

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of William Turner W6321 Sarah Turner VA
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On this 21st day of August 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the justices of Amherst County now sitting, William Turner a resident of the said County aged about 72 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 the 7th June 1832.

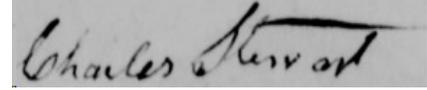
That he was born in the County of Albemarle sometime in the year 1760 and that he has a register of his age at his residence, and that when the Revolution opened it found him residing in the County of Amherst, a County adjoining to Albemarle. and that after the erection of the Barracks in Albemarle for the security of the British prisoners taken at the North [surrendered at Saratoga 17 Oct 1777, arrived at Albemarle Barracks Jan 1779] (but the month or year he does not remember) he was enlisted as a private in the militia to serve a tour of three months at the said Barracks. That he marched from the County of Amherst and served the said tour of three months under the command of Capt Philip Thurmond. That he remembers nothing which is worthy of remark that occurred in that service except the death of Capt. James Garland who was also in service at the barracks and was there killed by a centinel on duty. That after this period he was again called into the service from the County of Amherst and served another tour of three months, as orderly sergt station at Rockets near [on E side of James River about 1 mi below] Richmond, in a company commanded by John Christian from the said County. That thereafter he was again called into the service from the same County and was engaged in what is called the Guilford expedition, and served out his tour as orderly sergeant to the company commanded by Capt Young Landrum [Younger Landrum]. that he does not remember to what regt his company was attached in that expedition, but he does remember that it was attached to Gen'l. [Robert] Lawson's brigade. That the company to which he was attached was not engaged in the battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], but was so near the scene of action that he saw the dead and wounded removed from the field of Battle, and he well remembers seeing Gen'l Edward Stevens removed from the Battle ground badly wounded. that he was discharged from this service at Rensowells Mills [sic: possibly Ramsour's Mill in present Lincoln County NC] in the State of North Carolina after a service of three months. That thereafter and very soon he was again drafted in the service from the same County, on a tour of duty for three months intended to aid in the reduction of YorkTown. That he marched from the County of Amherst as a sergeant in a company commanded by Capt Benjamin Higginbotham, and on the line of march to York Town was appointed and commissioned an ensign in the said company, which commission in the great lapse of time he has lost. That some days after joining the Army before York Town under the command of Gen'l Washington, he together with his Captain were discharged as supernumerary officers and ordered to return to their homes. That their discharge as aforesaid took place but a few days before the capitulation of the fort [19 Oct 1781]. That since the period of the Revolution he has continued to reside in the County of Amherst, that he has no documentary evidence to support his said claim for service, nor does he know any living witness or witnesses by whom he could prove his services. 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.

Wm Turner

Bedford County Virginia

I do hereby certify that William Turner now of Amherst County Va, and myself served Tower of duty in the Revolution War of Three months under Capt Christian and were stationed near Richmond on Gillies Creek, and that the said William Turner was an Orderly Sergeant, and to the best of my recollection, it was in the year seventeen hundred and seventy nine or eighty, This given under my hand this 27 day of

May Eighteen hundred and Thirty Three.
Charles Stewart

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles Stewart".

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This day personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the county aforesaid Bartlet Cash [Bartlett Cash, pension application W4649], and made oath in due form of Law, that he was a soldier of the war of the Revolution, and served a Tour of Militia Duty from the County of Amherst on what was commonly called the Guilford expedition, and that in that expedition he well recollects to have known William Turner from the same County of Amherst, who marched on the said expedition in another company, that the said William Turner was a Sergeant, in his company and the affiant believes served out his Tour in that character with fidelity. The exact length of the Tour he the affiant does not exactly recollect except that it was about the period of three months. Given under my hand this 19th day of August 1833

Ambrose Rucker

NOTE: On 19 Nov 1838 Sarah Turner, 77, applied for a pension stating that she married William Turner on 20 Aug 1780, and he died 30 Sep 1834.