

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

*Pension application of Edward Storer (Storey, Story) W4348*

*Joicy*

*fn59VA*

*Transcribed by Ernest East 3/1/11*

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*State of Virginia*

*County of Campbell*

*To wit. On the 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 1832 personally appeared in open court before the justices of the peace in and for said County Edward Story [Edward Storer] a resident of Campbell County and state of Virginia at age seventy six 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.*

*That I entered the service of the United States under the following officers and served as herein stated. I was born and raised in the county Chesterfield in the state of Virginia. I have no record of my age but believe I was born the 9<sup>th</sup> October 1756. I was living in the said County of Chesterfield when I volunteered in the year 1775 under Captain Francis Goode, Lieutenant George Markrum [George Marcum] and Ensign James Moody and served six weeks at Williamsburg, Virginia. Colonial Patrick Henry commander at this time.*

*I served also another tour of six weeks at Portsmouth in Virginia in the same year under the same officers. Colonel James commander at this time. I received my discharge at both of these times and went home. It was either in the year 1776, 1777, or 1778, I substituted in the place of one Giles Wells who had enlisted for twelve months to guard the Magazine at Petersburg in Virginia. As Giles Wells substitute I served at least ten months of the twelve for which he had enlisted and got my discharge. At this time General Scott arrived with 18 months' men and took our place as the guards at the magazine.*

*I then returned home to Chesterfield County in Virginia and was enrolled in the militia under Captain Archibald Walthall and I served off and on a number of short tours when Cornwallis was taken at York Town [Yorktown]. Which taken together must have been at least six months that I spent. Colonel Reed Taylor and Major Wm Duwall commanded in there last named tours making in all sixteen months not counting the two first service tours of six weeks before the Declaration of Independence by the United States. But if I be allowed to claim for them it will make nineteen months service which I rendered the United States during the Revolutionary War.*

*I received my last discharge as well I can now recollect from Captain Walthall all of which discharges I burnt thinking I should never have any use for them. I do further declare that I have no documents or evidence in my possession nor do I know of any person living whom memory I can procure to prove my services. I hereby decline every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my service is not in the Pension Roll of the agency of nay state whatever.*

*Signed: Edward Storey*

*Signed and sworn to the day and year first above written.*

*Question by the court 1<sup>st</sup>. Where at and what year were you born?*

*Answer: I was born in Chesterfield County VA in the year 1751 [1756] I believe*

*Question by the court 2<sup>nd</sup>. Have you any record of you age and if so where is it?*

*Answer: I have none*

*Question by the court 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?*

*Answer: I lived in Chesterfield County VA during the whole of the Revolutionary War I afterwards move to Campbell where I now live.*

*Question by the court 4<sup>th</sup>. How were you called into service were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute for whom?*

*Answer: I volunteered first I afterward was substitute for Giles Willis [Giles Wells] & last was drafted in the militia. I refer to my declaration for this and other things.*

*Question by the court 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 you service?*

*Answer: I do not recollect any regular officers with the troops where I first served. General Scott came to the magazine at October 5<sup>th</sup> with the 18 months men and relieved us Colonel Reed Taylor and Major Wm Duwall commanding officer on my last tour. I do not recollect any circumstances but what I have said in my declaration.*

*Question by the court 6<sup>th</sup>. Did you receive a discharge from service and if so by whom was it given and which has become of it?*

*Answer: I received two discharges one from Capt Goode and the other from Captain Walthall were I removed from Chesterfield thinking they were of no value I burnt them.*

*Question by the court 7<sup>th</sup>. State the names of pensions to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify us to your character for verisity and their belief of your service as a soldier in the Revolutionary War.*

*Answer: Capt Thomas Fox, Mr. Thomas Cock, Capt Zackfield King, Jesse Burton and others.*

