

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Stewart S7619

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State of North Carolina Iredell County} Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term 1832

On this twentieth day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court, before Ja. Campbell, Wm McFeat & Wm. F. Cowan the Court of Iredell County now sitting John Stewart a resident of the County of Iredell and State of North Carolina, aged seventy-six 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

That applicant saith That Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] was Brigadier General at the time he entered the Service and was his commander. That Francis Locke was Colonel and that James Pervins [James Purviance] was his Captain, that he cannot recollect the year or month in which he entered the service, and during his first campaign he was not engaged in any battles – that he lived in the County of Rowan and State of North Carolina, that he served during this campaign more than three months. That he marched through the Country which now constitutes Montgomery County, that he marched thence to Cross Creek where they dispersed the Tories now the site of Fayetteville North Carolina. This Applicant further saith that he served at another time three months under the officers above mentioned, & that at this time he lived in the County of Rowan and State of North Carolina and that he marched through Salisbury and thence on to Cross Creek against the Tories now Fayetteville in the State of North Carolina, that he does not recollect nor is he able to ascertain the time when he entered this Campaign nor does he recollect when he left the service, and that during this second Campaign He was not engaged in any battles – This Applicant further saith that he served another Campaign under the officers above mentioned, that he served three months, that he entered the service this time in September 1781. That he marched from Salisbury, thence on to Wilmington in the State of North Carolina, And that he left the service in November 1781 and that he never had any written discharge, but that when they were dismissed from the service, General Rutherford offered as many of the Soldiers who remain one half bushel of salt, this Applicant for saith that he has no documentary evidence of his services whatever. That he was drafted in this latter campaign and that he served about three months – This Applicant further saith that he volunteered to fight the Cherokee Indians and that he left home in August 1776 and that he returned sometime in November of that year, that at the time of his volunteering he lived in the County of Rowan North Carolina. That General Rutherford was the commander, that Francis Locke was the Colonel and that Purvins was the Captain. And that he was not concerned in any battles with the Indians. This Applicant further

saith that he served another campaign in the year he does not recollect. That General Davidson [William Lee Davidson] was then commander & Captain Thomas Morrison the other officer under whom he served – that he was in present in the engagement in which General Davidson was killed [February 1, 1781 at Cowan's Ford], and that he served about 6 weeks at that time, that he volunteered and that he cannot tell with accuracy the year in which he was dismissed nor the month, that at this time as at all other times at which your applicant was called on to render service he was an inhabitant of the County of Rowan and State of North Carolina –

1st Where and in what year were you born?

I was born in Virginia and Augusta County and I am now about 76 years old

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

I have none

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

I lived then in the County of Rowan State of North Carolina & have lived ever since the revolution in Iredell County North Carolina which County at the time of the Revolution was a part of Rowan in

[4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?]

Answer 4th

I was sometimes drafted and sometimes volunteered as will more fully appear by reference to my declaration above –

[5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.]

5th answer

I cannot state any of the names of the regular officers, I can recollect none but the militia officers under whom I served whose names I have given –

[6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?]

6th Answer

I never received a discharge from the service in writing

[7th 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 in your services as a soldier in the revolution.]

7th answer

Captain William Feimster and Jeremiah Scroggs all persons that I am well acquainted [with].

S/ John Stewart, X his mark

Sworn & subscribed in open Court the day above written.

A. Simonton, Clerk

[A. Simonton and Jeremiah Scroggs gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[William Feimster¹ and Jeremiah Scroggs² gave the standard supporting affidavit. "William Feimster further certifies that the War of the revolution he was in the service with this applicant and that he believes that applicant rendered all the Service herein stated. Jeremiah Scroggs also

¹ [William Feimster W1745](#)

² [Jeremiah Scroggs S7455](#)

states on oath that he served in most of the Campaigns as mentioned by this applicant.

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North Carolina Iredell County

Personally appeared before the undersigned a justice of the Peace of the County & State aforesaid John Stewart who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of time which he served; but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades –

For nine months under the officers and at the periods mentioned in this your applicant's declaration. I served as a private being drafted during these 9 months – And for 4 months and a half I served as a private under the officers and at the periods mentioned in your applicant's declaration which is herewith returned as a volunteer in the horse and for such service I claim a pension.

This applicant saith that there is no clergyman whose evidence or affidavit he can procure as to his services in the Revolutionary war.

This applicant hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency in any State or if any on that of the State of North Carolina. The department will see from an inspection of the papers & declaration and that there are 2 sets of certificates and affidavits, which the applicant procured out of abundant caution.

He says that his first Service was at the commencement of the war and that his last tour was at the close thereof, that the several Campaigns in which he served he cannot set forth more particularly than he hath done that time in which he performed those Services.

Sworn & subscribed the 27th day of May 1833

S/ John Stewart, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$45 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 13 ½ months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]