Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of George Stipp S17697

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The State of Ohio Green [sic: Greene] County Court of common Pleas of the Term of November in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty two

Green County Ss Personally appeared in open court at the above Term before the Judges of the Court aforesaid on the 24th day of November in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty two George Stipp a resident of Sugar Creek Township in the County of Green aforesaid aged Seventy five years on the twenty second day of April 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 on the Seventh day of June 1832 That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served in manner and for the space of time herein stated. He states that he was drafted into the service as a private soldier on the month of August or September 1777 in the County of Frederick and State of Virginia in which County and State he at that time resided and within about five miles of Winchester. He was drafted for a tour of three month and entered the service of the United States at Winchester under Captain Barnett and he believes his name was John Barnett. He was drafted for a tour of three months. There was two other companies met at Winchester and these three companies were placed under the command of Colonel Marcus Collomese or Calmes [sic: Marquis Calmes] and marched from Winchester by the way of Frederick town [MD] old Lancaster & Reading to the camp of General Washington at Chesnutt Hill [sic: Chestnut Hill] about 15 miles from Philadelphia. He recollects that on their march to and before they reached the main army they met the Wagon that were bearing off the wounded who had been engaged in the battle of Germantown [4 Oct 1777] which had been fought a week or two before. He remained in the camp the principle part of his Term of Service. He marched from the Camp of Washington on one expedition against the Brittish and Hessians. There wear a body of about 5000 men but he cannot state the name of the officer who commanded or to whose regiment he belonged in this expedition but they came upon the camp of the enemy near Mud Island and took a great number of Tents and plunder but the main body of troops did not overtake either the British or Hessians. The American Light-horse drove them across the Sckuykill [sic: Schuylkill] River but the British then defended themselves with Cannon and compell the Light horse to retreat. They returned to the main army and were absent on the march a part of two days and one night. Shortly after this expedition he in company with many others delivered up their arms at the camp of Genl Porter and received a written discharge for three months service this applicant was in no battle during this service.

In a few days after this discharge and before he returned home he again entered the service of the United States as a substitute in the Pennsylvania Militia for a tour of three months for a man the name of Merkle in the Company of Captain Morits. He entered the service and joined the company of Captain Morits in the neighbourhood of the Main still at Chesnut Hill army, and then marched into camp but had been there but a few days until he was taken sick with the Camp Fever as it was called and remained for some time unable to perform duty and then received a furlow to go the Country until his health was restored; but he remained unable to perform duty until until some time after the company to which he belonged had been discharged and the three months for which he had substituted was expired. So soon as he recovered strength to travel we went to the house of Captain Morits about 30 or 40 Miles from Philadelphia and there received his discharge for the Tour of three months in writing and returned home to Frederick County Virginia and remained there until the spring of the year in which Cornwallis surrendered [19 Oct 1781] when he again entered the service as a volunteer in a troop of horse of about four hundred and marched under the command of Genl [Daniel] Morgan against the Tories on the South Branch of the Potomac by way of Breaks Mills to Morefield [sic: Brake's Mills to Moorefield in present WV] and through the surrounding Country but the Tories that had been embodied were dispersing and finding that Genl Morgan was in the country all fled and no batle was fought with them. Genl Morgan caught some of

them and half hung them as it was called and let them go. He was out on this expedition about 2 or 3 weeks and returned back home with the balance of the Company and was discharged but he received no written discharge. He was again called on to go out shortly before the taking of Cornwallis but was excused in consequence of having performed the above services under Genl Morgan. He states that he has lost both the discharges above spoken of and has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person by whom he can prove any part of the above services. He further says that he was not as well as he recollects discharged from the first Tour until about 2 or 3 weeks after the expiration of his time in consequence of some particular service that it was expected the whole of the troops then in arms would be needed for as he was then told. He says that he was engaged in actual service to the best of recollection about Seven months including the time he was sick and on furlow as above stated. 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. He has resided in Frederick County after the Revolution until he came to the State of Ohio and has lived in Green County about 22 years at the place where he now resides. He states that he was born in Berks County & State of Pennsylvania but his Father moved to Virginia when he was quite young [signed in German] Georg Stip

The State of Ohio Green County Court of Common Pleas of the Term of April 1833 Personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court aforesaid and on the seventh day of May 1833 George Stipp the same person who appeared before this court at the Term of November 1832 who being first duly sworn doth on his oath make the following explanatory statement of the Declaration by him then sworn to and subscribed in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832 He states that he cannot state the time when he entered the service for the first time with more certainty than he has stated in his original Declaration He is of the opinion that it was in the month of September but is not and cannot be positive of the month but he served out the three months for which he was drafted and was discharged in the year 1777 and he thinks it was in the month of December but is not certain that it was not in November of that year. He can positively state that the next day after his discharge from the first Tour he substituted himself for Mercle as formerly stated and he was discharged by Captain Morits in the month of March or April 1778. This discharge was in writing and signed by Capt. Morits from he also rec'd his pay such as it was This discharge was for a full Tour of three mon[ths] The first discharge he received was in writing and was signed by his captain Barnet. He took both these discharges home with him to Virginia but lost them as indeed he took no care of them In this second Tour he also served as a private soldier. The third Tour he performed as stated in his original application was performed as a volunteer and as a private soldier for which he rec'd no written discharge He thinks he entered for this service in the month of May but it was in either April or May and he must have been engaged as long as fourteen days & he thinks longer.

He states that he was born in the State of Pennsylvania and in the County of Berks on the 22 April
1757 He has no record of his age but he has seen the record of his age in his fathers bible frequently

He cannot state the names of any of the Regular officers nor any of the Regular Troops with whom he served

The General Circumstances of his services he has stated in his original application. He was acquainted a captain the name of Porterfield who was a regular officer with whom he was acquainted before and after he went into the army

He states that he can prove by James Briesford or John Crihfield that he is a man of truth and that he has born the reputation of a Soldier of the Revolution & he believes that any of his neighbours would be willing to say that he is a man truth