

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Askew S8038

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State of North Carolina, Franklin County: September Term Pleas & Quarter Sessions

On this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September personally appeared before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting William Askew a resident of Franklin County State aforesaid aged 93 years, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath take 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 & served as herein stated.

That in the year 1775 he was drafted in the Militia service of the United States in the State of North Carolina in Franklin County, then Bute County, under Colonel Benjamin Seawell & Captain James Richards in the month of July for the term of three months – but that he served four months before he was discharged. That during the three first months of his service he was stationed at no particular place but was engaged in scouring the Country for the purpose of suppressing the Tories. That his company was then ordered into the State of South Carolina & after remaining there for five or six weeks he was ordered back with his Company to North Carolina where he was discharged in Salisbury, Rowan County. That in 1776 he enlisted again in the Militia for the term of three months under Colonel Coleman & Captain Coates. That he marched to Halifax in this State & from thence to Wilmington -- & from thence he marched up to the Western part of the State & thence back near to Wilmington – but found that place already occupied by the British forces under Lord Cornwallis – that his company then marched to Fayetteville which was then called “Cross Creek” -- & that from that place they marched on towards his home when he was discharged.

The whole eight months of this declarant's service were very nearly occupied in making attacks upon the Tories & in defending the property of the County from there depredations -- & that from the necessarily death use surface of Country upon which his services were rendered -- & the small engagements in which he was concerned – he is unable at this advanced period of life to speak with any great exactness.

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 the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ William Askew, X his mark

Attest: S/ S. Patterson, Clk

We John Stone<sup>1</sup> & Jonathan Stone<sup>2</sup> Soldiers of the Revolution residing in Franklin County N. C. certify that we are well acquainted with William Askew who has subscribed & sworn to the above declaration and that we know him to have served as he states in his first tour & believe that he served the other –

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<sup>1</sup> [John Stone W19403](#)

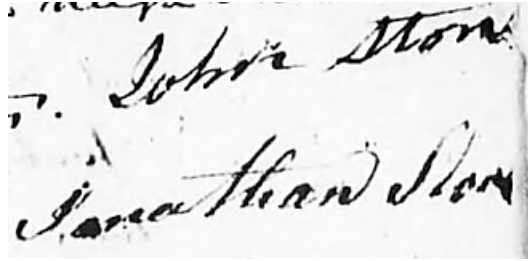
<sup>2</sup> [Jonathan Stone S9488](#)

that we believe him to be 93 years old -- & that he is reputed in the neighborhood in which he lives to have served as he states.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Stone

S/ Jonathan Stone

A photograph of a document showing two handwritten signatures in cursive. The top signature reads "John Stone" and the bottom signature reads "Jonathan Stone".

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the North Carolina state troops.]