

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Stevenson W4815 Elizabeth fn49NC
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State of North Carolina Iredell County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Sessions 1832

On this 23rd day of August A.D. 1832 Personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting John Stevenson a resident of Iredell County in the State of North Carolina aged seventy-four 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he enlisted in the service under Captain James Purviance, as well as he now remembers in the year 1775. He was under the command of Colonel Locke. He first joined the detachment at or near a Fort on the Catawba [River] and marched with the Army to [the] Valley Towns against the Indians. He was drafted for a three months tour and was regularly dismissed with honor from the service when they had accomplished the destruction of the Indian Towns and the dispersion of the Indians & returned sick with the fever of which he was confined for weeks. That afterwards Captain John Reid raised a volunteer company of horse which he joined, Misddendine [?] Matthews was Lieutenant. This was a two months tour, that whilst in this part of the Service he was stationed at Charlotte or near it at the time Cornwallis with the British Army took that place. We were appointed to watch his progress and retired before him. That after that time he served another two months tour in the horse under Captain Hugh Hall and pursued the track of Lord Cornwallis and the British Army as he pursued General Greene through Carolina immediately before the battle of Guilford Court house that his tour of service expired sometime before the battle but himself and some others consented to remain some longer and was in the battle, and after continuing several weeks he returned home. That in the course of the War he was several times besides those here detailed called into service for a few days and once performed a tour for two or three with months as Waggon master and was engaged in collecting and transporting provisions for the use of the Army. That he honestly and conscientiously believes that he was engaged more than twelve months in the Active Service of his Country during the War, but cannot at this late period and his advanced age recollect the dates of his Several periods of Service & has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person at present (except such as are subjoined) whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

He was born the 23rd day of July 1758 at Lancaster County Pennsylvania – He has no ancient record in his possession of his age. He was living at the time he was first called into service within one mile of his present residence which is in Iredell County and State of North Carolina. That he was called into service in the manner set forth in this declaration. That at different times he was under the command of Colonel Lee of the Horse, and General Greene commander in chief. He never received any written discharge. He refers to Joseph Davidson and William Falls as his neighbors respecting the opinion entertained respecting his services.

That 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 the Agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ A. Simonton, Clerk

S/ John Stevenson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Stevenson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "S/ John Stevenson".

[William Falls and Joseph Davidson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

I William Stevenson of the County of Iredell and State of North Carolina aged sixty-nine years do certify that I am the brother of John Stevenson the applicant and do know that during the Revolutionary War he was frequently called into Service of the Country and I was with him in the tour immediately before the battle of Guilford & saw him in the service and left him there when I returned home a few days before the battle.

Sworn & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ William Stevenson, X his mark

[fn p. 10: In may 1843 in Iredell County North Carolina, Elizabeth Stevenson, 82, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of John Stevenson, deceased, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution at the rate of \$26.66 per; that she married him September 1, 1785; that her husband died November 2, 1836; and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 4: family record]

Mary & William Stevenson born on Monday the 26th of June 1786

Rachel Stevenson born on Saturday the 19th of January 1788

David Moffett Stevenson born on August the __ 1789

Jean Stevenson born __ 1790

Margret Stevenson born __ 1792

Fargus Stevenson born February __ 1794

Agness Stevenson born __ 1795

Elizabeth Stevenson born __ 1797

Thomas Stevenson born March __ 1799

Prudence Stephenson born May __ 1801

Anny Stevenson born in November __ 1802

Rebecca Stephenson born in June __ 1805

[Facts in file: the widow's maiden name was Elizabeth Moffitt; the date and place of her birth and the name of her parents on not stated in the file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 7 months service as a private in the North Carolina Infantry & cavalry of militia. Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1848, for her husband's service as a private in the infantry & cavalry of the North Carolina militia.]