

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of John Story W1507

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State of Kentucky, Gallatin County

On this 12th day of July 1841 personally appeared in open court before [names of Justices are illegible] comprising the County Court of Gallatin Kentucky now sitting John Story, a resident of Kentucky and said county of Gallatin aged 75 years and upwards, a resident of 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<sup>th</sup>, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he was a resident of Guilford County North Carolina, and did enter the service of the United States about the first of December 1779 as a private soldier and militia man and as a substitute for Thomas McCulloch upon a tour of three months in the company of Captain Frazer; that according to his best recollection, the said company rendezvoused at the usual muster ground in said county; that from said county they were marched into South Carolina; that they were not stationed along at any one point; that the Tories in South Carolina at that time were committing a great many depredations in different sections of the country; that they were called to different points in order to keep them in subjection; that this declarant did not with said company stay long at any noted place which he can now recollect; that he is confident he served out said term of three months fully and faithfully and that as well as he now recollects, he was discharged at a place called the Shallow Ford on the River Saluda about the time of March 1780 and that he returned to Guilford County North Carolina.

That still being a resident of said county of Guilford and State aforesaid, he did again enter the service of the United States about the middle of March 1780 as a volunteer and private soldier for the term of three months in the company of Captain

White; that they were marched from Guilford County to a point on a river called Haw and Deep River; that the company with others, as well as he now recollects, came under the command of Colonel Pickering [sic, Andrew Pickens?]; that still great fears were entertained that the Tories would do great damage and that in many parts they were doing much injury to the good people of South and North Carolina; that the company to which this declarant belonged was almost continually scouting through the country endeavoring to keep the Tories in subjection as well as to be ready against any attack from the British; that after having served out his term of three months fully he was discharged in Guilford County in North Carolina in the month of June, as well as the now recollects.

That he did again enter the service of the United States in the month of July 1780 as well as he now remembers as a volunteer and private soldier in the Company of Capt. White upon a tour of three months that said company rendezvoused in said county of Guilford and very soon marched into South Carolina to a place called Log Town situated not far from Camden, or they started to march to Log Town, but if this declarant's memory serves his correctly, before reaching Log Town, they were informed that Genl. Gates had been defeated by the retreating soldiers whom they met. That we were then ordered to march back to Hillsborough North Carolina and there to wait further orders—and that they were there stationed a short time; that the company to which this declarant belonged then came under the command of Col. Williams—That they were ordered to march to the Cowpens where they met Col. Campbell, Major Shelby, Major Sevier—Cleveland &c and as well as he now recollects they were immediately marched across Broad River a short distance from the Cowpens; that the same or the next day was fought the battle of King's Mountain in which we were successful—that from there we marched to the neighborhood of a place called Ninety Six—and after having been stationed there and at other points we were marched to Guilford County North Carolina and discharged—after having served out his term of service faithfully.

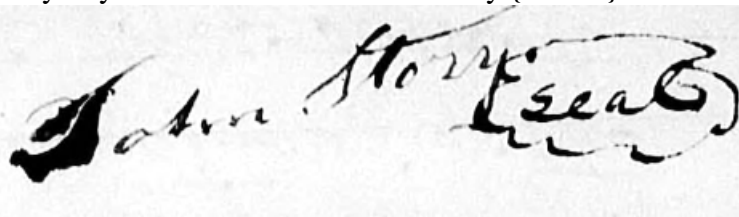
That he again in a month of November as well as he recollects entered the service of the United States as a substitute and private soldier for Andrew Alexander for the term of three months in the company of Captain Galdbreath [sic]; the Colonel's name was Anderson; that he still lived in Guilford County, State of North Carolina and that said company with others marched from the county and state aforesaid to a place called the Cheraw Hills in South Carolina and were there stationed for some weeks; while we were there, Generals Greene and Morgan arrived; that the army was then divided into two divisions; that this declarant belonged to the division assembled by General Morgan; we then left the place of rendezvous and it was understood that both divisions were to march to North Carolina for the purpose of preventing, if possible, Cornwallis from entering North Carolina. General Morgan continued his march until he met with the British Army commanded by Tarleton at the Cowpens, at which time and place the battle of the Cowpens was fought; we then marched into Virginia; crossed [the] Dan River where we were stationed for two or three weeks; sunk a number of boats and from thence marched to North Carolina. The term of service having expired for which this declarant had entered, he was discharged after having served out his time fully and faithfully.

This declarant then went to Augusta County, State of Virginia and did again in the month of September 1781 entered the service of the United States as a substitute and as a private soldier for William Ellison for the term of two months; said Ellison having still to serve that length of time; his captain's name was Patrick Buchanan; the Colonel's name

was Vance; that he marched immediately from Augusta County Virginia to James Town [sic, Jamestown] and from thence to Richmond and from thence we were ordered to march to Williamsburg; from thence to York which we reached on the second day of October 1781, seventeen days before Cornwallis surrendered; that he, this declarant, was at York when Cornwallis surrendered to General Washington; this declarant was then a detached as a guard to guard some prisoners to Winchester Virginia and remained at Winchester until his term of service expired when he was discharged after serving out his term of two months fully.

