

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Solomon Stansbury ¹ W8759 Janett (Jane) Stansbury f97MD
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[p 13: Note: Very faint images in Fold3.com's version; better images in Ancestry.com's version]
State of Kentucky, Laurel County

On this 1st day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the Justices of the Court of Laurel County now siting Sollomon Stansbury [sic, Solomon Stansbury] a resident of Laurel County State of Kentucky aged 77 the 26 of last month 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, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States, the year forgotten, as a private as a militia soldier for the term of three months in Baltimore State of Maryland, the year that the British sailed up the Chesapeake Bay to the head of Elk [River] in the company commanded by Luke Wiley, Lt. Joshua Wiley, Ensign forgotten, Major Joshua Stephison [sic, Joshua Stephenson], Lt. [Col.] Darby Lux in the Regt. commanded by Col. Tally. This enlistment took place shortly before the Battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777]. During this term of service he marched only eight miles to Baltimore where he was stationed until the expiration of his term of service when he was dismissed and rec'd. no written discharge. This service was in the militia of the State of Maryland in the service of the U. States. He does not remember [that] there was any regular officers in the Army which was Genl. Buckhannan [General Buchanan?] of Baltimore. The fall before the siege of Charleston in South Carolina in the County of Caswell County State of North Carolina he volunteered in the militia as a private for five months in the line of the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Capt. Hardin [probably William Harden], Lt. Thomas Barnett, Hugh Barnett Ensign, the company was directly marched to Hillsborough where Capt. Hardin's company was placed in the Regt. commanded by Col. Robt. Mabin [sic, Robert Mebane] who was called a regular officer of the line of the State of North Carolina on Continental establishment of the Regt. Lt. Col. Archibald Lytle the Majors he does not recollect. The Regt. then marched Pedee [River] in South Carolina, thence directly to Charleston in State State [sic] where we remained until his aforesaid term of service five months from the time of Rendezvous at Hillsborough, where he was discharged during the siege (and shortly before the surrender by Genl. Lincoln) [Benjamin Lincoln surrendered Charleston on May 12, 1780] by Capt. Hardin afsd. On this campaign he recollects his Col. Lytle a regular officer, also Col. Mebane, who commanded the Regt., Lytle being the Lt. Col. also Genl. Lincoln. After the surrender of Charleston & his discharge as afsd. he volunteered in the Militia for three months as a private Soldier in the County of Caswell North

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Carolina in the Company commanded by Capt. John Graves, (Lt. & Ensign forgotten) then marched to Hillsborough in North Carolina and placed in the Regt. Commanded by Col. Colyer [sic, Col. John Collier] (the other field officers forgotten) in the Brigade commanded by Genl. Butler [John Butler], all being of the Militia of North Carolina in the service of the United States. Shortly the Regt. marched to Pedee [River] in South Carolina, thence to Rudely's Mill [sic, Rugeley's Mill], where they joined Genl. Gates [Horatio Gates] under whose command they remained until Gates' defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780], and after the defeat his company commanded by Capt. Graves afsd. joined the Regt. commanded by Col. O'Neal [probably William O'Neal of Orange County North Carolina] of the Militia of North Carolina under whom he remained under his term of Service had expired when he was dismissed at Hillsborough by Capt. Graves but got no written discharge. On this trip he remembers regular officers Genl. Gates & many other officers whose names he has forgotten who were said to be regular officers. He does not know of any person in this State by whom he can prove his service as stated by him as afsd. The written discharge from Hardin he has long since lost. He hereby relinquishes any claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of this Agency of State nor has ever been. He was in Gates defeat, the siege of Charleston and in many skirmishes with the Tories. He was born in Baltimore in Maryland and his age he has given. He has no record of his age. He lived near Baltimore the first service, the next two times in Caswell County N. Carolina when volunteered and entered the service. He never was a substitute and as to the manner of entering the service he has explained. He has told all he remembers as to Officers & Regt. and the genl. Circumstances of his service and the country through which he marched. As to his discharge he has explained. As to his character for veracity & the belief of his services he refers to Jesse Hide and Isam Faris all his neighbors.

Sworn & subscribed to this day & year afsd.

S/ Sollomon Stansbury²

State of Kentucky, Laurel County Court: Oct. term 1st day 1832

Isam Faris aged 82 and Jesse Hide about 72 or 3 both being sworn in open court who upon their oath declare that they have known the afsd. Stansbury who subscribed the foregoing peo: [sic,?] in their presence for about 25 or 30 years past. That they believe him about 77 years of age, they reside in Laurel & near neighbors to said Stansbury. From his gen'l. reputation as a man of truth and report [sic, repute?] in the neighborhood as to his being a Soldier in the Revolution they have no doubt his said statement is correct. And it is further ordered to be certified as the opinion of the court that said witnesses are respectable and to be believed and they concur in the opinion that he served in the Revolution War as stated by him.

{Seal}Private Seal

S/ Lot Pitman, Clk of the Laurel County Court

S/ E. Smith at Mt. Vernon, Ky

[p 22: On December 13, 1842, Jane Stansbury, widow, aged 68, filed in Laurel County for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that her husband died on April 1, 1842; that they were married February 25, 1791 in Mecklenburg County, NC. She signed with her mark.]

[p 24: on December 13, 1842 in Laurel County Kentucky, Samuel Stansbury gave testimony that he is the reputed son of Solomon and Jane Stansbury; that his parents have an older child,

² This is a certified copy of the veteran's application. Consequently, this signature is not the veteran's actual signature.

Rebecca Nix about 2 years older than himself; that he has understood from his parents that they had another child older than Rebecca who died very young.]

[p 7: On October 25, 1843 in Laurel County Kentucky, Samuel Stansbury gave testimony that he is the 3rd child of Solomon and Janett Stansbury; that he was 47 years old on January 25, 1843; that his father died April 1, 1842; that his mother remains a widow; that his parents were married on February 24, 1791 according to the family record.

Samuel Stansbury

[p 10 contains the following which is doubtless the 'family record' referred to by Samuel Stansbury but which, as can be seen, is largely illegible.

	Becky Stansbu
	????? Day
	of June 1798[? last digit?]
	Janet [?] Stansbury
	born January 17
	November [?] 1795 [?]
	Elizabeth Galoway Stansbury
	was born April 3 rd 1801 [?]
	Susanna Stansbury
	? January 22d

[p 11: On March 28, 1855 in Laurel County Kentucky, Jane Stansbury, aged 80, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war soldier; that she married her husband in 1793 in Lincoln County North Carolina; that they were married by Robert Alexander, JP; that her name prior to her marriage was Jane Lewing; that her husband died in Laurel County Kentucky in 1842 and she remains his widow. She signed this application with her mark.]

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