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Pension application of William Stone R10222 BL Reg 250 303-1855  
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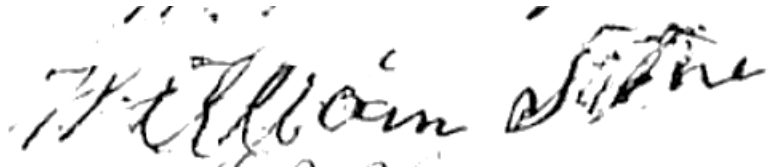
This is the letter as written for William Stone, Sr when he applied for land in Texas. The letter was written by Judge John C. Miller, Chief Justice Rusk County Texas.

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State of Texas County of Rusk. On this 7th day of June, 1855, one thousand eight hundred and fifty six, personally appeared before me, a Justice of the peace, within and for the county and state aforesaid, William Stone, Sr, aged about ninety three years a citizen of Smith County in the state of Texas who being duly sworn according to law declares that he is the identical William Stone, Sr who was a private in the company commanded by Captain Parish in Col Haynes regiment in the war with England and the United States known as the War of the Revolution, That he went into the service of the US volunteers in Gilford County [sic, Guilford County], North Carolina about the year 1780 or 1781 and continued in service for the term of three months and was honorable discharged in Greenville County North Carolina, during the same year and received a written certificate of discharge, which discharge has been lost or mislaid.

He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which he may be entitled under the bounty land act approved March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1855. He also declares that he has not received a warrant for bounty land under this or any other act of Congress, nor made any other application therefore.

S/ William Stone



We Benjamin Stone and L T Thompson, residents of Smith County in the State of Texas upon our oaths declare the forgoing application was signed and acknowledged by William Stone, Sr. in our presence and that we believe from the appearance and statements of the applicant *that he is the identical person he represents himself to be.*

Attest: S/ Benjamin Stone

Attest: S/ L. T. Thompson

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State of Texas Upon April 9th 1855.

County of Rusk On this 9th day of April 1855, personally appeared before John C. Miller, Chief Justice for the County Court Rusk County being a court of Record William Stone. Now a resident of Rusk County Texas, aged ninety two years on the 20 September 1855, who being duly sworn according to law makes the following oath and declaration in order to obtain his Pension under the acts of Congress made for the benefit of the Revolutionary Soldiers passed in 1832 and other times since act

1st He said that he has never received any Pension, money or Land as a Revolutionary soldier under the Acts of U. States Congress

2nd That he has never before applied for the same because he had no convenient place to apply and because also he never needed it until he became too old to work

3rd HE SAYS THAT HE WAS BORN IN HALIFAX COUNTY ON THE ROANOKE River ON THE 20 SEPTEMBER 1763. HE MOVED FROM THERE TO FRANKLIN COUNTY ON THE TAR RIVER 55 MILES FROM HIS RESIDENCE ON THE ROANOKE IN WHICH COUNTY OF FRANKLIN HE Resided NEAR FIFTY YEARS, TWENTY YEARS IN HANCOCK , PUTNAM, GREENE, COUNTIES GEORGIA AND THE LAST SEVEN YEARS ON THE COUNTY LINE OF RUSK AND SMITH COUNTIES TEXAS.

He was first drafted in Franklin County North Carolina, It being originally Bute County before the Revolution and then divided into Warren and Franklin-- He was drafted at WOODLEY'S Muster Ground [?] (ABOUT A MILE FROM HIS RESIDENCE) FOR THREE MONTHS but does not know the year but knows that he had just passed his 16th year. His Captain was BENJAMIN EAVES, 1st LIEUTENANT JOEL PARISH, and GREEN *ensign*-- He was attached to the Infantry Service. HAYNES [*Herbert Haynes of Warren County*] was his Colonel and Pink EATON [sic, Pinkethman Eaton] HIS MAYOR who belonged to the Regular Army and came to lead them to General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene]. He went from the muster ground to HIGH ROCK FORT [sic, ford] on HAW RIVER, and from there marched to join forces about 30 or 40 miles from GUILFORD

