

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Stone: W19403

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State of North Carolina} Court of Pleas & quarter
County of Franklin} Sessions Sept Term 1832

On this 13th day of September A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court aforesaid now sitting John Stone a resident of the County of Franklin, aged about seventy one 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 7th of June 1832

That he was born in the County of Halifax State of North Carolina on the 25th of February A.D. 1760 - that the only record of his age is an entry in a family bible now in his possession & that he was brought by his parents at an early age to this County where he has lived both before & since the Revolution.

That he entered the service of the United States in the War of the Revolution, about the month of October 1778 near Louisburg [in Franklin County], as a substitute for one Jesse Bowen in a company of militia commanded by Captain Allen. that he entered for a tour of three months & immediately on joining the company was made a corporal - that although he entered for a term of three months, he continued in the ranks for the full term of five months, in consequence, as he then understood, of the construction put by the military authorities upon the time when the commencement of the tour was to be dated. that his company marched to Kinston on Neuse River & in a short time Gen'l. [John] Ashe took the chief command of the different companies there assembled. that thence they marched to Elizabethtown, thence to Camden in South Carolina, thence to Charleston & after continuing there a few days, to Augusta, or rather to the Savannah River on the hither side, where a number of American troops were stationed commanded by Gen'l. [Andrew] Williamson, waiting for reinforcements to attack the enemy then in possession of Augusta. that immediately after the junction of our forces the enemy evacuated the town & were followed by one force as far as Briar Creek. On arriving there we found the bridge destroyed & we made a halt. About two days afterwards whilst the American troops were in much disorder not expecting an attack, the enemy having crossed the creek at another place attacked them in the rear and after some fighting forced us to retreat in great confusion [Battle of Briar Creek, 3 March 1779]. The date of his discharge was he thinks towards the close of March 1779. After leaving Purysburg [American headquarters in Jasper County SC], he went to Augusta & then to ninety six [Ninety-Six SC] where he joined a company commanded by Captain Armstrong Heard as volunteer for no limited time for the purpose of hunting and harassing the tories who infested in considerable numbers that section of country. He continued in this service from the early part of the month of April until the 25th of July. He then returned to his residence in Franklin. That in the month of July 1780, he again entered the service for a tour of three months as an orderly sergeant in a company of militia in the County of Franklin commanded by Captain Richards & under him by Liut. Garrett Goodloe and marched immediately to Crabtree in Wake County & joined a regiment commanded by Colonel Benjamin Seawell & Liut. Colonel William Brickell. that they then marched Southwardly to join Gen'l. [Horatio] Gates, but on arriving at Cheraw in South Carolina they heard of his defeat [at the Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] & changed the direction of their march to Charlotte in No. Carolina & there to Salisbury where this declarant received his discharge but not in writing. He can prove a portion of his service by his brother Jonathan Stone - & his reputation in the neighbourhood can be sustained by the Rev'd. Thomas Crocker & by John D. Hawkins Esq'r. Chairman of the County Court of Franklin & James Howze Esq'r. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

[signed] John Stone

NOTE: On 11 June 1844 David Stone on behalf of himself and other heirs of John Stone applied for the pension due to their deceased mother. The application lists the heirs and is accompanied by a family register with their dates of birth and also giving the date of death of John Stone as 29 May 1833, the date of his marriage to Sally Walker in Granville County as 3 Jan 1780, and her dates of birth and death as 10 July 1757 and 7 July 1837.

Arvey Stone was born 14th December 1780 ^{died} (Sept. 21, 1850)

Elizabeth Stone was born 2nd December 1783

Samuel Stone was born 14th August 1785

William N. Stone was born 5th January 1787

John B. Stone was born 20th March 1793

Samuel H. Stone was born 4th January 1795

Thomas G. Stone was born 21 March 1797

Sally G. Stone was born 5th April 1799

David Stone was born 31st December 1801

John T. Murray was born 6 March 1811

David Stone was born 31st December 1801

Nancy M. Gill was born September 3rd in the year 1804

Joseph Gill was born March 12 in the year 1805

Sally Gill was born December 3rd in the year 1807

Francis Gill was born April 5 in the year 1811

Martha Green Gill was born April the 23rd 1811

Mary James Gill was born October 8. 1816

Elizabeth Gill was born December 17th 1818

Martha Gill was born July 16. 1820

My Father John Stone died the 29 day May 1838

My Mother his wife Sally Stone died the 6 day July 1850

By J. Stone