

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of James Stanaland S18215

Transcribed by Will Graves

State of South Carolina, Horry District

On the fifth day of November in the year of our Lord 1834 personally appeared in Open Court James Stanaland before me Josias J. Evans one of the Circuit Judges of the said State, and Presiding Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the District of Horry and State aforesaid aged Seventy two 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 7th 1832. That he was born in the State of North Carolina, that when about three years old his parents moved into Craven County, now All Saints Parish, and the District and State aforesaid. That in the year 1779 he was drafted & joined the Company of militia commanded first by Captain Dunn and afterwards by Captain Murrell, attached to Genl Francis Marion's brigade – and served as a private in this company, serving every other week for one year, making six months actual service. That this Company was principally engaged in guarding the Sea Coast near Little River: that sometime in the Fall of 1780 he was marched and joined the Main Army of Marion, and whilst with it he was at a battle fought at the fork of Black River between our Army and a detachment of Tories who were commanded by one Colonel Tyne – the Tories were defeated with the loss of three killed & 27 prisoners taken, together with several horses and several stands of arms: none of our men were killed. That from thence we marched towards Georgetown and at a place called White's bridge, we had a skirmish with the Tories commanded by one Major Jange [?] Lewis who was killed. We took two of them prisoners, but lost two men. That on this tour he served at one month. That in April 1781 he was drafted as a private [for] one month & joined the Company commanded by Captain Daniel Murrell, that shortly after we were surprised by a party of the Tories commanded by one Major Benjamin Lewis at a place called Bear Bluff on the Waccamaw River, that he was there taken prisoner & paroled – that not taking a Tory parole, on the 20th of August 1781 he enlisted as a private in a Regiment of Continental Dragoons commanded by Colonel Peter Horry, then at Georgetown – that he was placed in the company of Captain Henry Lenud – that we remained a short time in Georgetown and were then marched on several excursions up and down Black River – that we then were marched across the Santee River to a place called Moncks Corner, and there we attacked and completely defeated a detachment of the British & took 93 prisoners, without any loss on our part. From thence we marched to Wambaw and were at that place entirely defeated by a British Army. In that battle we lost a great many of our men, and among the number of the slain was Major Benson who then had the command of our squadron. That he and some others made their escape & rendezvoused at Georgetown, that he remained there till August 1782 was then regularly discharged & returned home – his discharge was signed by Thomas Mitchell, aide [de] camp to Genl Marion but unfortunately on his return home he lost his pocket book, which contained his discharge. That he also knew & served with Captain Goff, Captain William Withers & Captain Fishburn. His companions in the arms now living are Ebenezer Hewitt,¹ John Simmons, Samuel Hickman,² John Roberts³ & Josias Sessions.⁴ That he has resided in All Saints Parish ever since he was three years old. He has a record of his age in a family Bible.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court.

1 S41632

2 S9581

3 S18188

4 S18202

S/ James Stanaland