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before joining GENERAL GREEN, PARISH became their Captain from Eaves becoming disabled in the following way -- JAMES RICHARDS was CAPTAIN of the VOLUNTEER COMPANY & had led for two days - when our Captain (Eaves) insisted upon leading as the others muddied the waters, upon which Captain James Richards attacked Captain Eaves and wounded him in three places -- but in the rencontie [sic, rencounter], Eaves cut off Richards hand at the wrist who then retired and left the service as this affiant was informed.<sup>1</sup> This he believed was in the winter or spring, after joining GREEN, they marched to GUILFORD and through the town about a quarter [?] where his company got engaged [*Battle of Guilford Court House, March 15, 1781*] and after firing twice, were dispersed by the BRITISH Dragoons the MILITIA being in advance. His company retreated a mile back of GUILFORD, where the REGULARS were stationed-- they marched back the next day, but had no battle,-- He had been in service near three months before the Battle and lacked only Eleven days of the three months, but remained twelve days with the CONTINENTALS waiting for the company to rendezvous at GRESY CREEK [sic, Grassy Creek], but their time having expired their Captain did not meet and muster them in service, he therefore received no discharge-- after the battle he went home and found a cart(two horses)-- belonging to the Regular Army, which he carried back and delivered to the officers; for which service they kept and fed him for two weeks on GRASSY CREEK hoping to enlist him He was also fed and made much of the officer on account of his walking upon his hands turning somersaults-- an old officer called DAVY, whose name he has forgotten gave him a pass which he lost He was STATIONED near an old field where the fence was burnt down-- they began firing at the End of the old field near the woods and were driven back in perfect confusion and disorder, and in fact most of the company never again organized-- A short time

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<sup>1</sup> This same incident is also described in the application of [Arthur Fuller S9337](#) and others in this database.

after his return home several months, he was again drafted- He cannot tell the year, but it was the same place

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at Louisburg, where a general muster was called. -- They were mustered to go to Wilmington to prevent the British from landing. They marched to Wilmington North Carolina. He remembers this was in the Fall as they subsisted on sweet potatoes but the British not coming they were discharged. He served on this tour for two months, Turner was his Captain and one other officer was name Scarborough or Yarborough. They were not in action, but visited some of the Tory houses and recollects about 30 miles from Wilmington, where they took all the property from a Tory Captain or Colonel whose name he does not recollect, but thinks it was HARRY or something like it. This time he got a discharge, but does not know what became of it -- but the same is lost or destroyed in fifty years ago. He was known and recognized after the war as a Revolutionary Solider, and was always invited to join as such on the 4th of July, in his own country and in Georgia -- Many of his neighbors in the war who served with him, and all in that part of North Carolina always recognized him as such, and were he back there, could establish by all, his reputation of having been such .He can prove his reputation and identity by LEMUEL R. STONE, CORNLIUS COOPER and WILLIAM HALGAY [? Hulsey?], THAT such has always been his character. He forgot to mention that General Butler [*John Butler*] took charge of them on his first tour--whilst station on the creek at night and *heard the Tories failing[?]* platoon's, when General Butler left the main road and marched them all night, after the morning of which night then Captain Eves was wounded and left and Captain Richards hand was cut off in the personal recontre [reencounter]-- He makes this application to obtain the pension allowed him under the bounty act of Congress having never received or applied under any of the acts He never received any pay for his services- for the first service having been were out from the place of payment, but he residing several miles from the Court House(Louisburg) and where there

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but few settlers never heard of the appointment and thus never got any pay---for the last service none of them were ever paid anything---Sworn to and subscribed in open court this 9th day of April 1855.

Witness my hand and the seal of the County

S/ John C. Miller Chief Justice Rusk County Texas.

signed/ William Stone

State of Texas County of Rusk\\on this twenty first day of April 1855 personally appeared Lemuel R. Stone who being duly sworn says that he is in his sixty seventh year that he is well acquainted with William Stone who signed the above and has known him from childhood being an son of the old man. He has always heard him called a Revolutionary Soldier, and was so always reputed and esteemed as such for the last sixty years and on the 4th July or public occasions was invited as such to unite in celebration ---He has never heard it doubted but Deponent believes that he has always been reputed and taken as such, especially fifty years ago When every Tory was known by reputation [indecipherable word] or Whig.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day and year aforesaid

Before me

S/ John C. Miller Chief Justice Rusk County Texas

signed by (mark) for Lemuel R. Stone.

These letters were from the National Archives in Washington.