

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Aaron Stacy W19118

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State of North Carolina Burke County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions January Term 1833

On this 30th of January A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of said Court now sitting Aaron Stacy a resident of said County and State aged seventy-three years 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 the 7th A.D. 1832 in favor of Revolutionary Soldiers. That he entered the service of the United States under the following officers and served as herein stated. I commenced service in the year 1778<sup>1</sup> and served three months under Captain Gilliam and Colonel William Moore in the County of Granville North Carolina. Our first march was to Bell's Mills on Deep River where we camped for the space of a week and repaired our arms that were different, from thence we marched to the Island Ford on the Yadkin [River] and was sent as one of a detachment that was sent under the command of Captain Harrison & Colonel Parcely [sic, John Paisley] to suppress a band of Tories that had assembled at the Shallow Ford of the Yadkin. We arrived near the Ford just as the firing commenced between the Tories and a company of Whigs who had surprised them. We arrived in time to see the result. There were 19 Tories slain and the Captain who commanded the Whigs was killed in the engagement. We then returned to headquarters at the Island Ford – from there we marched into South Carolina and camped at Waxhaw Creek from whence we returned to the six mile Creek where we joined the regulars commanded by Colonels Washington & Lee & General Wain [Wayne] we remained 2 weeks about this time Colonel Washington took a detachment (of which I was one) and marched to Rudesley [Rugeley's] mill where a group of Tories had assembled, under the command of Colonel Rudesley [Rugeley] we succeeded in storming their Fort and took one hundred and five Tories and their Colonel I marched as one of the guard of said Prisoners to Salisbury in North Carolina where they were confined. My time of service having expired I was discharged and returned home.

My second term of service commenced a short time before the battle of Guilford under Captain John Henderson and Colonel Malberdy [sic, Malmedy] who made a proposition that if each man could furnished his own horse and Gun, that their term of service of three months should expire at the termination of two months. I excepted [accepted] of the terms and furnished

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<sup>1</sup> From the events described by the veteran, it is most likely that his service was initiated in 1780, not 1778.

my own horse and Gun. At the time of the battle of Guilford I with a few others was sent to guard a public store at Ramsay's Mills on Deep River. A few days afterwards joined the Army again and was sent with eight or nine others under the command of Captain Ward to carry meal to General Greene's Camp. On our way we inquired of an old man for General Greene's camp who told us that it was near at hand but we were fortunately I met with a woman who told us that Lord Cornwallis's Army was near us and we escaped to our own camp. General Greene arrived in a short time from the battle of Guilford shortly after General Greene arrived the old man who had given Captain Ward's detachment the information referred to attempted to pass through our camp and was taken Prisoner by the Continentals. We were all called on as witnesses who identified him as the man who had attempted to seduce us into the camp of Cornwallis. He was executed on a limb and the Army marched under him as he hung – from thence we were sent in great haste to Cross Creek to remove a public store and by the time that we had completed the removal the British arrived and after firing a few times we concluded that it was most prudent to retreat shortly afterwards my time of service having expired I was discharged.

The third Term commenced shortly after the expiration of the first [sic]. I volunteered for three months on the conditions of the last Term under Captain Blackwell at Harrisburg in Granville County North Carolina from there we marched to General Lee's and from there down towards Cross Creek under the command of Colonel Maybin [Mebane] to suppress the Tories who had assembled in that region after a considerable march we joined General Rutherford's Army and I was sent with a party of Dragoons under Captain Simons in search of Tories that were committing depredations on Black River we found and took twelve Tories prisoners who informed us of a company of Tories that were concealed at Raft Swamp we marched on and immediately and surprised them – killed their picket guard & for men – I was afterwards sent with Sergeant Boyd in search of deserters – and my time having expired was discharged.

Afterwards was drafted to serve a fourth tour and was marched to Colonel Burton's and was stationed there until peace was declared and was dismissed without a discharge. I believe we were there 3 months, making my service in all about 10 months as well as I can recollect – I have no documentary evidence nor know of no person whose testimony I can procure who can prove my services as set forth in the foregoing declaration.

I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of any State.

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

I was born in the County of St. Mary's in the State of Maryland in the year 1760

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

Ans. I have not

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?

Ans. I lived in Granville County North Carolina when called into service part of the time since I have lived in Virginia but from the last 12 years have lived in the County of Burke in the State of North Carolina

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

I was drafted in my first & last Tour & volunteered in the 2nd & 3rd Terms

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

I have given the names of the principal officers under whom I served in the foregoing Declaration as well as I can recollect.

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?

I received discharges at the expiration of each tour except the last but have lost them.

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

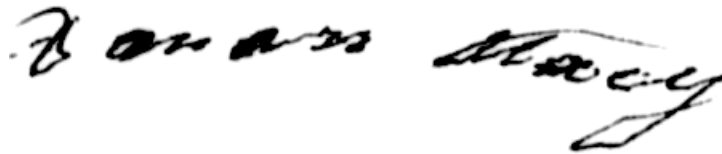
I am known to the court & various others

Sworn to and subscribed this 30th day of January in open Court in presence of the Justices of said Court

Sworn to in open Court 30th of January 1833

S/ J. Erwin, Clk

S/ Aaron Stacy

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Aaron Stacy". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned centrally below the typed name.

[Richard Bird, a clergyman, and Elisha Dorsey gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 4: On April 7, 1843 in Burke County North Carolina, Nancy Stacy, 80, filed for her pension as the widow of Aaron Stacy stating that she married him December 13, 1779; that her husband died June 17 1834 and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 7: copy of a marriage bond issued to Aaron Stacy and Charles Littlejohn on December 12, 1779 in Halifax County North Carolina securing the marriage of Aaron Stacy to Nancy Bullock.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 10 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]