

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Christopher Stockman S11477

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The State of South Carolina Newberry District: to wit

On this sixteenth day of November in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Richard Gantt Esquire one of the Judges of the Circuit Courts of the said State and presiding Judge of the Court of General Sessions of the Pleas and Common Pleas now sitting for Newberry District Christopher Stockman, a resident of Newberry District in the State aforesaid, aged seventy-seven 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 was born in the state of Maryland on the 1st day of May in the year of our Lord 1755, he has a record of his age which he left at his last residence in Mobile, that he lived in the Dutch Fork at Tanners Hill, then in Newberry County part of "96 District", when he was called into service, that in the year 1778, he went into the service of the United States, as a volunteer, in what is commonly called the Florida expedition, under the command of Captain John A Summer, [indecipherable word or mark] and General Williamson [Andrew Williamson], that he marched from the Dutch Fork and joined General Williamson near Augusta on the Savannah River, that they marched from this place to Sittilla [Satilla] River in East Florida, that from this they returned to the gaol of Burke County, at which place an engagement took place between General Williamson's command and the British, in which the latter were repulsed, leaving 16 dead on the field and 16 or 17 wounded, that from this place they returned to Colonel Hammond's place on this side of Savannah River where the Americans hid for some time, that from this place he went under the command of Captain Milling and the Major John Ross against the Creek Indians, and had any engagement with them in which they were defeated, Major Ross fell in this affair. After this applicant's return to the main body under the command of General Williamson, they were marched to Summerlin's place about 8 or 10 miles from Stono, at this place they remained encamped for some time having frequent skirmishes with the enemy. That they joined General Lincoln and on the 20th of June 1779 fought the battle of Stono; in this action this affiant had seven bullet holes through his clothes, but none of them touched his skin, his Ensign was killed & he (this applicant) raised and brought off the standard of his company. Shortly after this action he was taken sick and brought home in a litter between two horses. That from the time he rendezvoused to march on the Florida expedition to the time he was taken sick after the battle of Stono, he was constantly in active service, and he believes for upwards of one year.

After his return home and recovery from the sickness with which he was afflicted he was during the balance of the war, constantly employed as a scout under the command of Captain and after some time Major John Adam Summer that all his services were rendered as a volunteer, that he believes he was in active service during the Revolutionary War about four years. He never

received any written discharge from the service.

He lived in Newberry for several years after the Revolution, that he then started to remove to Kentucky and was taken prisoner by the Shawnee Indians with whom he remained three years as a prisoner, that he escaped from them on the Mississippi River, and made his way to Mobile, where he generally lived (though occasionally living for short periods in New Orleans) until the 24th of last September when he removed to his Kinsman's John Folk's on Tanner's Hill in the Dutch Fork Newberry district where he now lives. He can prove his services by George Summer whose affidavit is herewith submitted.

That he refers to John Folk who knows that he went into service as he has stated and who can speak as to his good character.

He has no documentary evidence of his services.

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 and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Y. L. Harrington, Clk

S/ Christopher Stockman, X his mark

[Philip Conner, a clergyman, gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of South Carolina Lexington District: to wit

Personally appeared before me George Summer<sup>1</sup> and made oath that he was in the Florida expedition with Christopher Stockman and knows that he marched from the Dutch Fork to Satilla River in East Florida, that he was also in the expedition against the Creek Indians and in the battle of Stono in which he received seven bullet holes through his clothes, and after the death of his Ensign, he raised and brought off the standard of the company: that he was after this action taken sick and returned home. After his recovery he was constantly and actively engaged during the balance of the Revolutionary War as a scout under the command of this deponent's brother John Adam Summer.

Sworn to & subscribed this 15th day of November 1832

S/ George A. Summer

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George A. Summer". The ink is dark and the paper appears slightly aged or textured.

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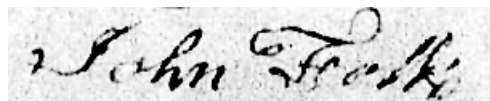
State of South Carolina Newberry District

Personally appeared in open Court John Folk who being duly sworn says that he is well acquainted with Christopher Stockman that he believes him to be 77 years of age, that during the Revolution he lived with this deponent's stepfather and when at home slept with this deponent who was then a small boy, that he well remembers his leaving home for the Florida expedition and his return home sick after the battle of Stono, that he also recollects that during the balance of the Revolutionary war he was constantly and actively engaged as a scout under the command of John Adam Summer. This deponent has no doubt that the said Christopher served as he has stated. This deponent further says that the said Christopher is a man of good character.

S/ John Folk

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<sup>1</sup> [George Summer S22001](#)



[fn p. 8: On April 23, 1835 in Mobile County Alabama, the veteran applied for a transfer of his pension benefits to the Alabama agency saying that he had gone to South Carolina to prove his service but has returned to Alabama where he has lived for upwards of 20 years.]

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State of Alabama Mobile County: SS

The statement of Christopher Stockman is as follows: That he enlisted during the revolutionary war under Captain Philip Waters at Congaree in South Carolina & transferred to General Green's [Nathanael Greene's] Army under Captain Somers or Summer and was in the battle of Guild ford Court House [Guilford Court House] where he received a bayonet wound through the calf of his right leg that he was placed under charge of the Doctor at Guilford Court House from whence he was carried to his father's house in South Carolina. That he enlisted for the war but in consequence of his dreadful wound he was unable to rejoin until the capture of Cornwallis; that he served two years before he was wounded & in consequence of his being unable to rejoin he was unable to obtain his discharge at the close of the war and prays that his pension may be increased to the usual pay of a private soldier that he was also for some time in the militia service as a spy under General Williams [sic, Andrew Williamson] who turned Traitor & he then enlisted as stated above, that he has resided in this part of the United States for upward of 20 years & a long time [in] New Orleans

State of Alabama Mobile County: SS Before me Henry Louis Clerk of the County court of said County appears Christopher Stockman who on oath says the above statement is true.

S/ Christopher Stockman, X his mark

Subscribed & sworn to the 11th day of March 1835 given under my hand & the seal of said court S/ H. Lewis, Clk.

[fn p. 16: Letter dated July 22, 1835 from the South Carolina Comptroller General stating that he has reviewed the records in his office and find no reference to a Christopher Stockman in them.]

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