Pension application of Amos Stewart R10161

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State of Georgia Taliaferro County: On the 13th of September 1832 Personally appeared before two of the Justices of the Inferior Court Amos Stewart late of the Revolutionary Army resident in Taliaferro County and State of Georgia aged seventy-three years the 28th day of April 1832, who being 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 7th of June 1832.

Declaration

I Amos Stewart do most solemnly declare that I entered the service of the United States in March 1775 in South Carolina under Captain Young, and was attached to no Regiment, and served a six months tour and returned home. I then volunteered in January 1776 under Captain Jeffrey Williams in a light Horse Company in the State of South Carolina, in the Militia, in Colonel Williamson's Regiment was at the Battle of Stono was held in the reserve, and did not fight till the Siege was over General Lincoln commanded, he was a lame man, I served most of my service in the State of South Carolina the balance in Georgia for three years, I was Discharged at Stono. I thought I had my Discharge yet, but after a thorough search I am convinced [words written over and illegible] lost. I have found two furloughs which I will forward. One from my Father to visit me and the other for me to visit my friends and my parents while in service and went by horse. I continued my service in 1778 and under all, I served a service of three years & six months in constant service I have no living witness to prove this Declaration by – I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and Declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year first written.

S/ Amos Stewart, X his mark

S/ Malcom Johnston, JIC
S/ R. Q. Dickinson, JIC

[Malcom Johnston and William L Tucker, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Georgia Taliaferro County

In person came before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace for Taliaferro County Georgia Amos Stewart who being duly sworn deposes that by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods below and all as a private soldier under Captain Young & Captain Williams & served not less than 3 years and 6

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months constant service with an embodied Corps and was not engaged in any civil business.

And this deponent further states that he has no other person whereby he can establish his Service. And as to Interrogatory No. 2 I have a record of my age, it was left me by my Father (viz.) Amos Stewart was born April 28th 1759 – Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of April 1833.

S/ Amos Stewart, X his mark

S/ John Evans, JP

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Camp at Simmons [?] 28th June 1779 [?]
The bearer Robert Stuart has permission to Pass the Guards and return home By Order of Brig. Genl. Williamson

John Bowie, Majr Brig.

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Amos Stewart is permitted to go after his horse [?] and ? Please to Let his pass
April 27 1779
San pass [??] Capt Jeffries Williams

April 28

[fn p. 3: On November 22, 1856 in Taliaferro County Georgia, Martha Stuart, 101 years old, filed a claim as the widow of Amos Stewart; they were married in Georgia but the date she cannot recollect and she has no record of it; she recollects distinctly that they were married by a justice of the peace who charged one dollar 2 performed the ceremony; that after their marriage her husband was called out again to serve as either a volunteer or drafted he to go to Savannah she thinks he was under Colonel Alexander at this time and Colonel Dunn; that her husband died in
Taliaferro County Georgia in the spring of 1837 the precise date she cannot recollect; that she has remained his widow ever since.]