

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Stow [Stowe] S7627

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State of North Carolina Cabarrus County: Superior Court of Law for Cabarrus County begun & held at the Court House in Concord November 19, 1832 –

On this 19th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable David L Swain, one of the Judges of the Superior Courts for North Carolina, now sitting for Cabarrus County, William Stow a resident of Cabarrus County North Carolina aged seventy-nine, 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 7, 1832 – That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated – "To wit" –

In the County of Amelia, State of Virginia, on or about the first day of April 1778, I enlisted in the State Troops of Virginia under a recruiting officer by the name of Wood Jones, and was marched with him in July I think in the State of Virginia where, there being more troops than were needed we received furloughs & were called back in October 1778. Our Captain was William Fitz Gerald [William Fitzgerald], Major Philip Jones – Colonel David Mason Lieutenant Colonel Burwell or Burrell – I think our Regiment was not then numbered – we were called the "New Levies" – I enlisted for eighteen months we lay at Petersburg three months. On the first day of January 1779 – we were marched from Petersburg under the same officers except Philip Jones, who was succeeded by Wood Jones, my recruiting officer, a major (who came to North Carolina and then left us) having been ordered to the South to be placed under General Lincoln. There were three regiments together in the march – all of the "New Levies" – we marched to Halifax Town North Carolina where we met the North Carolina troops, who were also called the "New Levies" – We were then marched with them to Hillsborough North Carolina – thence to Salisbury North Carolina – thence to Charlotte North Carolina thence to Camden South Carolina thence to Bacons Bridge 10 miles or 12 from Charleston South Carolina on Edisto River I think was the name of the stream – thence to Head Quarters of General Lincoln on Ashley River we remained there till the Battle of Stono [June 20, 1779 him] – I was in that engagement under the same officers. I remember that the 10th Regiment of Regulars were with us in that Battle. The Americans retreated – we returned to Head Quarters – This battle as well as I remember was on the 10th day of June 1779 [sic, June 20, 1779] – We were thence from Head Quarters marched to Beaufort (or Blueford) as it was called by us – thence I went back to Camden South Carolina to guard some prisoners that had been taken the third day after the battle of Stono, on Wednesday – I remained at Camden till my Regiment Camden [?]-which was in August – We remained there till sometime in November 1779 – when our Regiment was discharged – I received my discharge from Captain George Witcher – who commanded the court that had brought the prisoners on to Camden – I was then in actual service about twelve months – three months on furlough – and

three months before I went to Petersburg after I was recruited. I saw the Regiment under Count (General) Pulaski pass by us while at Head Quarters on Ashley River it was a most splendid Regiment –

Again, in the County of Amelia, State of Virginia, in the month of July 1780 (about the middle of the month I think) I was drafted in the militia service and placed in a company commanded by Captain Abner Osborne – Major Cocke [possibly Chastain Cocke] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Saml. Sherwin [Samuel Sherwin] – was a draft for three months – marched to Richmond Virginia thence to New Castle on Mattaponi River head of Chickahominy Bay – New Castle was then but a small village – There we were placed under Baron Steuben – remained there till I was discharged in October 1780. I was discharged by Captain Osborne – we were kept in New Castle as a garrison – I suppose about 500 men –

I was again, in Amelia County Virginia a volunteer, in the month of February, about the first of the month 1781 in a company under the command of Captain James Overstreet – Major Cunningham [William Cunningham], Colonel Holcomb [John Holcombe] – under General Robert Lawson of the Militia – we were volunteers for an indefinite period, during the expedition – it was after the retreat of General Greene [Nathanael Greene] through North Carolina – when he rallied in Virginia and started back to North Carolina to meet Cornwallis – We marched in front of the Regulars – I do not remember but one Regiment which consisted of "eighteen months men" under Colonel Campbell – We marched on under Lawson & Greene – and were in the battle of Guilford Courthouse on the 15th of March 1781 – In the battle, after the militia in part had disbursed, we were met by Colonel Campbell and placed on the left wing of his Regiment – and remained on the ground till the last fire in the contested fire there, after the battle, went on to Haw River with Greene – Colonel Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] and Colonel Washington [William Washington] were also along – I was discharged on Haw River about the first of May by Captain Overstreet – I remember that I returned home after my discharge, in time to put in my crop of tobacco – I served in this tour nine weeks –

