

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Larkin Stanard S7607

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Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832. State of Virginia - County of Spotsylvania to wit.

On this the 6th day of August 1833 personally appeared in open court, before the Justices of the County Court of Spotsylvania in open Court sitting, Larkin Stanard a resident of the said County of Spotsylvania in the State of Virginia aged seventy three 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States as a Cadet and in that capacity served under the following named officers, viz. Colo. Mordecai Buckner, Lt Colo Thomas Aylett and Major James Hendricks, afterwards as a private under Capt. Joseph Brock, and Capt. Thomas Bartlett, Capt — Winslow and Captain — Craig, and afterwards as purchasing commissary, under Commissary Richard Young as herein after more particularly set forth - to wit. He states that he entered the service of the United States on or about the first day of Jan'y 1776 to the best of his recollection and belief, and joined the 6th Virginia Regiment then under the command of Colo. Mordecai Buckner Lt Colo Thomas Aylett and Major James Hendricks - that the regiment at the time of his joining it lay about four miles below the City of Williamsburg in the State of Virginia, that he continued with the said regiment whilst it remained in Virginia and with the said regiment was marched to the North and was afterwards stationed at Amboy. he states that he passed through Fredericksburg in Va crossed the Potomac at Noland's ferry from thence to Trenton in New Jersey and from Trenton to Amboy - from thence he was ordered and marched with the said Regiment to Woodbridge near New York, where he remained a day or two only and was then ordered and marched back to Amboy where the regiment was stationed. He farther states that he was the oldest Cadet and was entitled to preferment in the event of a vacancy, and one occurring Colo. Buckner gave the appointment to his nephew [probably Samuel Buckner, promoted to Ensign 25 Aug 1776] a junior Cadet to him and others, in consequence whereof, he the said Stanard with several others left the said regiment and returned to Virginia and as well as he recollects this occurred early in December 1776. He farther states that during all this time he ranked as an officer and associated and messed with them, and that from the 1st of Jan'y 1776 to the 1st of Dec'r of the same year, being the period at which he entered and left the service of the United States as a Cadet, he was in actual service, and was not employed in any civil pursuit. He farther states that after his return to Virginia, he volunteered as a private in the County of Spotsylvania where he then resided, under Capt. Joseph Brock in the year 1777, but does not recollect the month or day, but states that it was in the spring of the year, and served under him a tour of two months and under him marched from Spotsylvania to Williamsburg passing through Hanover County by the Court House and was stationed at Williamsburg - after the expiration of the two months he returned to Spotsylvania and again in the spring of the year 1778, the day and month not recollected, volunteered for another tour of two months under Capt. Thomas Bartlett and was again marched to Williamsburg where he performed the tour. after performing that tour he returned home, and in the following year to wit in 1779 again volunteered for another tour of two months under Capt. Winslow and was again marched to Williamsburg and at the expiration of the two months was discharged. He states that he cannot recollect in what months this last service was rendered, but knows that it was early in the year. He farther states that shortly after his discharge from this last service, and in the same year, he again volunteered for two months Capt Craig and was again marched to Williamsburg when he served the tour for which he volunteered and was again discharged. He returned to Spotsylvania where he still resided and has ever since resided, but in the following year, to wit, in 1780 he was appointed purchasing Commissary by Richard Young in the month of August as well as he now recollects, and in that capacity served until December of the same year making a period of four months - thus serving in all, during the revolutionary war one year and eleven months during all of which time, he was in actual service and not employed in any civil pursuit. To

recapitulate - he states that as a Cadet he served eleven months - as a private and volunteer eight months, and as purchasing Commissary four months. He farther states that he has no documentary evidence of his service and that he knows of no one now alive except Colo Thomas Minor [pension application W5374] who is so infirm as to be unable to attend Court (and who has furnished him with the accompanying certificate) whose testimony he can obtain to prove his service. He farther states that the late Benjamin Alsop [S9269; died 1 Dec 1832] was well acquainted with his services as a Cadet, and during his lifetime gave him the annexed certificate marked A. He farther states that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot give more precise dates of entering and leaving the service, but is confident that he served for the several periods and in the several capacities set forth above and that he has been as particular in stating his several services and the periods of entering and leaving it as he conscientiously can and believes that he is rather under than over the mark. He farther states that there is no clergyman residing in his neighborhood, in consequence whereof he is unable to procure the testimony of one, who can speak as to the belief of his neighborhood touching his services during the Revolutionary War.

Questions propounded by the Court

Where and in what year were you born? Ans. I was born in the County of Spotsylvania in the State of Virginia, and in the month of May 1760

Ques. Have you any record of your age, and if so, where is it? Ans. I had, but do not know what has become of it, it is either lost or destroyed.

