

## [Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension application of John Stinson S7657

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

[Note: The digital images of this application as posted on both [Footnote.com](#) and [HeritageQuest.com](#) are largely illegibly faint. I have tried to transcribe them but caution that there is considerably more than the normal amount of guesswork reflected in the following transcription. Rather than put question marks behind almost every word, I note that the entire transcription should be questioned. Where the text is too faint to even render a guess, I have indicated that by multiple periods.]

State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County: Superior Court of Law May Term A.D. 183?

On this the 13th day of May A.D. 183? Personally appeared in open Court John Stinson a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged 74 [could be 75] years the ... of May next month ... 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 after stated. The Declarant states that he was born in Ireland in the year 17?? – That he has no record of his age. That about ...was attached to a Troop of Cavalry – Colonel Andrew B? Captain ....Entered the service in December 1779 & discharged from the same March 1780—In service three months, I received a discharge but it is lost. The second Tour he entered the service in the month of May 1780 Locke.... was Captain. I was attached to a Troop of Cavalry—volunteered for service—Marched from Mecklenburg County North Carolina to Lincoln County in the same State Fell in with General Rutherford ...County of Lincoln... the Battle of Ramsours—Marched from thence to the Hanging Rock in South Carolina and was engaged in the Battle at that place—Was also at Sumters Defeat—Left the service in August1780—Was in service that tour three months—received no discharge—there were no continental troops. The Third Tour volunteered ... service—Davidson was General-- ...cannot recollect—Graham was captain—Entered the service sometime in 1781...Mecklenburg Count N. Carolina to Guilford County in the same State—In that county your Declarant was taken prisoner. In service

six Weeks before he was taken prisoner. Was returned as a prisoner of War for five months...Declarant states that in each ... the above service, he did ... regular service in the county of Mecklenburg N. Carolina which as it was ...claim for a pension. The whole length of service as set forth by your Declarant for which your Declarant claims a pension is six months and six weeks. Your Declarant further states that he acted in the capacity of a private solely. He further states that during his service he was not [engaged in any civil pursuit]. ....

S/ John Stinson

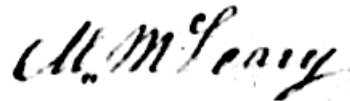
A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Stinson". The ink is dark and the background is light, possibly a document page.

[[Robert Robison S7426](#) gave a supporting affidavit but it too is largely illegibly faint.

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State of North Carolina Mecklenburg

Michael McLeary<sup>1</sup> maketh oath that he is well acquainted with John Stinson the above Declarant. That he knows that the said Stinson did the service of the 2nd Tour set forth in his declaration, and that his statement of the facts in regard to the same is correct – And that he believes that he did all the service set forth in his declaration.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M. McLeary". The ink is dark and the background is light, possibly a document page.

[John Robinson of Cabarrus County and Hugh McDowell of Mecklenburg County gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 10: Even the summary of this application as prepared by the Department of the Interior is largely illegibly faint. It appears to state that the declarant claim to have served under Colonels Simmons, Walker and Graham and that he was in the battles of Ramsour's, Hanging Rock and Camden. The form appears to have the statement that the veteran was born on May 10, 1758 in Ireland and died January 9, 1837 [could be 1839] and was living in the County of Mecklenburg at the time he filed for his pension.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$29.67 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 7 months and 12 days service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

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