Again about the 15th day of August 1781 – in the County of Amelia, Virginia, I was drafted in a company commanded by Captain James Overstreet Lieutenant John Carwell [?], in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Short – marched from Amelia to Black water to Blount's old Fields – thence to City Point on James River – there we were placed under General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] and marched with his Army to near York town – here we were joined by General Washington & his Army – and marched there with the whole Army under General Washington to Yorktown – where we remained till the Surrender of that place on the __ day of October 1781 [October 19, 1781] – I remember seeing the French Army under General Lafayette – after the Surrender, I marched with a guard of prisoners to Albemarle Court House, under Captain Overstreet – and discharged by him on the 15th of November 1781 – Having served three months, the time for which I had volunteered – I served in all twenty-six months and one week – I have lost or mislaid all my discharges – I was born in the County of Amelia, State of Virginia on the 5th day of March 1753. I lived in Virginia, Amelia, till April 1787 – when I moved to Mecklenburg County North Carolina where I now live in that part of the County, which since its division has been called "Cabarrus" where I now live and where I have lived ever since – My age is recorded in a book here produced in Court – I have no documentary evidence of my services. I refer to General Paul Barringer & John Robinson D. D. to prove my character and the reputation of my having served in the Revolution. I know of no living person, whose testimony I can procure to testify to my service. I do hereby [relinquish] every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present – and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the

agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ William Stow, X his mark

Questions propounded by the said Court to William Stow

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in Amelia County Virginia on the 5th day of March A. D. 1853

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

Ans – I have here provided in Court – in my Bible.

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

Ans. I was always living in Amelia County Virginia when called into the service – after the War I remained there till the year 1787 – Since then I have always lived where I now do, in the County of Mecklenburg – in that part now called "Cabarrus" –

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

Ans. I was twice drafted & twice a balance here in the service –

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.

Ans – I remember Count Pulaski at Ashley River – General Lincoln, Generals Washington – Wayne – Lafayette – (in the expedition to Guilford – Colonel Campbell – Colonel Lee – Colonel Washington – General Greene – I remember the 14th Regiment regulars at Stono – I was at Stono – Guilford – Yorktown. I remember also Baron Steuben at New Castle Virginia in 1780.

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

Ans. I was always regularly discharged 1st at Camden by Captain George Witcher in November 1779 – then by Captain Osborne in October 1780 and in May 1781 by Captain Overstreet and afterwards in November 1781 by Captain Overstreet – they are all lost – or destroyed –

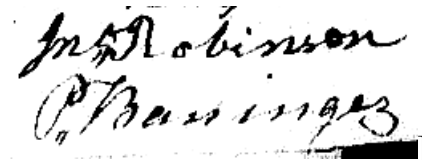
7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans. I refer to General Paul Barringer & Dr. John Robinson D. D.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Wm Stow, X his mark

[John Robinson D. D., a clergyman, and General Paul Barringer gave the standard supporting affidavit

The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive ink. The top signature reads "John Robinson" and the bottom signature reads "Paul Barringer". Both signatures are written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[f p. 11: On July 19, 1853 in Cabarrus County North Carolina, William Stowe or Stoe, 63, son of William Stowe, a pensioner of the United States, filed a power of attorney in which she signed with his mark.]

[f p. 12: Finding by G. H. Swearingen, JP, for Cabarrus County North Carolina that William

Stowe, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution died in 1835 or 1836 leaving a widow, Martha, who also died in January 1847 leaving the following children, viz.: Mary, Archibald, William, Martha, Jane, Amy, Lewiza & Elizabeth. The finding is dated "19th 1853" and is attested May 29, 1854.]

[f p. 16: An undated letter from J L Edwards, Commissioner of pensions stating that there being no proof of the 12 months service in the regular service, he is willing to grant the veteran a pension for only 8 months of service in the militia.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months in the Virginia militia.]