

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Peter Stiver (Stivers, Shivers) R10194

Temperance f10VA

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State of Virginia County of Southampton: SS

On this 14th day of February in the year of our Lord 1857 personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the Court within and for the County and State aforesaid Temperance Stiver a resident of Southampton County in the State aforesaid aged eighty-seven years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed on the 3rd of February 1853 granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary war that she is the widow of Peter Stiver who was a soldier in the Virginia State line and in the company commanded by Captain John Holt in the 4 division commanded by Comal [sic, Colonel?] Robert Ballard he enlisted at the Isle of Wight County Virginia in the latter part of 1778 and was at the battle at the Great bridge Petersburg & Yorktown and served in Said war as she believes fifteen months and was honorably discharged at Yorktown 1780 from or in consequence of his receiving a wound in the leg which lamed [lamed] him for life the wound was a ball wound.

She further swears that she was married to the said Peter Stiver in Southampton County on the 18th day of March 1822 – by one Berrell Barrett [Burwell Barrett?] a Minister of the Gospel and that her name before her said marriage was Temperance Chapman that her said husband Peter Stiver died at Southampton Virginia on the 8th day of September 1833, that she was not married prior to the 2nd January 1800 but at the time above stated. She further declares that she is unmarried and has remained a widow ever since the Death of her said husband and is now a widow. She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the Pension Acts of 21st day of July 1848, Act of June 7th 1832 & Act February 3rd 1852 [sic], she swears that this is the first and only application she has ever made [indecipherable word] act of Congress –

She does hereby these presents constitute and appoint Edwin Bradshaw of Berlin Southampton County Virginia her true and lawful attorney to prosecute this her application of any amount of [word indecipherably faint] or increase of pension that maybe do for her husband's Militia Services in the War of the Revolution hereby countermanding and revoking any application that May have been yet before presented hereby ratifying and confirming all things that her said attorney or agent May lawfully do in prosecuting said Claim –

She further swears that she has no public or private record evidence of her marriage nor of her husband's death and she does not believe such exist as there has been a diligent search made for the same but thinks she can exhibit ample testimony of the facts. She also swears that she is from old age and bodily infirmity unable to appear in court to make her declaration.

S/ Temperance Stiver, X her mark

[Nancy Pond and John D Pond gave a supporting affidavit.]