

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Stewart S39097

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State of Tennessee Madison County: May Term of the Circuit 1825

On this 26 day of May 1825 personally appeared in Open Court, the same being a Court of record for the Circuit of the County of Madison now in his Session, William Stewart, aged seventy years resident in said County of Madison who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows, to wit, He enlisted shortly after the commencement of the war in the year 1775 or 76 the date not particularly remembered in Captain Jesse Crockett's [mistaken reference to Joseph Crockett?] Company in the Virginia line 7th Regiment, that it was previous to the Declaration of Independence on the 4th of July 1776, that he remained in said Company a short time and was then transferred to Captain Posey's [Thomas Posey's] Company in Morgan's [Daniel Morgan's] Regiment of Riflemen in which he remained until discharged about the close of the War, when he then a private received an honorable discharge in the usual manner and form, which has been lost or destroyed by time or accident, he served as well as he remembers between 6 and 7 years, he was in the battles at the taking of Burgoyne of Saratoga & White Plains besides a number of other battles and skirmishes of less note that he knows of no person by whom he can conveniently prove the fact of his having served as a soldier aforesaid and that he has never received any pension from Government. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 to wit one tract of land of the inferior quality lying in Hickman County containing about 200 acres, one mare and saddle

S/ William Stewart

And the said William Stewart further makes oath that his occupation is that of a farmer and that he has now become aged and infirm that he is unable any longer to pursue his occupation as such, that he has no family whatever and is unable to sell his land or rent it as aforesaid to afford him assistance in his support.

Sworn to & subscribed in Open Court the 26 May 1825

S/ Wm Harris, Clerk

S/ William Stewart, X his mark

[the court valued the property in the schedule at \$265]

State of Tennessee Madison County: Be it remembered that on this 29th day of July 1825

personally appeared before me John H Hyde an Acting Justice of the Peace for said County William Stewart an applicant to the General Government for a pension who being first sworn in due form of law maketh oath that since the 18th day of March 1818 he has not disposed of any property by sale or otherwise other than that which is hereinafter described to wit on the said 18th day of March 1818 he owned the tract of land which he now owns and which has been heretofore described in his former application or declaration, now on the files of the War Department.

One horse which he sold to Jacob Humble of Hickman County in this state for \$100 in money, two cows which he sold to a widow Steele [?] of said County for \$20, the horse he sold in the summer of 1822 and also the cows in the summer of the same year the precise time in either case he does not remember. This money he has disposed of in dribs [?] for his maintenance and support at many various times and to a great number of persons as he needed articles for that use until it has long since been expended and he is now unable to produce any other testimony of the application thereof as he knows if other than his own oath.

The reason why he did not apply at an earlier period, or rather why he did not apply with effect is as follows in the month of May 1820 he applied to judge Humphreys one of the Circuit Judges of this State who in the absence of the law on that subject furnished him with such a declaration and proceedings as both the Judge and said Stewart supposed would be sufficient which declaration was subscribed by him and sworn to by him before said Humphreys and the Clerk's Certificate of the Circuit Court of Hickman County being a County within the Judicial Circuit in which said Humphreys presided (he himself being a resident of Montgomery County within said Circuit) was procured. The above named declaration and proceedings were shortly after forwarded to the war Department but being informal and insufficient were sent back. Said Stewart became so much discouraged that he resolved to make out the best he could without making further application or being at anymore expense or trouble and should not now have renewed his application but for the increased infirmity of years and his extreme indigence – and regrets much the necessity he is now under to make this application.

S/ William Stewart, X his mark