

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Thomas Steel S7603

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State of North Carolina, Chatham County

On this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September in the year of 1835, personally appeared at his own residence (he being too infirm to attend Court) Thomas Steel, a resident of the aforesaid County of Chatham, now in the 79th year of his age, 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 7, 1832:

That he entered in the Service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

1<sup>st</sup> Tour: That on or about the first day of July 1780, this Declarant was drafted in the United States Service for three months, the Company to which he was attached was under the Command of Captain Joseph Johnson, Lieutenant not remembered: -- Ambrose Ramsey was our Colonel: John Butler Brigadier General. We rendezvoused at Pittsboro Chatham Court House -- were marched to the South, crossed Deep River at Buffalo Ford, thence to General Caswell's camp -- and was put under Command of General Gates -- was in the engagement near Camden in August following when our troops were defeated & dispersed, rendezvoused at Hillsboro in Orange County, thence with General Butler to Randolph County & thence to Bell's Mill on Deep River, where my three months tour expired and I received a discharge from General Butler & returned home -- in this Declarant further says that in this Tour he was in a regularly organized Corps and called into Service by Legal authority.

2<sup>nd</sup> Tour This Declarant was drafted a Second time in the Service of the United States in the year following to wit 1781, for a three months tour, the precise day he does not remember, but thinks it was the first week in January 1781, the Company he fell to, was under the Command of Captain Edward Douglass -- Lieutenant not remembered -- we rendezvoused at Littrells Barracks [Col. John Luttrell's Barracks] in the aforesaid County of Chatham, thence was marched to the Town of Hillsboro in Orange County -- from Hillsboro we were marched to Harrisburg in Granville County, thence to High Rock on Haw River where we joined General Greene's Army -- was in the Battle near the Guilford Court House in months following -- thence to Reedy fork -- where we remained some time -- thence we marched in pursuit of Lord Cornwallis to Ramsey's Mills -- and while at this last station my three months tour expired and was marched to Luttrell's Barracks in this County, where I received a regular discharge from Colonel Littrell [sic, John Luttrell] & returned home, and this Declarant further says that in this

Tour he was in a regularly organized Corps in called into Service by, that Competent Authority.

3<sup>rd</sup> Tour This declarant volunteered in the Service of the United States for a three months tour, the time this tour commenced was about first of October 1781. Edward Douglass was Captain -- O'Neal was Colonel: William Cage was Major -- rendezvoused at Pittsboro -- Joined other Companies marched to Randolph County thence to Pedee [River] & crossed that River at Mask's Ferry -- thence to Anson Court House, thence to Waxhaw in South Carolina -- our object was to Suppress the Tories who had become very troublesome -- In this tour we took 7 or 8 Tories prisoners, had no engagement & the place where we took them not remembered, but this declarant thinks it was not far from Mask's Ferry -- the prisoners he thinks was sent to Hillsboro in Orange County, we were marched to Pittsboro and whilst there our three months tour expired & we returned home having served the United States and this Tour, three months -- and received a regular discharge on our Captain Edward Douglass.

And this Declarant further states that in this Tour of the Corps he was attached to, was a regularly organized one & called into Service by Competent authority, making in all Nine months, this Declarant Served the United States.

He was born in the State of Pennsylvania.

He has no record of his age -- But from the best information he can procure he was born in the month of March 1757.

That he was living in this County when called into the Service, and that he has been living here ever since.

That when called into the Service he was drafted & volunteered.

That he remembers Colonel Lytle, General Butler, General Caswell, DeKalb, General Rutherford, General Greene, General Gates, Colonel Luttrell, Colonel O'Neal, Major Cage & others.

That he received discharges from the Service from Butler, Colonel Luttrell & Captain Douglass.

That his discharges from the Army have long since been lost.