Ques. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now reside? Ans. I lived in the County of Spotsylvania in the State of Virginia when I first entered the service of the United States, resided there during the war, and have resided there ever since.

Ques. How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom? Ans. I have already stated that I first entered the service of the United States as a Cadet, afterwards as a volunteer and subsequently as purchasing Commissary.

State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such continental and militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

I have already given the names of the officers who were with the troops who I served and the general circumstances of my service & I have been as accurate and particular as I can be, to be accurate and certain. I well recollect however that the 5th Virginia Regiment lay at College Camp at the upper end of Williamsburg whilst the 6th Va. Regt. lay a few miles below that place in Jany 1776, and was ordered to march with the 6th Regt to the North, and that there was a meeting in the said regiment, in consequence of which, it was marched to York and there took shipping for the north and as well as my memory serves me was to be landed at the head of Elk [at present Elkton MD] I do not know what farther became of it it did not join the 6th whilst I remained with it.

Ques. Did you ever receive a commission as Cadet, and if so, by whom was it signed and what has become of it? Ans. I never did.

Ques. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service whilst acting as Cadet, afterwards as a private and subsequently as purchasing Commissary? Ans. I never received any written discharge as I have stated in my declaration I left the service as Cadet because of the partiality of my Commander and as a volunteer private I served out the several tours for which I volunteered and so as purchasing Commissary.

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution.

I would name Colo. Robert Crutchfield on of your Worships, Colo. Gulielmus Smith, Charles Beazley and James Beazley.

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 and subscribed to the day & year afsd

[signed] Larkin Stanard

I Benjamin Alsop of Spotsylvania County and State of Virg'a, Aged 74 years - do hereby Curtefy that Capt. Larkin Stanard [see note below], Joined the Sixth Virginia Ragment Early in the year 1776 as a Cadet and Continued with said Ragment as a Cadet until the month of November of the same year, when he left said Ragment. the 6th Virg'a Ragment was Commanded by Colo. Mordica Buckner, Lt. Colo. Thomas Aylet Mag'r James Hendricks

Witness my hand &c this 25 day of August 1832

[signed] Benj'n Alsop

I Thomas Minor of the County of Spotsylvania & State of Virginia being Eighty years of age, do Certify that I was acquainted with Larken Stanard before the Revolutionary War, during the War, and to the present time, that we were raised in four miles of each other, & we have always lived in the same County, that I know that the said Larken Stanard entered into & joined the Sixth Virginia Regiment commanded by Col Mordecai Buckner early in the year 1776 as a Cadet. The Regiment was then stationed near Williamsburg in Virginia, & soon after marched to the North, that the said Stanard went on to the North & continued in the said regiment untill some time in the Winter following, when he quited the Regiment in consequence of the commander shewing much partiality to a younger Cadet — I well know that the said Larken Stanard served several Tours of duty during the War, and was considered a brave & good soldier, a Cadet was always intitled to rank with the Officers — Given under my hand this 15th day of June 1833 —

[signed] Tho. Minor

State of Virginia - Spotsylvania County to wit

Larkin Stanard of the County aforesaid in the State afsd this day pers[onally] appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County afsd and [page damaged] oath to the following statement of facts by way of amendment and explanation of his Declaration made on the 6th of August 1833 (in open Court, by the Justices of the County Court of Spotsylvania in open Court setting,) which declaration was made in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress pas[sed] the 7 June 1832. That on or about the first day of Jany 1776 to the best of his recollection and belief, he tendered or volunteered his services to the United States, which was accepted, and that on that day he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer, and was called a Cadet. that the Ca[dets] performed the duties of a private whilst on duty, but off of duty, were entitled to privileges which were denied to privates - and that they messed [dined] with officers and were entitled to promotions, any vacancy occurring. he is wholly ignorant of the rank and pay of a Cadet, and indeed whether or not such a grade was recognized as a part of the Army. He states farther that from the 1st of Jany 1776 to some time early in the month of Dec'r. of the same year (when he left the service of the United States as mentioned in his declaration afsd,) he was in actual service doing the duty of a private, and was not employed in any civil pursuit. that immediately after leaving the service of the United States in Dec'r 1776 he returned to Virginia and rendered the several services mentioned in his said Declaration in the years 1777- 1778- 1779 & 1780- He farther states that by reason of great infirmity of body he is unable to attend Court, and is compelled to make this amendment and explanation at his own house and before the Justice of the peace who has kindly visited him to enable him to do so. He farther states that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot make any farther explanation touching the rank of a Cadet, and submits it to the War Department to say what pension he is entitled to, for the services thus rendered.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18 day of October 1833.

[signed] Larkin Stanard

NOTE: The title "Capt." may have been from service in the War of 1812.