

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Stuart W8762

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State of Kentucky, Christian County

On this 16th Day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable B. Shackelford Sole Judge of the Christian Circuit Court now sitting James Stuart a resident of said County aged Seventy years the 1st December 1832, 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.

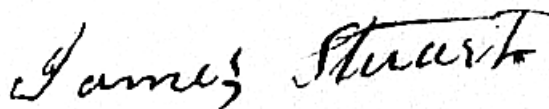
That he resided in the State of South Carolina in Chester County, Camden District; that he first entered the service under the command of Captain H. McClure who raised a small party and went in pursuit of some Tories in '79 – and had a Battle with the Tories at the old fields on Rocky Creek near Rocky Mount the next day after the Battle he was taken prisoner by the Tories commanded by he believes Captain Yarborough and by him delivered to Turnbull and carried to Camden where he remained until a small party Defeated Captain Cruger or some such name when he was exchanged – and in a short time he entered the service a volunteer under the age of 16 years in the month of June 1780 in a Regiment of troops commanded by Colonel E. Lacey [Edward Lacey], Lieutenant Colonel McGriffi [?] – Major John Adair in a Company commanded by Captain John McClure John Steele Lieutenant & Hugh McClure Ensign – we rendezvoused at Charlotte Mecklenburg County North Carolina. He then marched under General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] to Rocky Mount where we had a Battle with the British under the command of Turnbull – we then marched to Lands Ford on the Catawba River thence to the Hanging Rock where we had a small Battle with the British & Col. Bryan a Tory in August 1780 when we retreated back to Clem's Branch there we met with & was reinforced by General Gates [Horatio Gates] – We then marched to opposite Camden where General Gates was Defeated; we then retreated back to Fishing Creek where we had an engagement with Tarlton [sic Banastre Tarleton] & General Sumter was Defeated in August 1780. The next tour we again rendezvoused near Steele Creek Meeting House then marched under Captain Steele – (our Captain having been killed at the Battle of Hanging Rock) to King's Mountain where we had an engagement with General Furgeson [sic, Major Patrick Ferguson] the British Commander – we defeated him – we then collected all General Sumter's men & marched down to Fort Granby on the Congaree River. We took possession of the West Fort Granby or Congaree Fort in March 1781. We then marched to the Siege of Ninety Six – General Greene [sic, Nathanael Greene] returned from the Siege and crossed Broad River – and thence to Orangeburg. General Greene retreated to the high hills of Santee and Generals Sumter & Marion divided their men some went to Dorchester and the detachment he was an under the command of General Sumter marched to the Mud houses near the Sea Shore & Haddrell's Point or some such name where Marion & General Sumter joined and had a Battle with Stuart (I believe) a British Officer – then all returned back passing the Bigham [sic, Biggin] Church (when Major Adair's Horse Runaway) to near Orangeburg then we joined General Greene's Army and

marched to the Eutaw Springs where we had a Battle with Colonel Stuart (I believe) Colonel Washington [William Washington] was here taken prisoner in the Garden, Colonel Campbell [William Campbell] of Virginia was killed. This was in the year 1781 and in the month of September or October – I was under a Captain Phillip Walker in this Battle and still in the same Regiment. We then retreated up the Country I believe to Orangeburg where we were dismissed. This tour was for about 16 or 17 months.

He then volunteered under Captain Walker, Lieutenant Crawford and Colonel Lacey's Regiment. We were stationed then at Orangeburg and at a place called Four Holes on Four Holes River – this tour lasted three months when he returned home – this was about the Declaration of Peace but he does not recollect the date-- he is now old and may perhaps misapply dates – after this we had frequently to embody ourselves and had many skirmishes with the Tories &c who frequently committed depredations after the Main Army was disbanded. He states positively that he rendered more than two years Service in the War of the Revolution – that his age is recorded in his Bible now at his own home – that after he ended his Service he resided in Chester County South Carolina until about the year 1802 or 3 or 4 – when he removed to Christian County Kentucky where he hath ever since resided except a part of the time he resided in Todd, it having been formed out of Christian left him in Todd and that he has recently removed again into Christian where he now resides. That he has made positive proof of actual Service in the War of the Revolution by John Walker of the State of Indiana – Sworn to 25th of September 1832 and that he can make positive proof and intends to do so by General John Adair¹ now a member of Congress from Mercer of this State of his actual Service as herein stated – that said John Adair was Major in the same Regiment with him – That he is well known to have been a Soldier of the Revolution in the County where he now resides in which many of his neighbors could testify – and their opinion – (to wit) William Stuart, W. P. Wilkins, Absalom Humphreys & he Submits the foregoing as full true & perfect answers all & singular the Interrogatories put by the War Department – that he was born in the State of Maryland in Small town called Buck Town.

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 of the United States.

S/ James Stuart



[fn p. 37: Veteran applied in Shelby County Illinois for the transfer of his pension payment to the agency of that state his having removed there.]

[fn p. 12: On June 21, 1854 in Christian County Kentucky, Susan Stuart, 100, filed for a widow's pension stating she is the widow of James Stuart, a revolutionary pensioner; that he died October 6, 1845 at Fairfield in Wayne County in the state of Illinois; that she married him November 13, 1830 in Christian County Kentucky and that they were married by John Spurlin, JP; that her name prior to her marriage was Susan Calvin.]

[fn p. 11: Certificate dated May 2, 1855 from the clerk of Christian County Kentucky County Court stating that records in his office show the marriage of James Stuart to Susan Calvin November 13, 1830; they were married by John Spurlin, JP.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year

1 [John Adair W2895](#)

service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]