

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Samuel Estill S12876

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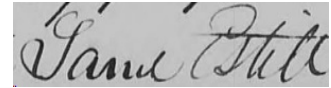
Madison County }

On this 30th day of August 1832 personally appeared before Henry B. Hawkins one of the justices of the County Court in & for the County of Madison aforesaid Samuel Estill a resident of said County aged 77 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated – That in 1774 he resided in the County of Augusta, Virginia, where he was born, during that year Colo William Preston of Fincastle County sent him an Ensign's Commission – Michael Woods was his Capt. That he acted under his commission as Ensign – In the Fall of that year he entered Capt. John Lewis' Company of Volunteers & went to the mouth of the Great Kanhaway [sic: Kanawha River] & was in the Battle of the 10th October near all day [Battle of Point Pleasant, 10 Oct 1774] – from there he went to the Indian Towns & remained until there was a Treaty made [Treaty of Camp Charlotte ending Lord Dunmore's War]. on this Tour he was absent about 3 months.

In 1777 or 1778 he served under Capt. John Henderson one month as a ranger or Indian Spy.

In 1778 he came to Kentucky, went to Boonesborough & was there enlisted to do Fort duty or act as a Guard or Indian Spy for three months – In May 1779 there was a company raised by Colo J. Bowman [John Bowman] to go to the Chillicothe Towns against the Indians when the Company started he, the applicant, was out killing game for Fort – in returning from hunting up the Kentucky River he came down River with his meat in a Canoe – in dragging his Canoe over the Shoals he received a very bad stone bruise in his heel – he still thought he was able to go on the Campaign & started on after Bowmans Company, proceeded about forty miles & was compelled to lay by & remain until the Company returned & brought him home – he still continued to act as a hunter & Indian Spy at Boonesborough. In May 1780 the Indians & British took two stations in Kentucky, Riddles [Ruddle's] & Martins on Licking River. Gen'l. George Rogers Clark then called for Volunteers to go against the Indians – he, the applicant, turned out & was elected 1st Lieutenant under Capt. John Holder – We then marched to the Chillicothe Indian Town, burnt the Town & then pursued on to the Pickaway Towns [Piqua and others] & there we fought a battle [8 Aug 1780] – a good many killed on each side he thinks 16, the Indians lost their chief – the next day we killed another Indian – we cut down & destroyed about 600 acres of corn & returned home – during this Tour he acted as Lieutenant under Capt Holder – was absent about two months or more – In 1781 he was in a contest with the Indians – he killed Two at one shoot, his Brother in same contest had his arm broke – continued to act as Lieut aforesaid in Scouting parties against the Indians & to guard & protect the Country – In Fall 1782 he was ordered by Gen'l. Geo. R. Clark to meet his Company as Lieutenant at Bryant's Station [Bryan's Station near Lexington] – he did so, & we proceeded to the Indian Towns on Big Miami [Piqua, Standing Stone, and others, 10 Nov 1782] – burnt their Cabins & corn & were gone about two months – In 1786 I was appointed Capt of the Frontier Company by the Madison County Court & continued to act for about two years in that capacity – has resided in Madison County ever since – that from 1774 to 1784 he was actively engaged a great portion of the time either upon Campaigns against the Indians & British – doing military duty in guarding Forts or as an Indian Spy – He trusts that under the law he will be found entitled to the pay of a Lieutenant – For all his services, what he has hitherto rec'd from his Country has been a mere song – He has no documentary evidence to establish his services – but in addition to the history of the Country he can prove them by Maj. Jos. Kennedy [Joseph Kennedy, pension application S13600], Capt. Arch'd. Woods [Archibald Woods S14892], William Cradlebough [William Cradlebaugh S30354] &c still living – He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & declares that his name is not on the

pension roll of the agency of any state.
Sworn to & subscribed the day & year afores'd



