

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Stevenson X768

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State of North Carolina Cabarrus County:

On the 18th day of August in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared before us Thomas McEwen, John Hall & Nathaniel Sims three of the Justices of the Peace for said County James Stevenson Black Smith [blacksmith] a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged eighty-seven years and three months who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7 1832 Who saith that he lived in the State of Maryland Cecil County went to Philadelphia in July 1776 with the intention to join the Army of the United States he then and there engaged in the armory business and served at said business until the rumor that General Howe [William Howe] was coming to take Philadelphia he then entered the Army as a volunteer under Captain Porter (Captain Porter intended to take the command of a vessel but owing to circumstances took command of a party of militia at Philadelphia the names of the General and field officers not recollected went from Philadelphia to Trenton and from Trenton to Princeton and was in the battle at Princeton under said Captain Porter. Sometime after that left Captain Porter, Joined Captain Courtney of the Artillery served with said company some time, then entered the Continental Black Smith Shop and work at shoeing wagon horses &c &c until May 1778 at which time he left the service and went to Philadelphia from thence home to the State of Maryland. And in the summer of 1778 removed to the state of South Carolina York district and their entered the service of the United States as a volunteer under Colonel Lacy [Edward Lacey] of said State served under said Lacy some two or three months but cannot recollect the precise length of time and owing to disease was compelled to quit the service. He also states that he does not recollect whether he ever received a regular discharge. He states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

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 above written.

S/ James Stevenson, X his mark

[John Robinson, D. D., Nathaniel Sims, JP, Thomas McEwen, JP, John Hall, JP gave the standard supporting affidavit.]