

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Luke Stansbury (Stansberry) W165 Nancy fn134NC
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State of Tennessee Knox County

On this 6th day of April 1824 personally appeared in open Court the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the said County being a Court of Record constituted such by act of Assembly and having power of fine and imprisonment Luke Stansbury a resident of said County aged about sixty-six years – who being first duly sworn according to law – doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820.

That the said Luke Stansbury enlisted for the term of three years, sometime in June 1778 as well as he now remembers, but as to the time he is not certain, in the County of Caswell North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain Reddin Blount in the 3rd Regiment commanded by Colonel Robert Mebane in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental Establishment. That he continued to serve in said Corps until the Siege & capture of Charleston in South Carolina, where he was taken prisoner and remained for more than a year – ensuing, when he made his escape from the British and returned to the Army at the Cheraw Hills, where he was discharged from service by General Green [Nathanael Greene] his term of service having expired. That discharge has since been lost or mislaid so that it cannot now be had. During his term of service declarant was in several small skirmishes and at the Siege of Charlestown. He has now no other evidence of his services but supposes his name will be found on the Rolls now as it has been heretofore, since the close of the War –

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

Schedule – one mare one cow & calf, 4 hogs, some chairs, some household furniture & some tools

He further states, that he is a farmer by occupation but without any land of his own. That

he has struggled through many difficulties up to this time still declining to make an application for a pension but that he has at length got so frail that he cannot work much – or enough to support himself with any tolerable comfort – he has a wife & one daughter living with him, his wife is old and infirm and failing very fast his daughter is very small and of a delicate constitution and therefore unable to do much, under the circumstances declarant has reluctantly condescended to apply for a pension contrary to his former intention – believes his circumstances are sufficiently reduced to warrant his receiving any relief that may be offered to him. He never made any other application for a pension and relinquishes all other claims.

Sworn to in open court 6th of April 1824

S/ Wm Swan, D. C.

S/ Luke Stansberry, Snr.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Luke Stansberry Sr". The signature is written in dark ink and is centered on the page.

[fn p. 9: on March 5, 1849 in Knox County Tennessee, Mrs. Nancy Stansbury, 85, filed for her widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of Luke Stansbury a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$96 per annum for his service in the revolution; that she married him in Caswell County North Carolina February one, 1791; that her husband died in October 1848.]

[Facts in file The widow died July 29, 1854; the oldest child of the veteran and his wife was Comfort born December 15, 1791 and married December 26, 1814, James Wilhite, who was born June 13, 1791; another daughter of the veteran, Mrs. Mary W Stansbury was living in Knoxville Tennessee in 1871; the following birth records are also shown in the file: Levina Wilhite born May 21, 1815; James N. Wilhite born April 12, 1818; and John Wilhite born December 12, 1820.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 4, 1825, for 3 years service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]