

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Stewart (Steurt) S7620

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State of North Carolina Guilford County } SS

On this sixth day of October 1832 Personally appeared before me Robert C Rankin one of the acting justices in & for the County of Guilford & State above named James Stuart [sic] a resident of the State of North Carolina & in the County of Guilford aged about Seventy two or 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 June 7th, 1832. That he turned out as a volunteer under Captain Thomas Flack and James Campbell Lieutenant Francis Locke [sic, Francis Locke] Colonel and set forward to subdue the Scotch and marched as far as Cambleton [sic, Campbell town] now embraced in Fayette [sic, Fayetteville] North Carolina when met by Colonel Caswell [Richard Caswell] who was commandant at the defeat of the Scotch [Battle of Boards Creek Bridge, February 27th, 1776] ¹ by whom we were sent home, the date and length of service now forgot. That he next enlisted a Tour of three months to the aid of South Carolina, John Pacely [sic, John Paisley] Colonel, Robert Bell Captain and Robert Curry Lieutenant, Individual self first Sergeant and marched through Martinsville, Salisbury, Charlotte, Camden and after passing Camden was met by a Continental officer and sent back and stationed near Camden and there remained further service was not demanded until the three months expired. This took place shortly after the Cherokee expedition [August 1 to November 1, 1776] ² date not recollected. He was also a volunteer under the command of James Frost Captain, Jonas Frost Lieutenant and James Lay Ensign and himself first Sergeant and marched through Martinsville and Salisbury and from thence was sent by Captain Frost to General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] for orders how and where to proceed who ordered us home and to wait for further orders. The date and length of this service not remembered. That he next was a substitute for John Ore [sic, John Orr?] Served a Tour of Five months in the capacity of first Sergeant under Colonel John Pacey, Captain John Donnell, Lieutenant not remembered, and marched through Salisbury, Camden and from thence to Purisburgh [Purrysburg] and there volunteered in a Regiment of Infantry under Colonel Archibald Lille [sic, Archibald Lytle], Captain Shepherd [James Shepherd] and marched from Purisburgh to Augusta, thence towards Savannah to Briar Creek some sixty or eighty miles

¹ https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_moores_creek.html

² https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cherokee_expedition_1776.html

where it took at surprise and defeated [Battle of Briar Creek, March 3, 1779]³ by the British thence crossed Savannah River and stationed at the Two Sisters Ferry until our term expired, to the best recollection of this Applicant this tour of service took place in the latter end of the year 1778 and expired early in the year 1779. The defeat of General Ash [sic, John Ashe] took place third of March '79 agreeably to best recollection.

That he next volunteered his service and furnished his horse and served a Tour of six weeks, which service of self & horse was then considered and agreed to be equivalent to a three months Tour on foot which service was rendered in behalf of John Work who was then a drafted man, for the term of three months. That he went under the command of Captain Thomas Archer through Salisbury and into South Carolina and joined General Morgan's [Daniel Morgan's] Forces near Pacolet [River], and advanced with his Forces to or near the Cowpens and fought in that memorable Battle, Tarleton's defeat, on 17th day of January 1781.⁴

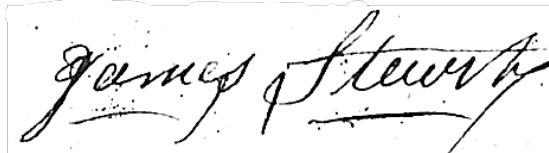
That he next volunteered his service for the space of three months to the aid of South Carolina under the command of Captain Robert Bell, Lieutenant Robert Curry, Ensign George Nicks [?], self first Sergt. and advanced to the state line. Insign Nicks bring what was then called a Ticket man, refused to cross the State line and returned. This applicant was then advanced to the place of Ensign, and marched to Camden, Joined Colonel De Malmada [Francis de Malmedy, Marquis of Bretagne] and our Lieutenant Curry left us, this applicant was advanced to the then vacant office. Here Captain Bell was advanced to Major and this applicant was advanced to Captain but remained uncommissioned. General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] then on his march from the high Hills of Santee fell in with us and we advanced to the Eutaw Springs and fought in that memorable Battle early in September 1781 [September 8, 1781].⁵ That he was also in another small tour down Deep River in pursuit of the Tories and passed as low as Coxes Mills [Cox's Mills] the time of this Tour not recollected. That he recollects of Fourteen months service at four tours, besides several other tours which he cannot distinctly recollect the date of the year or term of time of such service as set forth in the foregoing declaration.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any cat state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ R. C. Rankin, JP

S/ James Steurt



[James Chilcutt, a clergyman, and William Maxwell gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Interrogatory No. 1st Where and in what year were you born?

