Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Stovall S7632

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State of North Carolina } Court of pleas & quarter sessions

Lincoln County \ October session 1832

On this 30th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the justices of the County Court of pleas & quarter sessions now sitting Thomas Stovall a resident of Lincoln County North Carolina aged 73 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 the 7th 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated

He entered the Service in the year 1778 or 79 under Capt Howel Lewis [sic: Howell Lewis] Lieut Howell Rose in a regiment commanded by Col McDowell as a drafted militiaman for six months entered the service in Granville County North Carolina, & marched into South Carolina, marched to the defense of Charleston, but the City was taken by the enemy [12 May 1780] before we reached it. then returned to Santee in South Carolina & was there dismissed & returned home to Granville County NoCa. formed part of Genl Gates's Army. [See endnote.]

He entered the service again in the same County in the subsequent year under the command of Capt Philip Taylor as a substitute for the term of three months, & marched into South Carolina in the army of Gen'l. Gates – near Camden where he was defeated by the British Army [16 Aug 1780] – & returned home to Granville County NoCa. He entered the service again as a volunteer in the County of Mecklenburg Virginia for the term of three months under Capt John Brown in the year 1781 (of the rifle company) in the regiment of Col Robert Muntford [sic: Robert Munford] & marched into NoCa & joined Gen'l Green's [sic: Nathanael Greene's] army at High rock ford on haw river & marched on to Guilford Courthouse NoCa & was in the battle the against Cornwallis [15 Mar 1781] He was discharged at Hillsboro [sic: Hillsborough] NoCa & returned home.

That he was born on the 22nd of January 1758 in Granville County NoCa. He has formerly had a record of his age which is now lost. was living in Granville County No.Ca. when he entered the service & lived in Mecklenburg County Virginia for thirty two years after the revolution, when he moved to Rutherford County No.Ca. where he lived until 1831 when he removed to Lincoln County where he now lives. He was first called into service as a drafted soldier. afterwards served as a substitute & a volunteer.

He was acquainted with Genl [Robert] Lawson, Col Malburely, Gen'l Green, Col Montford, St. George Tucker Major.

He never received any written discharge.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state & declares that he is unable to prove his service by any documentary evidence

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

We Thomas Roberts residing in the County of Rutherford & Thomas Glasscock residing in the County of Lincoln State of North Carolina hereby Certify that we are well acquainted with Thomas Stovall who has subscribed & sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to be 73 years of age that he is reputed & believed in the neighbourhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution & that we concur in that opinion.

[Signed] Thomas Glasscock

[signed] Thomas Glasscock [signed] Thomas Roberts State of North Carolina } Court of pleas & quarter sessions

Lincoln County october Sessions 1832

Thomas Wilkins [pension application R11548] swears that he knows of the service of Thomas Stovall in the War of the Revolution for three months including the period of the Battle of Gilford Courthouse North Carolina that he entered the service in the same regiment with & served with him during term of three months & was discharged with him at Hills Boro No. Ca & that he beleives he served as he states in the other tours Thomas William

State of North Carolina } Court of pleas & quarter Sessions

July Sessions 1833 Lincoln County

On this [blank] day of July 1833 personally appeared in open Court Thomas Stovall of the County and State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following statement amendatory of his former declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passe June the 7th 1833 –

That there is no clergyman living in his vicinity neither is there any one with whom he is acquainted so intimately as would enable him to make the necessary certificate that he is acquainted with Joshua Beam and John Tucker Esqr who live in his present neighbourhood and who can testify as to his character for veracity and give their opinion as to his services as a Soldeir of the revolutionary War

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State of North Carolina } Ss. Lincoln County

Thomas Stovall On this 8th day of October 1833 personally appeared before me John Tucker a justice of the peace in and for said County, who being first duly sworn according to Law makes the following statement amendatory of his former declaration and amendment as to his services in the War of the Revolution. That he was in actual service the first tour as a drafted militia man for the space of three Months under Capt Howel Lewis, as before stated and that he was in actual service in the second tour as a substitute under Capt Philip Taylor for three Months and that he served in the third tour as a volunteer under Capt Brown three months, in actual service, and that the former declaration made by him was not designed on his part to deceive the department as to the length of his service, but that the uncertainty arose from the manner in which it was written by the person who drew his declaration and that the whole length of his service while he was actually seving in the army during the three tours before stated was nine Months Thomas Hovall

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written.

NOTE: Gen. Benjamin Lincoln surrendered Charleston on 12 May 1780, and Gen. Horatio Gates was appointed to succeed him on the following 13 June.