

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Stokes S10259

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State of Virginia Frederick County Sct.

On this 26 day of August 1834 Personally appeared before Mandley Taylor a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Frederick in the State of Virginia Samuel Stokes a Resident of the County of Frederick in the State of Virginia aged eighty 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 in the Revolutionary War upon Continental establishment he entered the service in the Virginia militia in the month of April in the year 1781 that he was a Regularly Commissioned Ensign in the Virginia militia, that he entered said service as an Ensign, and that he continued to [word indecipherably faint] as Ensign, during the whole Tour, which Tour was for three months and at the end thereof he received a discharge which discharge he has not preserved, that he was attached to Captain Francis Berry's Company of drafted Militia from the County of Frederick in the State of Virginia that said Company was drafted for three months and [one or more words indecipherably faint] service during the full Term of three months, said Company joined Colonel [name indecipherably faint] Regiment at Petersburg in Virginia and performed service at Petersburg aforesaid and in the vicinity of Richmond and Williamsburg in Virginia, that in the same year after serving the aforesaid Tour, he was detached to guard the prisoners at Winchester, that he continued to hold his commission as Ensign and commanded in this Tour as an Ensign, and that he was in this last mentioned Service three months, that being the time for which he was detached: except some three or four days before the expiration of the Tour he was furloughed by Colonel John Niscwander [John Niscwanger] to see his Family, who resided about 18 or 20 miles from Winchester aforesaid that he returned to Winchester agreeable to the conditions of his Furlough and the prisoners was marched off and so ended the Tour,

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.

S/ Samuel Stokes



[Thomas Buck, Jr., a clergyman, gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

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Deposition of James Cheek¹ Testifies that he was well acquainted with Samuel Stokes

¹ FPA S16708

and knows that he served a Tour of three months as Ensign in Captain Francis Berry's Company Virginia militia as stated in his declaration hereto annexed.

S/ James Cheek, X his mark

[Seth Mason, Stephen Grubs, and Jacob McKay gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]