Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Stewart S31998 NC Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 6 July 2015.

The State of Alabama } Autauga County }

On this 26th day of June 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Honorable William J. McWhorter, Judge of the County and Orphans Court, Thomas Stewart, a resident of said County and State, aged seventy four years 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 under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he enlisted in the State of N. Carolina Mecklinburg [sic: Mecklenburg] County, in the year 1781, that he marched to the State of S. Carolina, under the command of Capt. Thomas Shelby, where he joined the army of Sumpter [sic: Gen. Thomas Sumter], Capt Shelby returned, and he was under command of Capt. Samuel Martin. He served under Gen. Sumpter at this time ten months. William Polk [pension application S3706] was his Lieut. Col. He was in the Battles of the Mulberry Fields. He remembers Lieut. [Robert] Miscampbell, Lieut. Archibald McCurdy, and Adjutant John Clark, who were in the battle. He was in the battle at White Church, commanded by Maj [Francis] Boykin. He also served two forty day tours in North Carolina under Capt Wiley in Scouting expeditions, making together eighty days. He also served a six months tour under the command of Gen. [William Lee] Davidson in scouting expeditions. He also served in like manner under Gen. Thomas Polk twenty days and under Captain Houston three weeks, and on many other occasions not recollected with sufficient distinctness.

He has no documentary evidence, with the exception of the annexed certificate from Lieut. Col. William Polk dated Raleigh Oct. 15, 1832 which he received last autumn in reply to a letter addressed to him for that purpose – which certificate, although not given under oath, he requests may be received as part of the evidence in support of his claim, and may be duly considered in the investigation thereof. He knows of no person, with this exception, 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.

To the Interrogatories presented by the War Department to be propounded to applicants by the Court, this applicant returns the following answers, which are, by the direction of the Court, inserted and prayed to be taken as a part of his declaration.

To the first Int. he answers – I was born in Cumberland County in the State of Pennsylvania on the 13^{th} Jany 1760.

To the second he answers – I have no record, except a transcript from some entries which were made in a Bible of my fathers which was called "the family Bible.

To the third he answers – I entered upon the several services above stated at Mecklinburg County, N. Carolina – lived there about two years after the conclusion of peace – then lived in Wilkes and Green Counties in the State of Georgia till 18[?]8 – then in Montgomery and Autauga Counties in Alabama, in which latter County I have lived since 1821.

To the fourth and fifth he answers – I refer to the foregoing statement for all the facts in relation to his being called into service, the circumstances of that service, and whom, &c. which he can at present recollect.

To the sixth he answers – I recollect receiving a discharge in writing in no instance.

To the seventh he answers – I refer to the individuals who have severally signed the following certificates for answer to this inquiry.

I do hereby certify that Thomas Stewart late of Mecklenburg County in the State of North Carolina (now as I am informed in the State of Alabama) enlisted and served as a soldier in Captain Samuel Martins Company for months, in a Regiment of State Troops in the service of South Carolina commanded by me.

Raleigh Oct 15 1832 Will. Polk late

Lt. Col. commandant 4th Reg't. State Troops

NOTE: On 21 Nov 1854 it was certified that Thomas Stewart died in Coosa County AL on 13 Feb 1839 leaving no widow but the following children: Mary Grier, Sarah Grier, George A. Stewart, and John N. Stewart.

Addendum to Thomas Stewart [Stuart] S31998

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South Carolina Audited Accounts ¹ relating to Thomas Stuart [Stewart] Audited Account Microfilm file No. 7390

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

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State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County November 23rd, 1783 I hereby assign my right to my services in General Sumters [Thomas Sumter's] Brigade of State Troops of S. Carolina to Samuel Smith for Value Received Witness my hand

S/ Thomas Stuart

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[p 8: Printed form of Indent No. 624 Book M dated first of October 1784 "delivered to Mr. Mr. Thomas Stewart [sic] late Private in N. Martin's [Nathaniel M. Martin's] Troop, Polk's [Lt. Col. William Polk's] Regiment Sumpter's [Thomas Sumter's] Brigade this our Indented Certificate for the Sum of Ninety-four pounds Sterling being amount pay and bounty due him for Services in that Troop Together with Interest thereon from the first April 1782 to date hereof Agreeable to Resolution of General Assembly of the Eleventh March last."]

[p 9: Reverse of the above Indent bearing endorsements by Peter Bocquet, Commissioner of the South Carolina Treasury, Samuel Smith, Francis Glass & E. Haskell.]

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These may Certify that Thomas Stuart a soldier in the third Regiment of the State Troops of South Carolina Commanded by Colonel William Polk [Lt. Col. William Polk] in General Sumpters Brigade is entitled to the draw of A Negro according to the Articles of enlistment. Certified by me June 12, 1787

S/ Thos. Shelby, Capt. [Thomas Shelby]²

¹ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the Just take me to the search page link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The "SC" file number shown on this transcript has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number.

² Captain Thomas Shelby recruited men to joined the South Carolina State Troops for 10 months service in Thomas

