

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Bounty Land Claim for John Stokes BLWt526-300

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I Richmond Pearson sen'r. of the county of Rowan and State of North Carolina Certify that John R. Stokes is the true and only lawful heir of Capt John Stokes of the Virginia Military line I do also certify that the said heir was born in my house in the county of Rowan and state aforesaid "the 27th June" in the year One thousand seven hundred and eighty nine

Given under my hand this 16th day of february 1810. R. Pearson

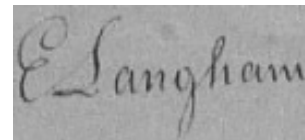
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J. A. Pearson } J.P.

M. Stokes }

State of Ohio Madison County May 30th. 1810

I Elias Langham [S41747] of the county & state aforesaid late a Lieutenant of Artillery in the Virginia Continental line in the revolutionary war with Great Brittain, do certify that John Stokes, whom the bearer thereof John Richmond Stokes represents as the only Son and heir of the said John, departed this life in the state of North Carolina some time in the year 1790. That the said John Stokes dec'd. was a Captain in the Virginia Continental line, of honorable standing having lost his hand with his Sword in Colo. Bufords defeat in South Carolina [Abraham Buford, Battle of Waxhaws, 29 May 1780]. — Given under my hand and seal the date & place above stated.



Chillicothe Sept'r. 15th 1810

Sir [Secretary of War], Inclosed you will receive vouchers of my being the proper person to apply for the United States donation of Military lands Granted to the officers and soldiers in the revolutionary war on Continental establishment by the Congress of the United States.

Should Mr. Joseph Hoffman call on you and the vouchers be satisfactory please give the warrant & deliver it to him; should he not call oblige me so far as to enclose it to this place directed to me—

You will readily see by the rolls in your office that my dec'd. Father was a Captain in the Virg'a. Cont'l. line, was sorely wounded in Bufords defeat & was afterwards on your list of Pensioners — Should the vouchers enclosed not be sufficient be pleased to inform me of the deficiency & others shall be procured —I have the honor to be with due respect you Ob S't, The Sec'y of War

[signed] John Richmond Stokes

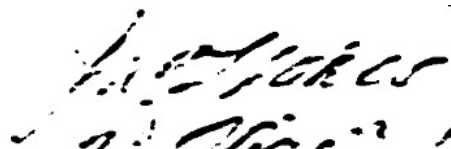
[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) in two files. One document is mostly illegible except for the signature of John R. Stokes.]

I do Certify upon the Honor of an Officer and Gentleman that I was inlisted into the Virginia line as an Ensign in February 1776 and have not been superceeded or cashierd.

July 19th 1783.

Jno Stokes Capt.

2^d Virg'a Reg't



I do hereby Certify that John Stokes Esq'r entered into the service of the United States as an Ensign in the 6th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment on the 16th day of February 1776, was afterwards promoted to the rank of Captain, and Continued in service to the end of the war, which was settled by resolve of Congress to be the 15th November 1783.

Given under my hand this 1st day of May 1812.

James Wood [BLWt2419-500] formerly B Gen'l
Cont'l Army



[The following are from [pension records in the Library of Virginia](#).]

I do hereby Certify that John Stokes Esq'r. was a Captain in the 2^d. Virginia Regiment, was wounded at the Defeat of Colo. Buford, by which his right hand was amputated, and the use of his left arm considerably Impaired, by a stroke of a Broad sword on his elbow, & the loss of the forefinger of his left hand. Besides these wounds, Captain John Stokes received several Dangerous Cuts of a Sword on his head. Given under my hand this 12th June 1787.

James Wood, Late BG [Brigadier General]



I do with the advice of the Council hereby Certify That John Stokes Gent, about 29 years of age, Late a Captain in the 2nd Virginia Regiment and whose pay was at the rate of £144 per annum was disabled in the service of the United States by several wounds received at Bufords defeat, which wounds occasioned the loss of his right hand, and greatly injured his left arm. And that he is allowed the sum of Seventy Two pounds years to commence from the first day of January 1787.

Given under my hand as Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia (the Governor being absent) at Richmond this 13th day of June 1787. [signed] Beverley Randolph
T. Meriwether

Sir/ Please pay Colo Anthony Street the amount of the within Draft £72.
To the Sherif of Lunenburg
A Copy Wm. Taylor CL.

John Stokes

In Council June 4 1789.

The Auditor will issue warrants to Captain John Stokes for the arrearages of pension due him from the 1st of May 1783, the time of his pay ceasing, to the 1st of January 1787 the time his pension allowed him by the Executive commenced; the said Stokes having never drawn commutation of half pay.

[signed] Beverley Randolph