***Edward Storey***

*Sworn to and subscribed the day give first above written*

*[Thomas Fox and Thomas Cock gave the standard supporting affidavit.]*

*[fn p. 13]*

*Virginia Richmond 3402*

*Pension Application of Joicy Storer*

*widow of Edward Storer deceased of Campbell Co in the State of Virginia*

*State of Virginia Campbell County*

*On this 7th day of January 1840 before me Jesse Burton a justice of the peace in and for said County personally appeared Mrs. Joicy Storer aged 83 years a respectable resident of said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth sworn oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passes July 4, 1836. That she is the widow of Edward Storer (deceased of said County) sometimes called Story who was a private in the war of the Revolution and was a resident of the County of Chesterfield in said State at the time he the said Edward Storer was called into service. It being after she the said Joicy Storer whom maiden name was Joicy or Dicy Bates was married to said Edward Storer. That her said deceased husband Edward Storer performed several tours of service in the Revolutionary War after they were married but of which she is unable to speak correctly nor is it necessary so to do as there is sufficient documentary and record evidence on files in the war department of his her husband's service and to which the commissioner of pensions is referred -to ascertain what is due to her the said Joicy or Dicy Storer And she the said Joicy Storer, further declares, that she was married to the said Edward Storer on the 6th day of August 1775 in the County of Chesterfield by the Rev. Wm Leigh of the Church of England at Danl Disons [sic, probably Daniel Dixon or Dickson] near Woods Church that her said husband and herself settled on Winter pox Swamp after they were married near the neighborhood of Cat tail Creek where they lived several years from whence they moved to the County of Campbell in same state settled in the neighbor hood she now lives in. That her husband the aforesaid Edward Storer died on the 7th day of August 1837 and that she has been a widow ever since that period as well more fully appear by reference to the proof here to amended. That her deceased husband Edward Storer was a United States pensioner in the said County at the time of his death as aforesaid at the rate of \$ \_\_\_ per Annum and from there that she the same Joicy Storer whose maiden name was Joicy or Dicy Bates was living at Mr. Benjamin Anders in said County of Chesterfield at this time, She was married to said Edward Storer his now deceased husband.*

*Test: Thos M. Johnson, Joicy X Storer,*

*Sworn to and subscribed by her mark the day and year above said*

*Before me                      Jesse Burton*

*Campbell County State of Virginia*

*Jesse Burton a justice of the peace in and for said County do hereby certify that Mrs. Joicy Storer who has this day sworn to and subscribed by her mark the foregoing declaration before me is the widow of Edward Storer deceased of said County. Who was a United States pensioner of the time of his death which was on or about the 7th day of August 1837 that the said Joicy or Dicy Storer has remained a widow ever since the death of husband as aforesaid to the present time and further that she is too old and infirm to attend Court so great a distance at this inclement season of the year. Given under my hand this 7th day of January 1840.*

*Jesse Burton*

*State of Virginia Campbell County.*

*On this 7th day of January 1840 before me Jesse Burton a justice of the peace in and for said County personally appeared Mr. Thomas Johnson a respectable resident of the said County who being first duly sworn according to laws doth on his oath say that he is 71 years old and that he*

*has been acquainted with Edward Storer who was United States pensioner at the time of his death – and Joicy or Dicy Storer, (whose maiden name was Bates) his present widow, ever since the years 1788 – which year, they removed from the County of Chesterfield the said County of Campbell and settled in this neighborhood where they lived together as man and wife until his death, which was on or about the 7th day of August 1837 – that Joicy Storer his present widow has remained unmarried ever since the death of her husband as aforesaid to the present time, and is the Identical person who is now claiming a pension as the widow of said Edward Storer – and the deponent further states Edward Storer and his present widow Joicy Storer had at least 2 children living at the time they removed from the County of Chesterfield to said County of Campbell in 1788. That he is well acquainted with Pleasant Storer her oldest son, whose he thinks is over 60 years old.*

*S/ Thos. Johnson*

*[fn p. 12]*

*Memorandum of the ages of the children of Edward Storer and Joicy S Storer set down from Memory of Joicy S Storer the 10<sup>th</sup> April 1839 – dead  
Pleasant Storer was born 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 1776  
Archibald Storer was born the 2<sup>nd</sup> day February 1781  
Eliza Storer was born the 8<sup>th</sup> day February 1785  
Bartlet Storer was born the 8<sup>th</sup> day June 1789  
Nancy Storer was born the 3<sup>rd</sup> day January 1793  
Polly M Storer was born the 12<sup>th</sup> day February 1795*

