

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Robert Stewart: S39089

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To the honorable J. C. Calhoun Secretary of War

The petition of Robert Stewart humble sheweth that on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year 1777, he enlisted as a soldier in the Maryland continental line for three years under Capt. Daniel Dorsey in the 4<sup>th</sup> regiment commanded by Col. Hall & by Lieut. Col. Samuel Smith & served under that enlistment two years and eight months. then a fresh bounty of 100 Dollars was offered to such as would enlist during the revolutionary war, your petitioner accepted it & enlisted during the war and and served the United States faithfully & continually during the war, and after the end of the war he was discharged & received his discharge and sold all that he was entitled to from his being a soldier as aforesaid to a certain Aldridge, and delivered up to him his discharge to enable him to get your petitioners pay, and he does not know where it is. Your petitioner was in the battle of Brandywyne [sic: Brandywine PA, 11 Sep 1777], in the Battle of Germantown [4 Oct 1777], in the battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], at the taking of Stony point under Gen'l. [Anthony] Wayne [15 Jul 1779], he was in the battle of Camden where Gate was defeated [Camden SC where Gen. Horatio Gates was defeated, 16 Aug 1780], and there was taken prisoner, & remained a prisoner three months, was exchanged and was with the Americans at the battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], and in the battle of the Cowpens [17 Jan 1781], besides he was in many skirmishes. Your petitioner never has received any pension from the United States nor from the State of Maryland nor never has received any land or pay since he was discharged, or anything in lieu there of except, forty three dollars in goods which he got from said Aldridge. and he hereby releases all claim to any pension he be entitled to under any law except under the act of Congress of the United States of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818. After the war he married & moved to Loudon [sic: Loudoun] County Virginia. remained there nine years, then removed to North Carolina where he remained twenty years. then he removed to the State of Tennessee, where he has resided several years and now lives in Williamson County in the State of Tennessee. he states that he is seventy one years old has a family, is poor, and unable to work his eyesight has failed very much and he hears badly. he possesses neither land, home nor cow. is in very reduced circumstances and needs the aid of his country. he does not know of any person in Tennessee who knew him in the army. he therefor prays that a pension may be allowed to him pursuant to the said act of congress.

The State of Tennessee

Williamson County Court      October Sessions A.D. 1820

This day appeared in open Court Robert Stewart and filed his declaration for the purpose of obtaining a Pension with a Schedule of his Estate thereto annexed, which was subscribed & Sworn to which said declaration & Schedule are in the words and figures following (to wit) District of West Tennessee on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 1820 Personally appeared in open court being the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Williamson and a Court of record by act of Assembly of the State of Tennessee Robert Stewart, aged Seventy four years, resident of Williamson County in said District who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows. that he the said Robert Stewart entered the service on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 1777 in the State of Maryland in the Company of Captain Daniel Dorsey in the 4<sup>th</sup> regiment commanded by Col. Calvet Hall and Lieutenant Col. Samuel Smith and in the Maryland continental line. his original declaration bears date as well as he recollects on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 1818 and he has heretofore received his Pension, and the number of this certificate as it appears from the back No 7979 that he was in the following Battles, Staten Island [21 Aug 1777], Brandywine, Germantown, Monmouth, Stony Point & at Camden (where he was taken prisoner and carried to Charlestown S. Carolina and put on board the Old Bess which lay at anchor in Cooper river he was exchanged about three months afterwards and then joined the

army Cheraw Hills in North Carolina [sic: South Carolina]. General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] then in command) at the Cowpens and lastly at Guilford Courthouse. he was discharged on the 20<sup>th</sup> December 1783 by order of Col. C. Hall in Fredericktown [Frederick] Maryland after the close of the revolutionary war

State of Tennessee: and in pursuance of an act of Congress of the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day March 1818. And that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby to diminish it so as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land & Naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me or property or Securities contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereunto annexed and by me subscribed. One Cow worth \$15.00 household furniture d[itt]o \$1.50

Robert hisXmark Stewart. Subscribed and sworn to in open Court 6<sup>th</sup> Oct 1820 Thos Hardeman Clk. He the said Robert Stewart further states that he is not only an old but an infirm man and cannot support himself by his labour. says he has a wife fifty odd years old. has three daughters the eldest 33 years of age who is insane by the name of Mary the second 25 years of age by the name of Peggy and the other about 18 years of age by the name Patsey and also one son about 15 years of age by the name of James all of which contribute but little to his support in life says he lives in a small cabin on the land of one Nathaniel W. Forbes says he was by occupation a farmer but is not now able to attend to any business Sworn to and declared in open court on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 1820 Robert hisXmark Stewart