

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Joel Stamper S3999

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State of North Carolina, County of Wilkes

On this 4th day of February 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of the County of Wilkes & State of North Carolina now sitting Joel Stamper a resident of the County of Wilkes & State of North Carolina aged Seventy seven years 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 was born in Amherst County, Virginia on the 17th day of May 1755 and continued to reside there until he was about twelve years of age when he removed with his father to Wilkes County North Carolina where he resided until he entered the Service of the United States as a volunteer in Captain Jesse Walton's company of minute men, and in about a week after he marched to Salisbury where he was stationed under General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] for three months, at the expiration of which time he was discharged and returned home. After being at home a short time they were again ordered out to go against the Tories, who had embodied themselves near Cross Creek or Fayetteville. They marched immediately to Shober's [?] or Dobson's Cross Roads [now known as Kernersville] near Salem where they joined General Rutherford and thence marched to Cross Creek or Fayetteville – but before they reached that place, the Tories had been suppressed and most of them killed and taken prisoners. The prisoners were brought to Cross Creek or Fayetteville and there remained until they were sent off to Virginia under the charge of a company of Light Horse. After the prisoners were sent off, the troops under General Rutherford were discharged and returned home, having been gone ~~about three~~ five months. After his return home, he was ordered out again in a few days under the same Captain to go in quest of the Tories in the forks of the Yadkin [River] – but the Tories having ascertained that they were about to be surrounded, made their escape to the British Army – the troops were then discharged and returned home – in this tour he was gone ~~about~~ three weeks – not long after this, intelligence was received by Colonel Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland] that, Col. Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] was advancing from South Carolina with a large body of British and Tories, upon the receipt of which this deponent was again ordered out by Colonel Cleveland and joined Colonel Campbell's [William Campbell's] Virginia Regiment near Krider's [sic, also spelled Crider's] fort in Burke County, and thence marched into the edge of South Carolina to the Cherokee Ford on Broad River – at which place all that portion of the Army that could procure horses were detached and went on to King's Mountain to Ferguson – this deponent being one of those who had no horse, and not being able to procure one, was left behind and did not reach the battle ground in time, the action being over and the troops on their return with the prisoners as far as to Walker's, about 25 miles on this side of the battle ground before the troops which had been left behind rejoined them – they then marched

with them to guard the prisoners, as far as Salem in North Carolina where this deponent with others received his discharge having been gone three months. This deponent further says that he served two short tours against the Tories on New River under the command of Captain John Morgan, in which they took one Tory and executed him – in these two expeditions, he was gone ~~about~~ one month – after which he returned home to Wilkes where he remained until the close of the war and where he has resided ever since. He further states that he has no documentary evidence to prove his service but refers to William Spicer,¹ Joseph Pruitt² & William Johnson³ as witnesses who can testify to his services. He further states that he never received any written discharge from service that he has any recollection of. He further refers to Captain John Williams & Captain Benjamin Hammons as persons to whom he is well known in his own neighborhood, and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services. He states that he has a record of his age in his Bible, from which the information was derived which is given in the commencement of this 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 the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed, the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Joel Stamper, X his mark

On the day and year aforesaid, personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of the County & State aforesaid now sitting, William Spicer, who being first duly sworn according to law, deposeth & saith that he served with Joel Stamper the above applicant during the following tours mentioned in the foregoing declaration to wit: the three months tour to Salisbury where they were stationed under General Rutherford – the two months tour to Cross Creek or Fayetteville against the Tories, and the tour down in the forks of the Yadkin also against the Tories – and further that the services set forth and specified in the foregoing declaration as having been performed by the said Joel Stamper (which come within the knowledge of this deponent) were performed by the said Joel Stamper.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ William Spicer, U his mark

On the day and year aforesaid, personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of the County & State aforesaid now sitting, Joseph Pruit, who being first duly sworn according to law, deposeth and saith that, he served with Joel Stamper during one of the tours of service of about 2 or 3 weeks mentioned in the foregoing declaration as having been performed against the Tories on the waters of the New River, in which one tour he was taken and executed – and further that the said tour of service as set forth and specified in the foregoing declaration was performed by the said Joel Stamper

Sworn & subscribed to the day & year aforesaid

S/ Joseph Pruit, X his mark

On the day and year aforesaid personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of the County & State aforesaid Captain William Johnson who being first duly sworn according to law, deposeth & saith that he served with Joel Stamper the above applicant during the term of service mentioned in the foregoing declaration to Kings Mountain,... [much text lined through and illegible] and that the said tour of service as set forth in the said declaration as having been performed by the said Joel Stamper, was performed by him.

1 [William Spicer S3962](#)

2 [Joseph Pruit \(Pruett, Prewitt\) R8506](#)

3 This may be a reference to this [William Johnson S8764](#)

Sworn & subscribed to the day & year aforesaid

William Johnson

[John Holloway Benjamin Hammons gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$32.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months & 21 days service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]