

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edward Stuart (Stewart) S7817

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State of North Carolina Rowan County: SS

On this 11th day of April 1833 personally appeared in Court before the Judge of the Superior Court of Law for Rowan County now sitting the same being a Court of Record, Edward Stuart a Resident of said County 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 Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he was born in Amelia County in the State of Virginia and has no record of his age. That he entered the service of the United States in said County of Amelia in the month of June as he believes in the year 177? [last digit written over and illegible] – as a private Soldier, as a substitute for John Blankenship in the Company of Lewis Ford and Colonel Downman's [perhaps Raleigh or Rawleigh Downman]<sup>1</sup> Regiment under General Robert Lawson of the Virginia Militia for the term of three months and was stationed most of the time at Cabin Point on James River below Petersburg and marched up and down the River as the enemy advanced and retreated –

That in the same year shortly after his former or first trip he again went as a private Soldier, as a substitute for his father Littleberry Stuart for a term of three months and marched to the Barracks in Chesterfield [County] and was stationed there four months he does not recollect the immediate officers but believes General Lafayette was the commander in chief at Chesterfield.

That he enlisted in the Virginia State Legion in Captain Yerby's [?]<sup>2</sup> Company about the 1st of June 1780, Peter Robison Lieutenant, that he marched from Amelia County aforesaid toward Guilford but was for some time previous to marching stationed at a place called Gouges old field in said County on Nottoway River – that he was sick for some time and was left behind and did not overtake his company until shortly before the company was discharged – and they were discharged by Captain Yerby because he refused to march his company further than the state line of Virginia. This term of service continued the [indecipherable word] of nine months and the time of discharge was shortly before the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] which took place in March 1781.

Shortly after in the same year he enlisted for three years or during the war, that he was enrolled as a private Soldier by Colonel Samuel Sherwin in Captain Peter Randals [probably Peter Randolph's] Company and Colonel Meads Regiment and was stationed at Foreas [?] public

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<sup>1</sup> The War Dept. interpreted this name as "Bowman" but it clearly appears to me to have been "Downman."

<sup>2</sup> The War Dept. interpreted this name as "Yarby" and someone in that office has written the margin of a letter dated April 9, 1932, the following: "This is probably Capt Chas Yarbrough of Lee's Legion but Mrs Finch said we could not so state & to use what not said."

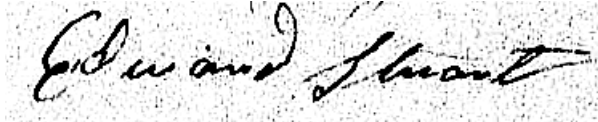
House in Chesterfield, and afterwards marched to Glaster or Gloster [Gloucester] side of the River at Yorktown in Virginia after the siege commenced and continued there until the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781]. That in this last tour he was in the Cavalry and was discharged shortly after the capture of Cornwallis. That in this last tour he served six months.

That he was there crippled [?] in his shoulder by a fall from his horse by which he is now partially disabled, that no clergyman lives near him that is acquainted with him whose certificate he can procure, that he lives at 20 miles distance from the courthouse and his neighborhood is only visited by itinerant clergymen – that he had a written discharge, but has lost it and has no documentary evidence whatever of his military service. That he removed to Rowan County in North Carolina about 40 years ago where he has resided ever since. 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 to his knowledge. That there is no person now living whose testimony he can procure as to his actual services.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day & year aforesaid

S/ Hy Giles

S/ Edward Stuart

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward Stuart". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

[Nathaniel Markland, Samuel Jones, Joseph Hanes and Aquilla Cheshier gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$82.50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the infantry for 21 months in the Virginia service.]