

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Jesse Stegall S7646

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State of No. Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Warren County } August Term 1832

On this 27 day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of said Court now sitting - it being a Court of Record - Jesse Stegall of the County of Warren aforesaid - 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 the 7th June 1832. To Wit;

That he was born and raised in the County of Brunswick Virginia - That in the year 1780 sometime in the spring, he was drafted in Brunswick aforesaid as a militia man during the war. That soon afterwards he was marched under the command of Capt. Binns Jones & Col. James Lucas of the Brunswick Regiment to Gee's Bridge on the Meherrin River - thence to Hillsboro [Hillsborough] No. Carolina and there stationed till Gen. [Horatio] Gates came from the North with the Continental Troops under his command. We were then marched under the command of Gen'l. Gates to Deep River, N. Carolina and after remaining about a week resumed the march and reached Massey's Ferry [or Mask's Ferry] on great Pedee [sic: Great Pee Dee] River. At this place Gen'l. Gates detailed about two hundred men (myself one of them) and left them with orders to take care of the sick and lame and to save the boats from the Tories - Genl. Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens], I think after the battle of Camden [16 Aug 1780] was ordered to the command of this post. we were engaged in this service some weeks and during this time took as well as I remember 95 Tories as prisoners - and marched with them to Hillsboro N. Carolina. this affiant was left at Hillsboro with about 1000 men - including the sick and lame - where he remained till discharged about the last September. Gates' defeat at Camden took place while this affiant was stationed at Massey's Ferry - and Gates was at Hillsboro and had been superceded when this affiant received his discharge at the expiration of his six months service [see note below]. This discharge, as well as he remembers, was given by Brigade Maj'r. [Nathaniel Garsden] Morris and signed by Gen'l. Gates. He was soon after called out under the command of Capt. Hall Briggs and marched to old Indian Town run near Petersburg Virginia, thence to Stone[?] Creek in the direction of Norfolk - then to Mackey's Mill, where he was stationed till having performed his 6 months service he received his discharge - but does not recollect by whom it was given. Shortly afterwards he was again called into service for six months and was detailed as one of a foraging or subsistence party under the command of Capt. Rivers of Brunswick Virginia. After being engaged in this service for some time (how long not recollected) and having taken a great many Beeves we started to carry them to Petersburg for the army stationed there. On the way met a messenger at Dinwiddie Ct. House with orders to save the provisions. That the British Cavalry [Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton's Legion, Jul 1781] were coming on from Petersburg. We immediately hurried with the Beeves to Amelia Ct. House - when we was there learnt that the British were in pursuit - upon which Capt. Rivers ordered us to march to Capt. Booker's commissary, about 10 miles from Amelia Court House. The Beeves were delivered to Capt. Booker and our company permitted to discharge that day with orders to rendezvous at [two illegible words] in Brunswick early the next day. This affiant got home in one day and the next day they learnt the British forces under the command of Tarleton were marching through Brunswick on their way to Little York, whereupon Capt. Rivers marched his company to Little York where it was attached to the army under the command of Gen'l. Washington. This affiant remained at this station till the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] But at the time of the surrender the date of which he does not now recollect he was confined in the Hospital as one of the sick. He is unable to say whether this last term of six months had expired - but thinks it had nearly if not quite. He received a discharge but does not remember by whom it was signed. This and other discharges he is unable to produce. After the close of the war he did not deem them of any value and took no care of them.

This affiant is now in the 76th year of his age. during the war and sometime afterwards

he was a Resident of Brunswick Virginia - his native County - For about thirty years last past he has lived in N. Carolina first in Halifax County, to which place he moved from Brunswick - and afterwards in Warren - where he has lived about 23 years - and still lives.

He hereby relinquishes every claim 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.

He knows of no person by whose personal knowledge he can prove his services and has not documentary evidence of them. The only proof he has it in his power to present is the subjoined affidavit of the respectable persons who have sworn to and subscribed it.

Jesse hisXmark Stegall

NOTE: Congress named Gen. Nathanael Green to replace Gates as commander of the Southern Army on 14 Oct 1780, and the transfer of command took place at Charlotte NC on 2 Dec.