He states that he then returned to Augusta County State of Virginia and continued to reside there until the year 1789 when he removed to Fayette County Kentucky and resided in that county until the year 1792; he then removed to Clark County Kentucky and remained in Clark County until it was divided and Montgomery County was taken out. He, upon the division, fell into Montgomery and there he lived in Montgomery until some few years since; that he lived in the state of Indiana for some few years and that he has lately removed to Gallatin County Kentucky. He would further state that his having left Montgomery County Kentucky some years ago where he was well acquainted and having been thrown among strangers, as it were, has been the reason that he has not applied before this for the benefit of the law passed in June 1832; that where he has been it would have been impossible for him to get persons who could state that he has the reputation of having been a soldier of the revolution; that he had a declaration written several years ago but it was not written to please him and he had neglected until this time to have one written setting forth his service in the manner he wishes; he now laborers under a difficulty in his claim being a stranger almost in the County of Gallatin. He has been informed that if he makes his declaration in the aforesaid County -- and will send it to Montgomery County Kentucky and get respectable persons to state whether he has the reputation of having been a soldier of the revolution -- and did maintain the character of a man of veracity and truth -- then and in that event he could still become entitled to the benefit of the act of June 1832. He hopes therefore he can make out his claim in this way to the satisfaction of the department -- he would further state that he is old and infirm; that he is poor and that a small pension which he might be entitled would be of great use and benefit to him in his old age. He further states that residing in the County of Montgomery and State of Kentucky are persons to whom he is known and has been for many years and who can testify as to his character for veracity and truth and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. 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 to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid. S/ John Story {SEAL}

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Story" followed by a circular seal containing the word "SEAL". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Interrogatories propounded by the court to John Story, an applicant for a pension:  
1<sup>st</sup>: When and in what year were you born?  
Answer: I was born on the 15th day of February 1764 from the best information I have on the subject in the County of Augusta and state of Virginia.

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it?

Answer: I have no record of my age whatever.

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

Answer: I was living in the County of Guilford and state of North Carolina when I was first called into service of the United States. I lived in the County of Augusta and state of Virginia after the revolutionary war until the year 1789 and from there he moved to Fayette County, State of Kentucky, where he lived until the year 1792 when he removed to Clark County Kentucky where he lived until but Montgomery was formed into a county out of a portion of Clark; when he became a citizen of Montgomery where he has lived ever since until it few years since when he removed to the state of Indiana and from there moved to Gallatin County, State of Kentucky where he now lives.

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute?

Answer: I entered the service first as a substitute for Thomas McCulloch. The second and third tour [I was] a volunteer. The fourth tour [I was] a substitute for Andrew Alexander. The fifth tour [I was] a substitute for William Ellison.

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer: I'll recollect Generals Washington, Morgan, Colonels Campbell, Williams who were regular officers. I refer you to my declaration as to the circumstances of my service.

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

Answer: I received discharges signed by the different offices under whom I served, but have lost all that I've ever received.

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Answer: I am a stranger in the neighborhood in which I reside but will refer you to the following persons living in Guthrie County Kentucky who can testify as to my character for veracity and truth and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution, to wit: John Horn, William Barrow, Wm Dunlap [?], Mathew Wells, John Graham, Robert Epperson, John [the balance of the names are illegibly faint.]

And the court do hereby declare their opinion after the investigation of the matter and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the war Department that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier and served as he states.

S/ B. Tiller, QPGC

S/ Jos. S. Lillard, JPGC

S/ John Lindsay, JPGC

[fn p. 50: John Hon, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

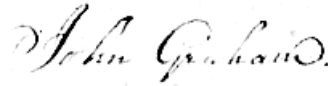
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State of Kentucky County of Floyd: Sct.

The Deposition of John Graham of Floyd County in the State of Kentucky aged 69 years and \_\_ months in relation to these services of John Story an old revolutionary

Soldier taken at the house of said Graham in the County and State aforesaid before Mial Mayo a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County of Floyd State of Kentucky. This Deponent after being first duly sworn before the said Mial Mayo deposeth and saith.

I was at the Siege of York in the year 1781 where I and the company to which I belonged arrived on the 2nd day of October in the said year 1781 seventeen days before the surrender of Corn Wallis [Cornwallis] and John Story was then there in the service & belonged to the same company that I was in of which Captain Patrick Buchanan was Captain. The name of the Major I do not recollect – our Colonel was Colonel Vance. The said John Story is now here present and I know him to be the same John Story then in Service at the Siege of York. The said John Story now resides in Montgomery County in the State of Kentucky Myself & the said John Story both resided in Augusta County Virginia at the time we entered the Service in Captain Patrick Buchanan's Company.



[attested June 21, 1834]

[fn p. 19-20:In March or April 1849 in Bedford County Tennessee, Jane Story, filed an application as a widow of John Story—[I could not find the original of her application in the file: from what I can piece together from the affidavits in the file: the veteran and his wife were married sometime prior to 1791 as evidenced by the birth of their first child; that John Story died September 16, 1846 in Jennings County, Indiana; that in 1849, the widow was living in Bedford County, Tenn.]

[fn p. 17: family record]

Ages of John Story's Children A.D. 1831

Martha Story was born A.D. March 25th 1791

Samuel Story was born November 7th A.D. 1792

Washington Story was born February 15th A.D. 1794

Elizabeth Story was born April 15th A.D. 1795

Thomas Story was born November 20th A.D. 1796

John Story was born November 22nd A.D. 1799

James Story was born November 29th A.D. 1801

Archibald Story was born December 24th A.D. 1802

David was born November 8th A.D. 1805

Mary Story was born October 23rd A.D. 1807

Francis Story was born May 20th A.D. 1810

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]