

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of James Stanfield (Stanphill)W158 Fanny fn53NC  
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[fn p. 15]

State of Tennessee, McMinn County

On this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of said County now sitting James Stanphill [sic, Stanfield] a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged seventy-nine years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following statement or 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. Colonels Dixon [Henry Dixon] & Murphree [sic, Hardy Murfree], Majors Lytle, Armstrong & Donoho [Thomas Donoho], Captains Brevard, Sharp, Yarborough, Carter & Walton, Lieutenants Dixon and Dudley, Major Armstrong in the term was promoted to Col., and Major Donoho took command of the Battalion afterwards; Entered the service of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 1782 under Captain Benjamin Carter, and was discharged about the 11<sup>th</sup> day of July 1783, by Colonel Murphree & Captain Walton, was enrolled at Frowhawkes Mills [sic, Frohock's Mills] Rowan County North Carolina as a drafted Militia man for 12 months, was at the Battle of the Eutaw Springs. From Frowhawkes Mills [sic], marched through Camden in South Carolina, to the high hills of Santee, where General Greene's headquarters were, from thence marched to Camden there crossing the Wateree River, thence to the Congaree crossing it at Friday's ferry, then down the same to Col. Thompson's at its mouth, then took the Main road to Charleston, and was told in three or four days we should fight the British Army, which did happen at said Springs. After the battle we pursued the British Army to Martin's Tavern, a distance of about 12 miles from Eutaw Springs; did not overtake them, we lay there a few days, and then marched back to the Santee hills, and resumed our former encampment, Captain Carter's Lieutenant, Dudley, had been shot through the leg in the engagement. We lay at the high hills of Santee for some considerable time, and from thence marched to Orangeburg in South Carolina, then marched on down to the Edisto River, and then crossed at the Saw Mills, from thence to the Round O. Stayed there some considerable time, and then took up our line of March down the Edisto River and crossed it at a little town called Jacksonborough, and continued our march to Stono, remained there a few days then marched to a place called the Pond Ponds [sic, Pon Pon River]<sup>1</sup> then was attached to the Light Infantry, from thence marched to Drayton's Cowpens, and remained there some considerable time, from thence we marched and joined the Main Army, and marched to Bacon's Bridge and continued there until discharged during the whole of which service he performed

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1 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/beesplantation.htm>

the duties of a Sergeant, and received his discharge at Bacon's Bridge in South Carolina from Colonel Murphree and Captain Walton, Captain Carter under whom he went out having served his term and returned home; the arrangement of the officers of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion was, first Captain Brevard on the right, secondly Captain Sharp on the left, third Captain Yarborough on the right, fourth Captain Benjamin Carter on the left – declarant resided in Rowan County North Carolina when he returned from the Army, from thence he moved to Buncombe County North Carolina, from thence to Sevier County Tennessee and from thence to With Tennessee, and from thence to McMinn County, where he now resides declarant has no documentary Evidence nor does he know of any person by whom he can prove his services – having lost his discharge.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever 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 third day of September 1832.

S/ James Stanphill, X his mark

[Abraham Stover, a clergyman, and William Bates gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee, County of McMinn

On this [written over and indecipherable date, could be 5th] day of June 1833 personally appeared before me Samuel Workman one of the Acting justices of the peace for said County & State, James Stanphill a resident of said County, who first being duly sworn, doth on his oath make the following declaration Amendatory of his of the 5<sup>th</sup> of September 1832 numbered 23830 –

That he entered the Service of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 1782, and performed the services as specified in his first Declaration under the officers they are mentioned, and was discharged on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 1783, he entered the service as a drafted Militia man, and served as such during the whole of the time as an orderly Sergeant as specified in his first declaration

1<sup>st</sup> Interrogatory – Where and in what year were you born; was born in Edgecombe County North Carolina on the fourth day of February 1753.

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it Declarant has no record of his age but has kept it in his memory as he received it from his Parents, neither of them could write, nor myself either.

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; declarant was living in Rowan County North Carolina – lived in Buncombe County North Carolina removed from Buncombe to Sevier County Tennessee from Sevier removed to Bedford County Tennessee from thence to McMinn County where he now resides and has done for the last 10 or 11 years.

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, was a Drafted Militia man.

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 Services, declarant has stated the officers with whom he was acquainted as well as the general circumstances of his services in the first declaration.

[6<sup>th</sup> interrogatory was omitted but answered at end of response to 7<sup>th</sup> below]

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are ~~acquainted~~ known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your services as a Soldier of the Revolution. Samuel Workman, George Colville, Andrew Bigham, Joseph Lusk, William Bates, Ezekiel Bates; John McCarty, William Brittain, George McCullough, William McCullough, James Hickey, Jonathan Couch, Joseph McMillan, William McMillan, Thomas Parsons, James Cowan, James Cowan Jr., Wesley Kinman, Levin S. Ball, John Walker, Robert Walker, Jno McDowell, A. R. Turk, George Colville Senior declarant received a discharge for his term of duty but has lost it.

S/ James Stanphill, H-his mark

Sworn to & subscribed before me this fifth day of June 1833.

S/ Samuel Workman, JP

[Joseph Lusk and George Colville gave an affidavit attesting to the credibility of the applicant.]

[fn p. 11: On May 4th, 1844 in Bradley County Tennessee, William Brittain, son-in-law of James and Fanny Stanfield filed in Bradley County Tennessee on behalf of the heirs of James and Fanny, Viz: Dephy Price, Cornelius Stanfield, James Stanfield, Mary Ann Brittain; he states that Fanny died December 18, 1842. Mary Ann Brittain, 50, filed in Bradley County on May 4, 1844, as one of the heirs of James Stanfield who died November 3, 1840; stating that she was the 8<sup>th</sup> child of her parents.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "William Brittain", enclosed in square brackets. The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, full one-year service as a Sergeant in the North Carolina line.]