

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Stone R10220

Sarah Stone

f28VA

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State of Indiana Vermilion County: SS: On this 17th day of August 1843 before the Subscriber one of the Associate Judges of the Circuit Court in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared Sarah Stone a resident of said County aged 84 – years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 4, 1836, that she is the widow of William Stone who was a private in the Army of the Revolution for three periods of three months each in the Virginia Militia – that she remembers that the first time that her husband was drafted was at a time when she had one child that she does not know under what officers he served in the first trip as aforesaid – but he was during all these three tours of service she and her said husband resided in the County of Halifax in Virginia from the militia of which County he was drafted as aforesaid that his first trip she thinks was done in the year 1777 or 8, that the second trip of three months was performed under a Captain Coleman of Halifax County Virginia and was she thinks in the year 1779 or 1780 but she is not positive as to the year, that the third trip of three months was in the year 1781 she remembers that the third tour he entered the service in the month of May after the Battle of Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781]<sup>1</sup> – That when he went on this third trip she had her third child whose name was John Stone and that said John her son was killed by a horse at about the age of twenty four or five years in the said County of Halifax, that she knows he was a drummer in the second tour but whether he was a drummer or soldier in the two other trips she does not know – That she is the mother of sixteen children – That she has no Record of the ages of her children unless it exists in a Bible left with her son David Stone in Wilkes County North Carolina that she was married in Person County North Carolina and immediately removed into the adjoining County of Halifax Virginia – That she thinks Abram Gregory,<sup>2</sup> John Gray and Thomas Branam and William Gill were with him. She remembers hearing her husband speak of said Gill having his horse shot under him in one of these tours. She further declares that she was married to the said William Stone on the 12th day of October 1775 or 1776. That her husband the aforesaid William Stone died on the 27th day of December 1824 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed.

S/ Sarah Stone, X her mark

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_guilford\\_courthouse.html](https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html)

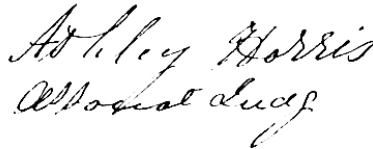
<sup>2</sup> This MAY be the same man as [Abram Gregory W7600](#) who claimed for service in the NC Continental Line and who lived in Person County, NC.

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year above written before me  
Attest [sic, Attest] S/ James Seeds  
A. Harris  
Associate Judge

I Ashley Harris the Associate Judge before whom the foregoing Declaration of Sarah Stone was this day Sworn to and Subscribed do Certify that she Sarah Stone is unable from bodily infirmity to attend said Court.

Given under my hand this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August 1843

S/ Ashley Harris  
Associate Judge

Handwritten signature of Ashley Harris in cursive script, with the words "Ashley Harris" and "Associate Judge" written below it.

State of Indiana

Vermilion County SS Before me Ashley Harris one of the associate Judges of the Circuit Court in and for the said County personally appeared Job Hatley a resident of said County who being first duly sworn upon his oath says that William Stone the husband of the above named Sarah Stone died on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of December 1824 and that the said Sarah Stone who is the mother of the Deponent's wife<sup>3</sup> has not intermarried since the Death of the said William Stone but she is his Widow.

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this \_\_\_ day of August A.D. 1843

S/ Ashley Harris  
Associate Judge

Attest S/ James Seeds

S/ John Hatley

Handwritten signature of John Hatley in cursive script.

[Note: The documents in this file do not disclose the reasons for the rejection of the widow's claim. From experience, however, it is clear that she failed to offer any proof of his service nor proof of her marriage to the veteran beyond her own testimony.]

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<sup>3</sup> She is not named in the documents in this file.