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Added by Will Graves

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State of Virginia Campbell County to wit:

On this 13th day of May 1833 personally appeared in open court before the justices of the Court of Campbell now sitting Edward Story a resident of Campbell County and State of Virginia aged seventy-six years, who first being 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 officers and served as herein stated, that he was born and raised in the County of Chesterfield in the State of Virginia; That he has no record of his age, but believes he was born on the 9th of October 1756; – that he was residing in the County of Chesterfield aforesaid when he volunteered in the year 1775 under Captain Francis Goode, Lieutenant George Markrum and Ensign James Moody and served six

weeks. During this tour, he was marched to Williamsburg in the State of Virginia where he remained the greater part of the time under the command of Colonel Patrick Henry. Afterwards during the same year, he was called into service a second time as a volunteer under the same officers, when he was marched to Portsmouth in the State of Virginia, where he remained six weeks under the command of Colonel James. Your declarant received his discharge at the expiration of both these tours, and went home. There was no engagement with the enemy during either of these tours. It was either in the year 1776 – 77 – or 78, your declarant cannot certainly recollect which year, but he thinks it was about the middle of the revolutionary war, he became the substitute of Giles Wells, who had been enlisted for twelve months to guard the magazine at Petersburg in Virginia. The magazine had been guarded at first, as your declarant understood, by detachments of the militia of the County of Dinwiddie, relieving each other at regular intervals, until, at last, it was determined by the said County of Dinwiddie to hire a sufficient number of men to guard the magazine for twelve months, in order to relieve the militia from this harassing service. Giles Wells was one of the persons so hired. As Giles Wells's substitute, your declarant served as guard at the magazine at least ten months of the twelve, for which the said Wells had enlisted, and got his discharge. While your declarant was at the magazine, William Steger was the Sergeant. When your declarant was discharged from the service of guarding the magazine, General Scott arrived with the eighteen months men and took charge of it.

Some time before Cornwallis came to Virginia, the year your declarant cannot now recollect, he served a tour of four weeks under the command of Captain Edward Mozeley [sic, Edward Moseley?], when the company of militia, to which he belonged, was marched from the County of Chesterfield to the County of Middlesex in Virginia, where he remained encamped during the continuance of the tour. Colonel Robert Goode commanded while your declarant served in Middlesex. At the time he served in Middlesex, the British were in Chesapeake Bay, and were expected to make a dissent in the County, and the militia were posted there for the purpose of repelling them. But the enemy did not make a landing as was anticipated. – Your declarant was again called into service before Cornwallis came to Virginia, (he cannot now recollect the year) and marched from the County of Chesterfield to the town of Manchester in Virginia, where he served under the command of Captain Edward Mozeley and Colonel Robert Goode for two weeks. At that time, Benedict Arnold was said to be in Virginia, and while your declarant was in Manchester, the British came to Richmond on the opposite side of James River, and burnt the warehouses, but they retreated without coming to an action with the militia. Shortly after your declarant performed this tour in Manchester, or a little while before, he is not certain which, the British being then in which James River near City Point, he was called again entered the service and marched to the Bermuda Hundred in the lower end of Chesterfield County under the command of Captain Francis Goode, at which time Colonel Robert Goode commanded the detachment of militia in which your declarant was. Your declarant remained in service in this last mentioned tour at least four weeks. When the aforesaid detachment of militia arrived at Bermuda Hundred, it was posted at the Glebe Church. Sometime after taking post there, it was marched to a cherry orchard near James River in full view of the British, who were then lying in the River at which time they fired upon the militia. Some days afterwards, the British made a landing with a view of attacking our detachment, upon which it was marched back to the upper end of Chesterfield County. – After Cornwallis came to Virginia, the year your declarant cannot exactly recollect, he was called into service, and marched down below Petersburg Virginia to an old field near Appomattox River where he remained at least three weeks under the command of Captain Edward Mozeley and Colonel Robert Goode. Some short

