man with a wife who is old and infirm, that he removed from North Carolina to Georgia and from thence to the State of Indiana about twenty-three years ago that he now resides in Clark County Indiana that he was born on the 3rd day of September 1757 in the County of Chester in the State of Pennsylvania he here gives the names of Abednego Richardson, Alexander Morris and Loman Griswold three of his neighbors to whom he is well acquainted and who can testify [to] his character for truth and veracity and their belief of his being a soldier of the revolution.

Sworn and subscribed in open court this 25th day of May 1835

S/ Peter Stout, X his mark

[Abednego Richardson, Alexander Morris and Loman Griswold gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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