

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of John Stilwell (Stillwell) W7209 Jane Aspey fn68NC
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State of North Carolina, Mecklenburg County

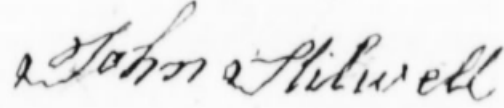
On this 28th day of January 1844 personally appeared in Open Court Before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting, John Stilwell, a resident of Mecklenburg County North Carolina aged 83 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order 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 was born in the County of Mecklenburg, North Carolina on the 20th of June 1861 where he lived until 1780 when he was drafted for three months and placed under the Command of Richard Springs Captain Thomas Rea Lieutenant John Baxter Ensign he then marched with his Company under the command of General Rutherford to Ramsour's Mills and assisted in guarding a number of Tories to Salisbury North Carolina where they were placed in Jail, after that he was Absent from the Army on furlough 10 days, at the Expiration of the furlough he was ordered under the Command of General Gates and marched near Rugeley's Mill in the State of South Carolina where they encamped and Slept under arms with orders to march by daylight for the purpose of reenforcing General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] at Fishing Creek above Rocky Mount in the State of South Carolina. Soon after we joined Sumter he was surprised by Tarleton's Cavalry and driven with all his forces from the State of South Carolina. That he paraded again with his Company at the Ford of Goose Creek in the County of Mecklenburg North Carolina about 20 miles South East of Charlotte by the order of General Davidson for the purpose of suppressing the Tories, there terminated the first tour of his Service. That he was drafted the second time for the term of three months and put under the command of Nathan Orr Captain the other company officers he does not remember, he marched with his Company to little Pedee River North Carolina where they joined General Rutherford and marched through the Raft Swamp and had a slight skirmish with the Tories, he then marched with his company to Elizabethtown on Cape Fear River from thence through Duplin County North Carolina to Wilmington N. C. where he remained until his last tour of service expired it being about the close of the revolution.

That he has no original discharges now in his possession not thinking they would ever be of any service to him he took no care of them and they have long since been lost or destroyed. 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/ Thos. J. Grier, CCC

S/ John Stilwell



[Ira L. Potter, a clergyman and Colonel Zebulon Morris gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

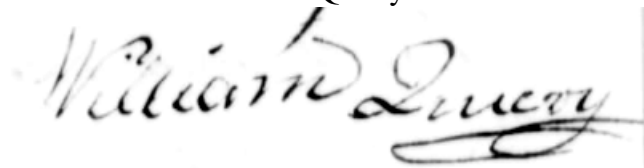
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I Wm Queery¹ of the County of Mecklenburg and State of North Carolina do hereby certify that the following detail of the services of John Stilwell during the war of the Revolution is true to my own personal knowledge – John Stilwell was living in Mecklenburg N. C. in 1776 was drafted for three months in 1780 placed under the command of Richard Springs Captain Thomas Rea Lieutenant John Baxter Ensign marched towards Ramsour's Mills joined General Rutherford reached the battle ground at Ramsour's the day after the Battle assisted in guarding Tory prisoners to Salisbury Jail encamped on the banks of Yadkin River N.C., had a furlough for ten Days – again joined the Army under the command of General Gates 20 miles N. E. of Camden in South Carolina marched near Rongeys mills [sic, Rugeley's Mills?] – was sent in a detachment to reinforce General Sumter at Fishing Creek above Rocky Mount South Carolina Sumter was surprised by tarlton's [Banastre Tarleton's] cavalry Gates was defeated by Cornwallis and we were driven from the State of South Carolina &c he was then ordered by General Davisen [William Lee Davidson] to the Ford of Goose Creek Mecklenburg North Carolina to repel the Tories – he was placed under the command of Captain Oliver Wylie, Lieutenant Thomas Shelby, Ensign James M^calib and there terminated his first three months and more but he cannot recollect how much longer than three months he had to stay – he was again drafted three months in 1781 placed under the command of Captain Nathan Orr the Subalterns I do not remember he marched with his company to little Pedee River where he joined Generals Rutherford and Irwin-- marched through the Raft Swamps had some skirmishing with the Tories marched to Elizabeth town on Cape Fear River thence through Duplin County N. C. to Wilmington N. C. where he staid till his last three months tour closed

Sworn to and Subscribed the third day of Feby 1844.

Test: S/ Philemon Morris, JP

C/ William Query



[fn p. 10: Jane A. Stilwell, 73, filed in Mecklenburg for a widow's pension on November 17, 1854, stating that she married her husband on March 18, 1805; that he died November 10, 1848. In a later filing she say she married him on March 18, 1806, married by Moses Cochran, a JP, that her name before her marriage was Jane A. Becket. Bible records in the file indicate: Jane Beckett born February 17, 1781; children of John and Jane Stilwell:

Rachel Lynn born 12/11/1806; died 9/17/1833 giving birth to Rachel Lynn McAll

John Franklin born 12/11/1806

Margaret Robinett born 12/12/1807

Silas Nelson born May 30, 1812

Jinsey(Jane) Elvira born 10/15/ 1817

Elizabeth Araminta born 3/23/1820; died 9/7/1847

Sarah Messalina born 5/22/ 1823

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[fn p. 16: actual Bible Record]

Births

Jane A. Stilwell was Born Feby 17th 1781

Rachel L & John F. Stilwells was Born December 11th 1806

Margret K. Stilwell was Born Decr 12th 1807

Silas N. Stilwell was Born may 30th 1812

Jane E Stilwell was Born October 15th 1817

Elizabeth A. Stilwell was Born March 23rd 1820

Sarah M. Stilwell was Born May 22nd 1823

Deaths

Rachel L. Stilwell Died Septr 17th 1833

Elisabeth A. Stilwell Died September 7th 1847

John Stilwell Died November 10th 1848 aged 87 years five months and 20 Days

[fn p . 18: separate sheet:

John Stilwell and [illegible—ink blot obscures the balance of this line]

Beckett Was Married on Tuesday the

18th of March 1806

[fn p. 19: separate sheet:

John Stilwell was born June 20th A.D. 1761

Jane Aspey Stilwell was born February 17th 1781

Rachel Lyn Stilwell & John Franklin Stillwell was born December 11th A.D. 1806

Margret Robinett Stilwell was born December 12 A.D. 1807

Silas Nelson Stilwell was born May 30th 1812

Jinsey Elvira Stilwell was born October 15th A.D. 1817

Elisabeth Araminta Stilwell was born March 23rd A.D. 1820

Sarah Messalina Stilwell was born May 22nd A.D. 1823 on Thursday

Rachel lynn Mcall was born September 17th A.D. 1833 Her mother died the same day

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20.75 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending November 10, 1848, for 6 months & 7 days service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]