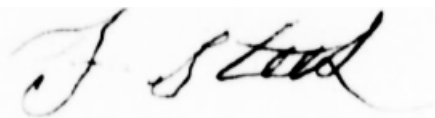
That he is known in his neighborhood to Colonel John Thompson, William Love & others --

That he has no documentary evidence of his Services -- and that he knows of no person living who can testify to his Services in the war except his Captain Joseph Johnson,<sup>1</sup> Moses Myrick,<sup>2</sup> William Paris.<sup>3</sup>

That there is no Clergyman living near to him -- that he is too infirm to attend Court to make 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.

S/ T. Steel



Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid, before me.

S/ Jacob Hadley, JP

[John Thompson & William Love gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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<sup>1</sup> [Joseph Johnson S7093](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Moses Myrick S9437](#)

<sup>3</sup> [William Paris W10222](#)

State of North Carolina, Chatham County

On this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September 1835, personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County of Chatham aforesaid, Moses Myrick a resident Citizen of the aforesaid County, now in the 79th year of his age, and an United States pensioner, who being first duly qualified maketh oath, that, sometime in the latter part of the year 1781, he performed a tour of duty in the United States in the militia as a Light horse man in the Company of Captain Dusk -- rendezvoused at the Barracks in this County and were ordered to the South on our march thither were joined by several other Companies of militia and amongst others was Captain Edward Douglass of this County: the Dragoons were sometimes in Company with the infantry -- and at times detached from them, while we were at Walker's Mills in Randolph County in this Tour, remembers of seeing Thomas Steel of this County now an applicant for a pension then a private in Captain Douglass' Company and, my impression is, said Steel served as he sits forth & was a good Whig

Sworn & subscribed the day & date first above written before me.

S/ John J. Mann, JP

S/ Moses Myrick



State of North Carolina, Chatham County

On this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September A.D. 1835 personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County of Chatham aforesaid, Joseph Johnson, a resident of the aforesaid County, (and an United States pensioner) now in the 82nd year of his age, who being first duly qualified maketh oath that in the Summer of 1780, (as a militia Captain) he marched a company of men from this County to the South, was under General Gates and was in the battle at Camden in August of that year (1780) and amongst the men that marched to the South under him in this tour which was a three months one was Thomas Steel of this County, who was in that under me, and a private in my company -- Mr Steel is now I understand an applicant for a pension.

And this deponent further says upon his said oath, that in the Spring of the year 1781, (that soon after the Guilford battle) he saw Captain Edward Douglass in the Service of the United States and has heard said Steel say he was in the Battle of Guilford Court house & has every reason to believe the said Steel was in that Tour as he sets forth under Captain Douglass: -- Sworn & subscribed before me the day & date first above written.

S/ Robert Faucett, JP

S/ Joseph Johnson



State of North Carolina, Orange County

On this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 1835, personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for Orange aforesaid, William Paris, a resident citizen of the aforesaid County, now in the 75th year of his age (and an United States pensioner) who being first duly qualified maketh oath that he was in the war of the Revolution, well acquainted with

Thomas Steel of Chatham County, that he well remembers of seeing said Steel in the Service of the United States, as a private in the militia -- and particularly in the winter or spring of the Guilford Battle, remembers of said Thomas being in the service in Captain Edward Douglass' Company of three months men -- and this deponent further says that he has always believed that said Steel to have been a good Soldier and to have Served as he states --

Sworn and subscribed the day and date first above written before me.

S/ Richard Thompson, JP

S/ William Paris, X his mark

State of North Carolina, Orange County

On this the 15th day of September 1835, personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, Hugh Currey,<sup>4</sup> a resident Citizen of the County of aforesaid now in the 77th year of his age who being first duly qualified maketh oath that in the Summer of 1780, he served a three months tour in the Militia and was in Gates defeat in August of 1780, and while in this Tour which was a three months one this deponent well remembers, that Thomas Steel, of Chatham County (now applying for a Pension) was in the said three months tour, and was one of my "messmates" the said Thomas Steel, has always been reputed a good Soldier in the War of the Revolution and a man of truth & veracity. Sworn & subscribed before me this 15th day of September 1835

S/ B. Cheek, JP [Burrows Cheek]

S/ Hugh Currey, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]