A. I was born in Pennsylvania Chester County

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

A. I have none

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the

³ <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>

⁴ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_cowpens.html

⁵ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html him

Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

A. I was living in Randolph County when called into service (now Guilford) and have lived in Guilford ever since

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

A. I was a volunteer in all cases of service as set forth in the foregoing declaration except a Tour of five months as set forth in behalf of John Ore

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.

A. In the foregoing detail I have given to my best recollection the names of the Continental officers as well as of the militia Regiments

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

A. If I received any discharge I have forgotten it I have made a search and found none

Q. Did you ever receive a commission and if so by whom was it signed, and what has become of it?

A. I never received any commission though advanced as high as Captain all of which took place in a short space of time our being urged onward to the Eutaw battle my time nearly expired I refused to accept a commission.

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.

A. William Mooney⁶ was a soldier with me in the Eutaw battle who has been acquainted with me ever since. Joseph Denny⁷ was also with me the Tours particularly to the Eutaw Battle, also Robert Thompson, William Maxwell & John Daugherty have been for many early acquainted with me both before and since the revolution and lived immediately in my neighborhood

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William Mooney personally came before me the subscribing Magistrate in and for the County of Guilford and on this 6th day of October 1832 made oath that he was acquainted with James Stuart before the revolutionary war, and have reason to believe that he fought in the Battle at the Eutaw Springs, that he saw him in the Army the evening before the Battle and saw him again in a few minutes after the Battle and spoke to him and have reason to believe he aided in keeping the prisoners taken on that occasion and in conducting them within fifteen miles of Salisbury North Carolina.

S/ William Mooney, X his mark

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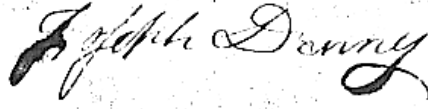
Joseph Denny personally came before me and maketh oath that he was present at Salisbury and saw James Stuart and states he personally knows of said Stuart's Service rendered in a tour under Captain James Frost, Lieutenant Jonas Frost, Ensign James Lay, also the Tour down Deep River as low as Coxes Mills and that he also is acquainted with the service of the said Stuart throughout a Tour during which the Eutaw Battle was fought, that he himself was a soldier and

⁶ [William Mooney S41885](#)

⁷ [Joseph Denny S8323](#)

served in the same Tours with him.

S/ Joseph Denny

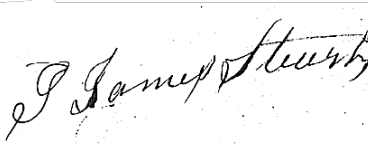
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Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Guilford in the State of North Carolina James Stuart who being duly sworn deposed and saith That by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served in not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades. For the term of Eleven months made up of three tours as set forth in the foregoing declaration as first Sergeant made up in three tours and I served three months part of the time as first Sergeant, part as Ensign, part as Lieutenant and part as Captain but was not commissioned and although I thus served I cannot recollect what portion of the three months I served in either of the grades above named but if my indefinite answer to the time of service in such grades is objectionable I am willing the time be considered as a private soldier. In the other tours of service rendered by me as set forth in the body of my declaration I traveled not less than Four hundred forty two Miles but cannot recollect how long nor any more particulars relative to the dates of service and am therefore willing and content to make no calculation of time for them. During the time of the Fourteen months above named I served with an embodied Corps called into service by competent authority I was either in the field or Garrison during said Fourteen months at least and not employed in any civil pursuit and for such service I claim a pension.

Sworn to before me 25th May A.D. 1833

S/ I James Steurt

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Steurt". The signature is enclosed in a rectangular box.

S/ Robert C Rankin, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$46.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 14 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]