

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Stringer S16538

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State of Kentucky

On this 15th day of October 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices of Bullitt County now sitting John Stringer, resident of the Town of Mount Washington Bullitt County and State of Kentucky aged seventy seven years last May 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 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated towit He was drafted in the County of Albemarle and State of Virginia in a Company of Militia Commanded by Capt William Harris, one month during which period he was engaged in Guarding the Hessians who had been taken prisoners [at Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777; brought to Albemarle Barracks Jan 1779]. He does not recollect the year when he served as aforesaid. At the Expiration of the month he was discharged by Capt. Harris but did not receive a written discharge. In the year 1780 He was again drafted for a Tour of six months in the Company of which John Byus or Byers [John Byers] was Captain, Thomas Shelton Lieutenant and Joseph Shelton Orderly Sergeant and was marched from s'd. County of Albemarle to the South to Join the Army Commanded by General [Horatio] Gates. On the Evening before the battle of Camden in South Carolina [16 Aug 1780] he joined s'd Army. He was in said Battle in which the American Troops were defeated. After having served out the time for which he was drafted he was discharged and returned home. He received no discharge in writing. In the year 1781 he was ordered into the service under the press master Richard Anderson (called Scotch Dick) by being drafted for Twelve months He was engaged in collecting cattle & providing for the Army stationed at York Town in Virginia & at other places His Tour of duty had nearly expired when the war closed or when Cornwallis was taken [19 Oct 1781] and he was discharged but received no written discharge.

He states that he cannot prove his service by any person now living as far as he knows or believes and there is no Clergyman residing in his neighbourhood to prove his character for veracity &c. I 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. In Answer to the 1st. Interrogatory He states that he was born in Louisa County Virginia in the month of May 1755. To the 2^d Interrogatory he states that he has no Register of his age. Many years ago his Fathers house was burned and the Register was burned with it. To the 3^d Interrogatory he answers that he lived in Albemarle County Virginia when he was called into service. about forty five years ago he moved to Kentucky and lived two years near Lexington in Fayette County. he then moved to Jefferson County or what is now called Jefferson and he now resides in Bullitt County To the 4th Interrogatory he answers that he was drafted into the service. To the 5th Interrogatory he answers That he does not recollect any of the regular officers where he served except General Gates & Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens] who were both at the Battle of Camden. he was so short a time with the Regular Troops that he does not recollect any of the Continental or Militia Regiments. he has before stated his service. To the 6th Interrogatory he states That he received no written discharge for his services. To the 7th Interrogatory he answers That Austin Hall Elijah Wright and Nathaniel P. Saunders reside in his neighbourhood & can testify as to his character for veracity, & good behaviour he could name many others but he cannot procure their attendance in Court.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

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