Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Stewart S6164

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State of Virginia }
County of Spotsylvania }

On this 7th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Spotsylvania now sitting John Stewart a resident of and in the County aforesaid and State of Virginia aged 71 years, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on 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. He enlisted under Col Frank [Francis] Taylor of Orange Co. Major John Roberts of Culpeper and Capt. James Purvis. He left the service in June 181. During this enlistment he was stationed at Albemarle County with Burgoynes prisoners [Burgoyne's soldiers captured at Saratoga, 17 Oct 1777] and then marched with said prisoners to Augusta County, staid there about three weeks, returned with them to Albemarle and then marched with them to Winchester. He does not now recollect the number of the regiment he enlisted in but it was raised to guard Burgoynes prisoners. From Winchester he marched with said prisoners to Maryland where he was discharged in June 1781 — He was then drafted in the Militia of Virginia in Col [Thomas] Meriwethers Regiment and Capt Nicholas Paynes Company and marched thro' Hanover down the James River Country to Yorktown where he was engaged in the Siege until its termination; He then marched with the Yorktown prisoners to Winchester and was again discharged at Winchester about the last of November 1781. Among the persons now living who served with him in the first enlistment & tour at Albemarle is William Hutcherson [pension application \$38054] of this County, who was there during the whole time. He also for the last tour herewith possesses[?] the certificate of Hezekiah Arnold [\$8034]. He does not recollect the month in which he first enlisted but it was in the latter part of 1778

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that this name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid [signed] J stewart

State of North Carolina }
Stokes County }

This Certifies that Mr John Stewart served with [page torn] in the army of Washington in Virginia in the division of Lafayette in Colo. Meriwethers Reigment & in Capt. Nicholas Paynes company & assisted in the capture of Lord CornWallis and his whole army, both land & naval of I think ten thousand men, we had 16000 Americans and 9000 french, & 100 pieces of heavy artillery; one of the balls of which took off the head of a Major Cochrane [Charles Cochrane, Aide-de-Camp of Cornwallis, 18 Oct 1781] as he was walking by the side of CornWallis, which it is said drew tears from the eyes of his Lordship. John Stewart of Spottsylvania County, Virginia, served under Lafayette in Virginia, dureing the months of August, September & October, in the year of our Lord 1781. [signed] Hezekiah Arnold

The Declaration of the aforesaid John Stewart continued and Amended [3 Dec 1832] State of Virginia } Sct.

County of Spotsylvania } Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the said county of Spotsylvania the aforesaid applicant John Stewart who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades. For one year and ten months I served as a regular soldier and for three months I served as a militia man and for such service I claim a pension – and he can no further and more particularly specify his said services than he has done in his aforesaid declaration

[On 3 Dec 1832 Abraham Wilson (pension application W6532) deposed that he had served two months with Stewart.]