

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Stites [Stiles] R10183

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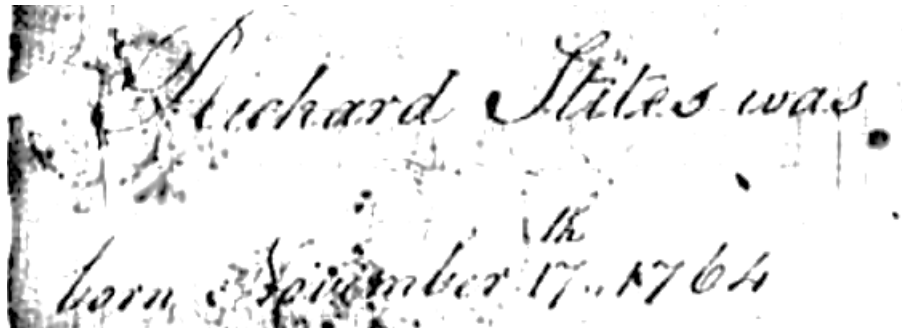
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"Richard Stites was born November 17th 1764"

A photograph of a handwritten document in cursive script. The text reads "Richard Stites was" on the top line and "born November 17th 1764" on the bottom line. The ink is dark and the paper appears aged and slightly stained.

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State of Illinois Brown County:

On this 4th day of December A.D. 1843 Personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Brown County now sitting Richard Stites [Richard Stiles?] a resident of Brown County & State of Illinois aged seventy-nine 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 entered the service of the United States on ___ day of Made 17__ under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he resided in Loudon [Loudoun] County & State of Virginia in the year A.D. 1781 and was drafted and served as a private during two months under Captain Bevers¹ & Colonel Dabney [Charles Dabney] and served under General Lafayette and was marched to Richmond Virginia where the troops lay two or three days and were routed and pursued by the British until reinforced by General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] when we turned upon the British and pursued them through Richmond & down to the Green Springs [July 6 1781] where we had the Battle with them in which Battle he was wounded in the right thigh which so disabled him that he could not bear arms and continued under the Surgeon's care three weeks in the Army when his friends came and moved him home in a wagon as he could not walk. The wound where the ball passed through his thigh left a scar to this day. That he received a discharge – kept it many years and lost it in Fleming County

¹ Ray Mann, a descendant of Capt. William Beavers of Loudoun County militia, suggests that this reference probably is to his ancestor. He notes that William Beavers had a brother named James Beavers. James may be the same man as listed by Gwathmey as having been recommended for a lieutenancy in the Loudoun militia.

Kentucky he well recollects the name of Colonel Dabney was on the discharge of the particulars thereof he does not recollect – The reason he never before applied for a pension is he was able to work and maintain his family with the means he had – But now he is old and cannot work longer. That the attached part of his Bible contains his age which has been kept by him. That he knows of no documentary evidence of his service or anyone that he can procure to prove his service = 2 months before being wounded is all that he served on duty. The scar of the wound he received in the Battle at the Green Springs is the best evidence he can produce.

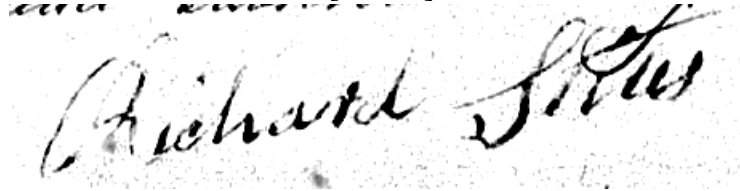
The wound he received disabled him from further service or any labor for more than __ months.

That 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 before me

S/ James Brockman

S/ Richard Stites [Stiles?]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Stites". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right.

[Clark Dennis, a clergyman, and John Taylor, Junior, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Surgeons Affidavit

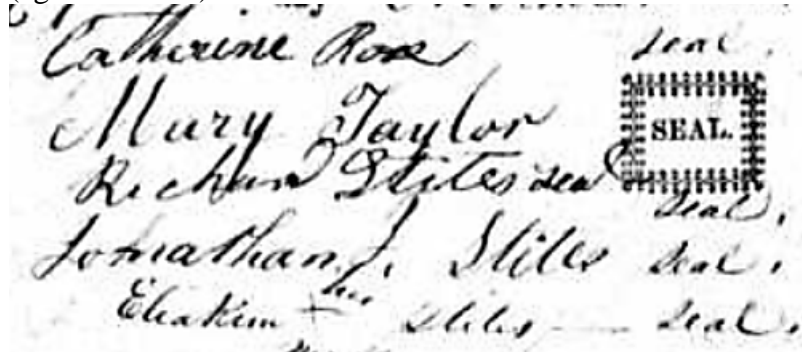
It is hereby certified that Richard Stites (whose application for a Pension is within) was this day examined by me in relation to the wound in his right thigh which he affirms was received at the Battle of the Green Springs in __ in the year __ while in the discharge of his duty as a soldier of the United States. By an examination of the wound we believe it was such as to disable him from labor a considerable time and partially disable him from labor for the same. That he has now but little or no inconvenience from said wound. Given under my hand at Mt. Sterling Brown County & State of Illinois this 28th day of November 1844

S/ James Brockman

surgeon 36 Regt. Ills militia

Spencer Lowden, JP

[p 8: although heavily faded and difficult to read most of the entries, there is a power of attorney given in Brown County, Illinois dated November 27, 1852 by what appears to be the heirs of the veteran and signed by Catharine Rose (aged 62), Mary Taylor [aged about ?4—first digit is illegibly faint], Richard Stites (aged 44), Jonathan J Stites (aged about 34 or 5), Eleakim Stites (aged about 52)

A collection of five handwritten signatures in cursive script, each followed by the word "Seal". The signatures are: "Catharine Rose", "Mary Taylor", "Richard Stites", "Jonathan J. Stites", and "Eleakim Stites". To the right of the signatures is a rectangular embossed seal with the word "SEAL" in the center.

This document contains the

statement that the veteran died July 18th 1847 and that his widow, their mother, Rachael Stites died August 20th, 1847; and that their parents were married in 1789 and that they were residents of Preston County, VA]