

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Stanfield (Starfield) W6215 Sarah fn127NC
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[fn p. 8]

State of Georgia Murray County

On this the 12th day of July 1848 personally appeared before William Hammond one of the Justices of the Inferior Court in & for said County Sarah Stanfield a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged ninety years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress, passed __ entitled "An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows". That she is the widow of John Stanfield who served in the Revolutionary war as a private soldier part of the time under a Captain Arnold, Major Crump, and General Caswell as well as she recollects, and part of the time he filled the office of Lieutenant and part of the time as Captain to the best of her knowledge & belief. That he went out with the second Troops after the first Troops returned to the best of her knowledge he was a volunteer from the County of Guilford in the State of North Carolina & continued in service from the time he entered throughout the whole war until the close, she only remembers one battle that he the said John Stanfield was engaged in which was at the court-house in the said County of Guilford what time it was, she does not now recollect, that all of the documentary evidence which she had of these facts were lost & destroyed together in her travels backwards & forwards after the death of the said John Stanfield, that this evidence consisted of his discharge or discharges from Service in the war: and that she lost & had destroyed at the same time her family records. She further declares that her husband the said John Stanfield was a member [?] from the County of Randolph in said State of North Carolina, which said County of Randolph was taken from the County of Guilford aforesaid to the General Assembly in the House of Commons at Tarboro about the year 1787.

She further declares that she was married to the said John Stanfield on the 16th day of February in the year 1777 by a Parson Gordon a Minister of the Episcopal Church on Sabbath in a Parish Church in the County of Halifax in the State of Virginia "upon publication of the Bans": she does not remember any person or persons present except the parties & their relations & that all of said relations are now dead to the best of her knowledge; That her husband sometime after the close of the war moved to Abbeville District in the State of South Carolina where he died on the 8th day of November in the year 1805. She further declares that she had twelve children by the said John Stanfield & that with two exceptions the whole twelve and arrived at years of

maturity; and eight of said children are now alive to the best of her knowledge, the first child was born on the 19th day of January 1778 & the last child was born on the 23rd day of December 1803 & the others of the children's births ranging between the year 1778 & 1803, aforesaid, and that the said John Stanfield her husband died on the 8th day of November 1805.

She further swears that she is now a widow & has been ever since the death of her husband the said John Stanfield, and that she has never before made any application for a pension,

Sworn to & subscribed before me on the day & year above written.

S/ William Hammond, JIC

S/ Sarah Stanfield, S her mark

[fn p. 14: In Wayne County Tennessee on June 9th, 1848, William Stanfield, gave testimony that he is the son of John & Sarah Stanfield; that he was born in North Carolina and raised principally in South Carolina; that his parents had 10 other children besides himself, namely: Richard [Richard married Martha Grimes [?] and it is dead leaving her his widow living somewhere in the state of Georgia]; Sarah; Jane; & Robert Stanfield older than himself; Polly, John, Peter, James, George and Francis and that they all grew up to maturity except my brother Robert who died about the age of 9 years old; all are now living as far as he knows except Richard, Peter and Robert; he states that he was born on February 2, 1787.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wm Stanfield". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a closing bracket symbol "]".

[fn p. 16: In Tallapoosa County Alabama on July 5, 1848, Jain Ewing [sic, Jane Ewing?] gave testimony that she is the daughter of John and Sarah Stanfield; that she was there 5th child; that she was born in Randolph County North Carolina and when about 9 years old her parents moved to Abbeville District South Carolina where deponent was raised; that her parents had 4 children before she was born namely Elizabeth, Richard, Sarah & one other who died in infancy before it was named; after her were born William, Polly, John, Peter, James, Robert, George & Francis Stanfield all of whom grew to maturity except Robert who died at about 9 years of age and all of whom are still alive except Peter and Richard; that she is about 62 years of age; signed "Janie Ewing, X her mark"]

[fn p. 64]

State of North Carolina Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the Journals of the General Assembly of this State, which met at Tarboro on the 19th day of November 1787, that John Stanfield was a member of the said General Assembly, in the House of Cummins, from the County of Randolph.

Given under my hand at office in Raleigh this 18th day of April 1848.

S/ Wm Hill Secretary of State

[fn p. 86: Deposition given in Wayne County Tennessee by Polly West in which she states she is the daughter of John and Sarah Stanfield; that she was born in the state of North Carolina raised principally in South Carolina; that her parents had 10 children besides herself; that she is now almost 58 years of age and married to James West in the year 1809.]

[fn p. 113: testimony by G. R. Stanfield given on March 15, 1854 in Madison County Alabama that he is the administrator of the estate of Sarah Stanfield who died in Marshall County intestate on the 3rd day of February 1854.]