time before the siege of Cornwallis at York, your declarant was called again in the service and marched down to the County of York, where he served at least four weeks. In this last tour, Captain Archibald Walthall commanded the company to which your declarant was attached, and that was under the command of Major DuVal and Colonel Creed Taylor. While posted in the County of York, the Marquis La Fayette [Lafayette] visited our encampment. The British were then in York River, and it was said, that the arrival of the French fleet in Chesapeake Bay had prevented their retreat. It was said also, that as soon as General Washington arrive with his Army, it was expected that the British would be compelled to surrender. Your declarant was discharged before the arrival of General Washington, and, not long after his return to the County of Chesterfield, heard of the capture of the British Army at York. Your declarant does not think that, in any of the tours above mentioned, he had any written discharge; in some he had, but, not supposing that they would ever be of any use to him, he burnt them. In his former declaration, it is stated, that your declarant was commanded in the last tour above related by Major William DuVal.<sup>1</sup> At the time that declaration was prepared, your declarant stated, as he states now, that the officer in question was Major DuVal without knowing and of course without mentioning his Christian name, and it was suggested by the Court, in which the declaration was made, that it must be Major William DuVal of the County of Buckingham, to which your applicant assented, not being apprised, that there was any other Major of the name of DuVal. Your declarant has since ascertained from Major William DuVal, that it was a brother of his now deceased by the name of Samuel DuVal, who commanded a Battalion in the militia, at the time your declarant refers to during the revolutionary war. It is stated in your declarant's former declaration, that he "served a number of short tours which taken together, must have been at least 6 months during which tours he was under the command of Captain Archibald Walthall, Colonel Creed Taylor and Major DuVal." How he came to be stated, that he was under the command of the above named officers during all those tours when, in point of fact, he was under their command only in one, your declarant can account for only by the unskillfulness or mistake of the person who drafted that declaration as well as by the ignorance and inattention of your declarant. Your declarant is an unlettered man, old, infirm, and poor, but great as these misfortunes are, and humble as his situation may be, he would bear them all with cheerfulness, rather than do or say anything that might impair his character for veracity, for the sake of any consideration either of honor or profit. He did not enter into so minute a recapitulation of his services in his former declaration, because he did not suppose it was necessary, but he trust that his failure to do so, or any apparent discrepancies between that declaration and the present, arising either from accident or mistake, will, in no wise, prejudice his claim for a pension. During the whole of the revolutionary war, your declarant resided in the County of Chesterfield in Virginia and continued to reside there until he removed to the County of Campbell where he now resides and has resided for many years. In all the tours, which he served, he was a private. By reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the length of his service precisely, but, according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned in this declaration to wit; 6 weeks as a volunteer at Williamsburg, and 6 weeks at Portsmouth; 10 months as a substitute at the magazine at Petersburg; 4 weeks in the County of Middlesex; 2 weeks at the town of Manchester; 4 weeks at the Bermuda Hundred; 3 weeks at an old field below Petersburg, and 4 weeks in the County of York, for all which services he claims a pension. From the same loss of memory produced by old age, he cannot swear positively as to the different years in which the above mentioned tours were performed. He further declares, that he

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<sup>1</sup> [William DuVal S8362](#)

has no documentary evidence of his services in his possession, nor does he know of any person living whose testimony from personal knowledge, he could procure to prove his services. He removed from the County of Chesterfield many years since and has not visited it for a great length of time. He has, therefore, had no opportunity of knowing whether any of the companions of his youth and his comrades in service during the war of the revolution, are still surviving; and, laboring as he is now under the pressure of age infirmity and indigence, he has neither the strength nor the means to institute an inquiry, at so great a distance from his present residence, in order to ascertain, whether any personal witness of his services can be found. 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 any agency in any State whatsoever. Signed and sworn to the day and year first above written.

S/ Edward Storey

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward Storey". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[The 7 interrogatories were put to the applicant and his answers were substantially identical to those given in his first declaration. Consequently, I have not transcribed those again.]

[Jesse Burton, Thomas Fox and William J Harvey gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Henry Bunn, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$55.44 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 16 months & 19 days service as a private in the Virginia militia.]