

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of David Stilwell S36816
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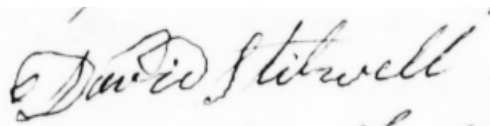
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The State of Indiana, Gibson County

Be it remembered that on the 27th day of June A.D. 1818 before me the Subscriber one of the Justices of the Gibson Circuit Court and State aforesaid personally came and appeared David Stilwell aged 63 years on the 29th of October next resident in said County of Gibson and State aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" and saith that he enlisted in Guilford County in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain John Summers of the first Regiment commanded by Col. Thomas Clark, that he enlisted in the month of May in the year 1777, and continued in the Service during the summer of 1781, when he was discharged from the service in the State of North Carolina at Halifax by Col. Clark. That he was in the following Battles "to wit" the battle at Monmouth in June 1778, and the Siege of Charleston in the year 1780, and that he was there taken prisoner by the English and remained a prisoner on board a prison ship till the summer of 1781 when he was exchanged at old Jamestown in Virginia and was marched from thence to Halifax in North Carolina and discharged by Col. Clark as before mentioned and he further saith that he received a wound in the hip in the battle of Charles town before he was taken prisoner and that he thinks he feels some inconvenience from the said wound and further states that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power to prove and substantiate his service as his discharge is not in his possession at this time.

S/ David Stilwell



Subscribed and sworn to the 27th day of June A.D. 1818
S/ Jesse Emmerson, {Seal}

In the Gibson Circuit Court October Term A.D. 1820, District of Indiana Gibson County

On this day the 17th day of October in the year of our Lord 1820, Personally appeared in open Court (it being a court of Record created by the Constitution and laws of the State) for the County & State aforesaid David Stilwell aged 65 years the 29th of this instant, resident within said district who

being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, to wit, That he enlisted as a regular soldier in the revolutionary war in May in the year of all Lord 1777 at Guilford courthouse North Carolina for the Term of three years under Captain Rolston [Robert Rolston] and immediately transferred to company commanded by Captain Summers [John Summers] of the first North Carolina Regiment commanded by Colonel Clark and continued in service until he was taken prisoner at Charleston South Carolina and May 1780 by general Clinton and remained a prisoner about 14 months and was exchanged at Old James town Virginia and then came on to Halifax North Carolina where he was discharged by Col. Clark and was in the following Battles, to wit, the Battle of Monmouth in New Jersey, the Battle of Charleston South Carolina where he was taken Prisoner and where he received a wound in the left hip.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of An Act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War," passed on the 18th day of March 1818; and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me Subscribed.

A Schedule of the property of David Stillwell as follows, to wit, one small pot, one cracked oven, one small skillet, 11 old your plates, two milk crocks, five small dirt bowls, one old Bible, one Testaments, one old Hymn book, one Presbyterian Confession of faith, one old churn, one candlestick and lamp and candle moulds, five old tin cups, one small Piggin, one old flat Iron, one old sive [sic], one pair Steelyards, five old chairs, two small dirt Jugs, one old saddle, one old flax wheel, one old cotton wheel, one table, two bottles, two old plows, two weeding hoes, an old pair drawling chains, three old clevises, two old axes, one fro and one Iron wedge, part of the old Irons of a waggon, two cows and calves, one Heifer & yearling, two horses, sixteen head of Hogs, Eighty acres of wood land, which I purchased in part from the pension money I have already received, five knives & forks, five spoons, one old broken hands saw, two small augers, one old matlock and I have \$134 & \$.50 of old Continental money which I received for my services as a soldier, and I have the following family living with me, to wit, my wife, Morning Stilwell aged 43 years who is entirely blind and has been for nearly 2 years, and the greater part of her time not able to get out of bed without help, also Osborn Stilwell 14 years of age, and my occupation is a farmer but not able to do hard labor in consequence of the wound I received in the Revolutionary War. And the date of my original declaration for the purposes of procuring a pension from the United States is dated the 27th day of June 1818 and a pension certificate granted me bearing date the 15th day of September 1819 numbered 14889 and further this deponent saith not.

S/ David Stilwell

And the Court after examination are of opinion that the property of the said David Stillwell is worth \$312.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 27, 1818 for 4 years service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]