

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Josiah Stafford S39091

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District of West Tennessee

On the 11th day of May 1818 Josiah Stafford of the County of Smith in the State of Tennessee came before me and claimed to be placed on the pension list of the United States in consequence of his Service in the revolutionary war, and after being duly sworn deposed and saith that he entered the service of the United States as a soldier in the minute service & served one year under the command of Captain John Garland, after the end of that service, that he enlisted as a soldier in Captain Abraham Sheppard's company for 3 years the said company belonged to the 10th North Carolina Regiment; which was afterwards deranged and put into the 1st & 2nd North Carolina Regiment that he served the said 3 years and was taken prisoner at Charlestown and never got a discharge. Further states that Captain Sheppard left the Service and that he served the 3 years under the command of Captain John Ingles. Further states that he is very poor and stands much in need of the aid of Government. That he is stricken with the Palsy for 14 years and that for the four last years he is entirely unable to labor will get about. That he never has had a pension or aid either from the United States or any of the State Governments.

Sworn to & subscribed for me the date above

S/ John McNairy, District Judge

S/ Josiah Stafford, S his mark

State of Tennessee Davidson County: Howell Tatum¹ maketh oath that he was an Officer in the 1st North Carolina Regiment in the Revolutionary War, that he knew the commanders and most of the Officers of the different regiments of that line, that he particularly knew Colonel Abraham Sheppard who commanded the 10th Regiment and his son Abraham a Captain of the same Regiment. He also knows that the said Regiment joined the main Army and the North Carolina Brigade at the Valley Forge in the spring of the year 1778, and that the Regiment was reduced under a new Arrangement of the Army about the 2nd of June in that year. And the now commissioned Officers and Soldiers transferred to the 1st & 2nd Regiment of that State mostly equally he knows nothing of Josiah Stafford he states himself to have served under Captain John Ingles but knew Captain John Ingles well and has no doubt that Stafford has stated his services correctly as this deponent has conversed with the said Stafford but a few days passed and heard

¹ [Howell Tatum R2027](#)

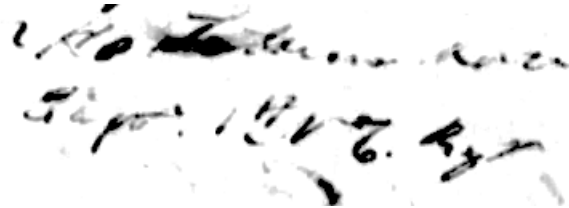
such a statement of his different marches in the Army when this deponent was in company and related so my newly facts which took place and could not have been known to a man not in the Army so as to relate so well in connection he states the facts in connection that took place on the North River and carries them on as far as Wilmington in North Carolina and from thence to Charlestown in South Carolina at which place he states himself to have been captured. As this deponent was in the whole of that route and has heard Stanford relate it so my newly and correctly he has no doubt but Stanford actually did serve the period mentioned in his Affidavit and is fully convinced that he did serve from the spring of the year 1778 until he was captured the 12th of May 1780.

And further this deponent saith not.

Sworn to & subscribed before me

S/ John McNairy

S/ Howell Tatum



Howell Tatum
Feb. 11, 1820

State of Tennessee

On this 10th day of February 1820 before me the Subscriber, one of the Circuit Judges of the State of Tennessee, for the 6th Judicial Circuit personally appeared Josiah Stafford, aged 63 years, resident in the County of Giles, in the circuit aforesaid who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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." That he the said Josiah Stafford enlisted for the term of three years, sometime in the month of July (the day of the month not recollected) in the year 1777 (to the best of his recollection) in what was at that time called Dobbs County, in the State of North Carolina, in the company commanded by Captain A. Shepherd of the Regiment commanded by Colonel A. Shepherd (Colonel & Captain reputed father and son – 10th Regiment) in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental establishment. That shortly after his enlistment, he was marched to Valley Forge, where he was transferred to a company commanded by Captain John Ingles, in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Harney. That he continued to serve in said Corps or in the service of the United States until he was taken prisoner by the British at the Siege of Charleston in South Carolina; from whom he made his escape in the month of July 1780 (his term of service having expired)-- returned home – That he never had any discharge in writing; but his conduct was approved by his officers, & payment for his services rendered. That he was in the Battle of Monmouth – at the Siege of Charleston, & in several inconsiderable skirmishes, and that he is in reduced Circumstances and stands in need of assistance of his Country for support = and that he has no other evidence now in his power (except the subjoined affidavit of Sarah Galtin) by which he could prove his said services.

Sworn to & declared before me the day & year aforesaid

S/ Alfred M. Harris, Judge

S/ Josiah Stafford, S his mark

[fn p. 5: Sarah Gatlin testified on February 14, 1820 saying that she is the sister of Josiah Stafford; that during the revolutionary war Josiah lived with her and her husband (William

Letterton [?]) who is now dead; that her brother enlisted himself as a regular soldier for 3 years.]

State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 12th of June 1820

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid do hereby certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the Revolutionary War, that Josiah Stafford a private in Captain Shepards Company of the 10th Regiment was mustered on the 5th of July 1777 for 3 years – nothing said of his discharge. Given & date above

S/ Wm Hill

State of Tennessee Giles County Court

On this 27th day of November 1820 personally appeared in open Court Josiah Stafford 863 who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 & first of May 1820. That the said Josiah Stafford enlisted for the term of 3 years the day of the month & year not recollected in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain Abraham Shepperd Junior in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Abraham Shepperd Senior in the line of said State of North Carolina on the Continental establishment that he continued in said Corps until removed into the company commanded by John Ingles in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Harney & continued to serve in said Corps until taken prisoner at Charlestown from whence he made his escape & returned home the term of his enlistment having expired consequently he has never [been] able to get a discharge. That he was in the battles of Charlestown, Moore's Creek & Monmouth & that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except the Testimony of Sarah Gatland who says that she is well acquainted with the applicant Josiah Stafford that she knows of his entering the revolutionary war but in what year & month she does not recollect that he continued in service for the space of 3 years at least he was gone that length of time.

S/ Sarah Gatland, X her mark

S/ Josiah Stafford, X his mark

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, he solemnly swears that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provision 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 he has not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed.

The aforesaid Josiah Stafford is by occupation a farmer who is by no means able to pursue his said occupation rendered so by reason of the Palsy. He has 3 children living with him one son Merrill aged 20 who is not rendered incapable of laboring by any impediment whatever one daughter Polly aged 18 who is capable of contributing a part of the support of the family one son Joel aged 12 years.

Schedule of Property belonging to the Applicant

Viz.

1 horse beast	\$30
1 hog	8
Total	

S Josiah Stafford, S his mark

The said Josiah Stafford further saith, that he has received a certificate for a pension under the Act of 1818, which he hath not now with him or he would refer to its date & number; but being advised that he cannot draw money as a pensioner under any certificate except such as is made in pursuance of the act of 1820, has made the foregoing declaration & proof – 27th November 1820

S Josiah Stafford, S his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing the May 11, 1818 for two-year service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]