

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of James Steuart (Stewart) S6159

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The Commonwealth of Virginia

Bath county, to wit,

On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 1833 personally appeared before the justices of the county court of Bath in the state of Virginia now sitting in open court James Steuart aged about seventy six years a resident of this county and being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June the 7 1832. That he was born on the 2 January in the year 1757 in the county of Augusta (now Bath [Highland County since 1847]) in the state of Virginia, that he entered the service of Virginia as a private in the year 1778 or 1779 and was drafted for served a tour of three months to guard the frontier of Augusta County at Clover Lick fort [in present Pocahontas County WV] against the Indians, under the command of Captain Andrew Lockridge, he was discharged, but does not recollect receiving any written discharge. that in the year 1779 or 80 he was again drafted as aforesaid and served a tour of one month, to guard the frontier of Augusta county at Warwicks fort [in present Randolph County WV] against the Indians, under the command of Captain Thomas Hicklin, and was discharged but received no written discharge. And that he was again drafted as a private in the year 1781 and served a three months tour of duty against the British, was marched from Augusta County under the command of Captain Thomas Hicklin Lieutenant Joseph Givin [Joseph Given], and Ensign Thomas Wright [pension application S38479] who were under the command of Colonel Sampson Mathews and Colonel William Bowyer, down to Newcastle [now Old Church VA] crossed James River at Sandy point and next day joined the army — from thence we marched to Suffolk and thence to Camp Carson [in Dismal Swamp near Portsmouth], where he was stationed during the winter and where he took a prisoner — he was frequently in scouting parties and in the month of March, marched to Portsmouth and was there in a skirmish in which several prisoners were taken, and on the next day marched back to Camp Carson, where he was discharged but received no written discharge. He further states that in June 1781 he was again drafted as a private and served a tour of twenty days, he marched on horseback from Augusta County to James Town under the command of Captain Peter Hall and Colonel John McCreery, was in the battle at James Town [Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul 1781] and was then discharged, but received no written discharge. He further states that he served a tour of one month and ten days as a substitute for James Carlile [James Carlisle] in the year 1781. during that time he crossed and recrossed James River at Westham [8 mi upstream from Richmond] in pursuit of General Tarlton [sic: Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton] and was in the Counties of Chesterfield and Amelia and the town of Petersburg — he was discharged, but received no written discharge. He is not in possession of any Documentary evidence by which he can establish the fact of his services as above set forth. That he does not know any person now living by whom he could prove the same - that there is no minister of the Gospel residing in his neighbourhood. That John Sharp, John Carlyle William McClung are his neighbours who will testify as to his character for veracity and their belief as to his services as a revolutionary soldier. that he has no record of his age. And that 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 and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.