

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Stanford W2021<sup>1</sup> Margit (Margaret) fn52NC  
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[fn p. 16]

State of North Carolina Duplin County

On this the \_\_\_ day of September A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Robert Strange one of the Judges of the Superior Courts of Law & Equity for the State aforesaid now sitting Samuel Stanford a resident of Duplin County and State of North Carolina aged sixty-eight years the 11th day of October 1832 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated viz. under Captain Jonathan Potts, Thomas Davidson Lieutenant, James Gillespie Ensign, in a Regiment commanded by Colonel \_\_\_ Davidson [William Lee Davidson], Polk Major, and his given name this applicant thinks was Charles; in the fall of 1779 he entered the service, he thinks in October and left in about two months or little upwards after, that he resided then in Mecklenburg County North Carolina, that he was a volunteer as he was too young to be drafted, that he was in no battle during this two months service, that he marched here in Mecklenburg and Rowan Counties, traversing and scouting these counties in pursuit of the enemy that he served with no Continental regiments or companies, that the regular officers whom he knew were General Greene, Colonel Campbell who was killed at the battle of Eutaw Springs, Colonel Washington, & Captain Joseph Rhodes, that he has no documentary evidence, & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service in this tour in this section at the least, though he might in the County of Mecklenburg, Cabarrus, Rowan or Iredell where he was then acquainted.

That he entered the service again under the command of Captain Nathaniel Martin – \_\_\_ Clark first Lieutenant James Walker 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_ Clark & Witherspoon sergeants in a Regiment commanded by Colonel William Polk, in a brigade commanded by General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter], James Rutherford was Major and \_\_\_ Lusk adjutant, both of which latter were killed at the battle of the Eutaw Springs; about the last of April or first of May 1781 he entered this service and left it in February 1782, that he was one of the State troops and a volunteer or

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enlisted soldier. That he was in the battle at the Eutaw Springs and in a skirmish at Orangeburg South Carolina that he marched through the greater part of South Carolina in almost all the districts except Georgetown & Charleston district; that this applicant understood that Lord Starling [?] commanded the enemy's forces at the battle of Eutaw Springs, that he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person, with certainty who can testify to his service in this tour and that his engagement in this tour was for 10 months, and that he received a discharge which he has lost.

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 any agency in any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me in open Court.

S/ Jeremiah Pearsall, Clk

S/ Saml. Stanford Sr

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Saml Stanford Sr". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized script.

The following all the answers to the questions propounded by the Court to Samuel Stanford, an applicant for a pension on account of Revolutionary service in the militia & State Troops of North Carolina under the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

I was born in Pennsylvania State, Chester County I judge in the year 1764. I have no record of my age in my house. It was recorded in a Bible my father had who lived in Mecklenburg County North Carolina: who lived there during the Revolutionary war, & till his death. I was living in Mecklenburg County when I entered service, and continued to reside there for 2 or 3 years after the war, I then removed to Robeson County North Carolina, where I lived about 2 years, I then removed to Bladen, where I lived about 4 years, I then removed to Duplin I think in 1791 in which County I now reside.

I volunteered.

General Green, Colonel Campbell, Colonel Washington, Colonel Lee, & Captain Joseph Rhodes were the regular officers who were with the troops where I served that I can now recollect. The Continental regiments I recollect were Colonel Campbell's and Colonel Washington's & Colonel Lee's which two latter were for the most part light dragoons, the militia Regiments I recollect were, one commanded by Colonel Williams of Guilford, one by Colonel Locke of Rowan, one by Colonel Wilson of Mecklenburg, and in South Carolina Colonel Marion's I also recollect six regiments of State troops, who were afterwards reduced to 3 viz. Colonel Wade Hampton's, Colonel Middleton's & Colonel William Polk's. The general circumstances of my service are stated in the preceding declaration.

I received a discharge from my service in the State troop, who gave it I don't recollect but I suspect it was given by order of General Sumter or Colonel Polk. I kept it 20 or 30 years and what has become of it I don't know.

I am known by the whole County of Duplin.

[Thomas Kenan & Stephen Graham gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 9: On February 25, 1853 in Duplin County North Carolina, Margaret Stanford, 76, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Samuel Stanford, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him May 21, 1801; that her husband died May 16, 1833 and that she remains his widow.

*Margit Stanford*

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[fn p. 4: family record:

Samuel and Margot Stanford were married May 21st 1801

Elpenice Stanford was born April 21st 1802

Samuel Stanford was born July 12th 1803

Alexander Stanford was born October 6 1804

Thomas Stanford was born October 14 1805

Eliner Elizabeth Stanford was born August 7th 1807

W W Stanford was born April 5th 1809

James K Stanford was born August 21st 1810

Jonathan D Stanford was born August 2nd 1812

Margaret Catherine Stanford was born February 16th 1812

Calista Charity Stanford was born February 12 1816

Samuel Stanford died 16th of May 1833

Jonathan D Stanford died June 10th 1834

Caliste C. Gregory died November

[facts in file: the widow died January 24, 1858; it is stated that the veteran was himself a clergyman.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 11 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]