

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Stewart S7621

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The State of South Carolina Darlington District }

On this fifteenth day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before me Baylis J Earle Judge of the Court of Common Pleas & Sessions now sitting John Stuart [sic] a resident of Darlington district and State aforesaid aged about seventy 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. He was drafted about the year 1776 and served two months under General Moultrie [William Moultrie] in Captain King's [George King's] Company. He was drafted the second time and served two months more under the same General in Captain DuBose [Andrew DuBose] Company.

He volunteered and served two months under Colonel Swinton [Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Swinton] in Capt. Bacots [Samuel Bacot's] Company. He volunteered again & served under Colonel Baxter [Jacob Baxter] in the Company commanded by Captain Wingate. That he served from the time he was first drafted until the end of the war. During his Service he was in the Siege of Charleston<sup>1</sup> in which he was wounded – in the battle at Watboo [Wadboo]<sup>2</sup> – at Biggin Church<sup>3</sup> & at Combee [probably Combahee Ferry].<sup>4</sup> He marched from Darlington to Charleston &c.

The Deponent further deposes that he hath no documentary evidence of his services. 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 the day & year aforesaid

S/ B. J. Earle, Presiding Judge

S/ John Stewart, X his mark

Personally appeared before me Baylis J Earle Judge as aforesaid Thomas Goodson<sup>5</sup> who did being duly sworn deposes that he knows John Stuart is a man of good character, that he knew the

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_wadboo\\_swamp.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_wadboo_swamp.html)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_biggin\\_creek\\_bridge.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_biggin_creek_bridge.html)

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_combahee\\_ferry.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_combahee_ferry.html)

<sup>5</sup> [Thomas Goodson S9342](#)

said John Stuart as a soldier in Captain King's Company of South Carolina militia at the Siege of Charleston – that he heard during the war of the said John Stewart being engaged in the service of his country.

S/ Thos. Goodson, X his mark

[Robert Campbell, a clergyman, and Joel C. DuBose gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The State of South Carolina Darlington District

Personally appeared before me John Stewart who on oath made the following Declaration as an amendment to his Declaration for a Pension under the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832; 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 not less than the periods mentioned below, at the times, places and under the Officers there stated.

1<sup>st</sup> About two months after the battle at Fort Moultrie [June 26, 1776], he was drafted & served in the militia service three months at Charleston South Carolina under Captain George King. The American Army was stationed there, as he was informed, for the purpose of protecting the town from the British who were then lying out in their ships meditating an attack upon it. Generals McIntosh [Lachlan McIntosh], Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln]<sup>6</sup> and Pinckney [Charles Cotesworth Pinckney] were there but deponent does not know which of them had command of the American forces those who he believes that it devolved upon one or the other of them. At the expiration of two months, his discharge was handed to him by Captain King, which discharge is well as all others which he received during the war, he has lost. He then returned to Darlington from which he started in the commencement of his service & there remained until his 2nd draft which took place about

2<sup>nd</sup> Or at the taking of Charleston by the British: at this time and place he served three months under the same officers. When the British were surrounding the town, deponent was stationed on the breastworks at a place called the Sugar House and on the Surrender of the town, was taken prisoner & discharged on his parole for one-year.

3<sup>rd</sup> In the year 1781 (before his parole was out) he volunteered under Captain Daniel DuBose & served one month under that officer at Wadboo: during this term of service nothing occurred worthy of being noticed & when that term expired he returned to Darlington where he remained until his time came around again General Marion was the commanding Officer at Wadboo. Discharge was given him by Captain DuBose & lost as before mentioned.

4<sup>th</sup> In the same year he served one month at Combee under Captain Andrew DuBose instead of Captain Bacot Colonel Swinton was there as also Marion who first in command. At this place the British attempted to surprise the Americans, who after a few scattering shots compelled them to retire. In this term he was a volunteer & at the expiration of it he returned to Darlington where he remained until he was drafted again which took place in the same year.

5<sup>th</sup> When he served one month at the High Hills of Santee under Captain Samuel Bacot: he remained stationed there until the month expired. He thinks General Sumter was there & had command of the forces. There was no engagement here, or other circumstance worthy of notice: having obtained his discharge he returned home again

6<sup>th</sup> In the latter part of the same year he was drafted again & served one month at Wadboo under Captain David Dubose. General Marion being the officer in command of Colonel Swinton was also there. At this place there was a small skirmish between a party of the British & the Americans in which the British lost a few of their men, but the Americans sustained no injury

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<sup>6</sup> Lincoln did not come south to command the Southern Division of the Continental Army until 1779.

except the loss of a wagon containing their ammunition &c

7<sup>th</sup> In the year 1782 he served one month at McCord's ferry under Captain John Norwood – There was no engagement here the British came to the edge of the Swamp but did not advance near enough for an attack.

8<sup>th</sup> In the same year he served one month on the northern side of Great Pedee [Pee Dee River] under Captain John Norwood in pursuit of the Tories. He had no regular engagements but was often concerned in skirmishes with them & spent the whole of this term in that manner:

9<sup>th</sup> In the same year he served another tour of one month under the same officers & in the like manner,

10<sup>th</sup> In the latter part of 1782 under Captain Connel, he served one month at Jeffries Creek Bridge, Colonel Baxter being the highest officer; they were stationed at this place & only left there in scouting parties.

Thus making an actual service of fourteen months as a private in the War of the Revolution. He also served at various times on scouting parties where the vireptions [sic?]<sup>7</sup> of the Tories upon the property & lives of the citizens rendered his interference necessary. On all these occasions during the whole of the war he was ready & willing to offer his services & at one time in this service was wounded in the left side by a ball which went through that part of his body & from which he feels considerable pain (like the cramps) to this day. In the year 1831 he became blind which together with the palsy has rendered him utterly helpless. He further swears that during the terms above mentioned he served with an embodied Corps called into service as he believes by competent authority, that he was either in the field or in Garrison & for the time during which the service was performed he was not engaged in any civil pursuit. He also states that he was born in Dobbs County North Carolina in the month of June 1763 so that his age was recorded in a family Bible which was accidentally burned: the Deponent however preserved a record of the fact by writing it in a small book which he has now at home. At the age of 10 years his father removed with him to Darlington District where he has lived ever since. At the expiration of each term of his engagement he received a discharge from his Captain for that term: all of which discharges have since been lost.

Sworn before me this 26 day of March A.D. 1843  
S/ Joseph J Fort, UQ

S/ John Stewart, X his mark

[p 9: On August 7, 1855, Leaven Y. Stewart [could be Leaven G. Stewart], son of the veteran, executed a power of attorney in Laurens District South Carolina.

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

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<sup>8</sup> This document is erroneously included in this file. It properly belongs in the file of John Stewart S19106 [transcribed and posted 7/7/11].