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On this 21st day of May 1833 personally appeared before me Henry B. Hawkins a justice of the peace in & for the County aforesaid & one of the Justices of the Madison County Court, Samuel Estill a resident of said County and applicant for a pension and whose original declaration was made before me on the 30th August 1832; who being first duly sworn according to Law states further upon oath that he was born in Augusta County State of Virginia in the year 1755 the 10th day of September. That he has a record of his age now in his possession taken from a record of his age made by his Father. That the services rendered by him as a soldier & officer of the Revolution & Indian Spy were rendered as a volunteer except the Campaign he served in Virginia in 1778 or 1777 when he thinks he was drafted. He served one month under Capt John Henderson in 1777 or 1778 went from Bottetourt [sic: Botetourt] County, Colo William Fleming he thinks was Comm[andan]t of the Regiment. On this Campaign he served as a ranger or Indian Spy on the Frontiers. He came to Kentucky in 1778 & on the 1st day of January 1779 went to Boonesboro in the boundary of the now County of Madison. He immediately volunteer'd & joined Capt David Gass company, there at Boonesboro. Gass was one of the Captains that then commanded the Fort at Boonesboro. That he was regularly enrolled in Gass' Company & served as a soldier in said Fort and as Indian Spy – some times sent out to hunt for provisions for the garrison during the year 1779. After the British & Indians took Riddle's & Martin's Forts in May 1780 he was elected 1^l Lieutenant in Capt John Holder's Company at Boonesboro. John Holder was a Capt in the State Troops of Virginia as applicant believes – at that time – that he went under Gen'l. George Rogers Clark in said Holders Company as 1^l Lieutenant on a Campaign across the Ohio against the Indians as stated in his Original Declaration. Benj. Logan [Benjamin Logan] was his Colonel. We were gone on this expedition as applicant believes not less than two months. After his return from this Campaign he served as Lieutenant at Estills Fort or Station [Capt. James Estill's Station about 3 mi SE of Richmond] in Madison County aforesaid under his Brother Capt James Estill, who was a Lieutenant under Capt Gass at Boonesboro & afterwards was Commissioned as affiant understood as Capt in Colo Benj. Logan's Regiment. He served as Lieutenant under Capt Estill in defending Estills Fort and the Country against the Indians till March 1782 when Capt Estill was killed by the Indians at Estill's defeat. After the death of Estill John Woods was appointed Capt. & applicant served as Lieutenant under him till the close of the Revolutionary War. Applicant does not recollect about his Commission as Lieutenant – if it ever came to his possession it has been long since lost – his Brother Capt James Estill he well recollects informed him that he was appointed Lieutenant under him. He knows that he did regular duty as a Lieutenant 1^l in Capt. Holder's Company & afterwards in Capt Estill & Woods Companies in Colo Logan's Regiment from May 1780 till the close of the Revolutionary War. He states that he served as a volunteer & one tour when drafted in Virginia as above as stated – as a private in the army of the United States during the Revolutionary War not less than fifteen months – that he served as a Liutenant in the army of the United States during the Revolutionary War not less than two years & for such services he claims a pension. He would state that in June 1781 Capt Estill got his arm broke in a skirmish with the Indians – from that time till March 1782 the Command of Estills Fort devolved on the applicant as Capt & Colo Logan addressed all his orders to him in relation to the Command of said Fort & in defending the Country. He does not recollect having received any discharges – if he did they are lost. If he ever rec'd a commission as he presumes he must, he does not recollect by whom signed or what has become of it. He states that William Cradlebaugh, Jesse Hoges, Joseph Proctor [S11270], Gelverton Peyton & Oswald Townsend [W605], all of Madison County, except said Proctor, who resides in Estill, have known him well for more than fifty years & can prove his services & character That most of them have lived in same County with him since 1778

Samuel hisXmark Estill

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On this 20th day of August 1833 personally came before Benjamin Straughn a justice of the peace in & for the County of Estill aforesaid Joseph Proctor a resident of said County, who being first duly sworn according to law states upon oath that he is 77 years of age. That he came to Kentucky in 1778 – that he came as a Soldier in Capt. Riddle’s [Isaac Ruddle’s] Company & served in the Fort at Boonesboro – that in the latter part of the year 1778 or the 1st of the year 1779 he became acquainted with Colo Samuel Estill now a resident of Madison County & applicant for a Pension – That said Estill served as a Soldier in the Fort at Boonesboro during the year 1779 –was enrolled as a soldier in the Fort & did Fort duty or was out on Campaigns or acting as a spy against the Indians. Said Estill was in Capt. John Holder’s company or Capt. David Gass’s perhaps served in both. Said Estill afterwards in the year 1780 went to Estill’s Fort in Madison County Kentucky, & there served for two or three years as a Lieutenant in Capt. James Estill’s company – during the time & as affiant thinks in 1781 Capt. James Estill was badly wounded in a battle with the Indians & after that for nearly a year said Samuel Estill then Lieutenant acted & discharged the duties of Capt in said Fort. I well recollect the circumstance when the said Estill killed two Indians at one shoot. He was always reputed a good soldier & officer. Said affiant was out against the Indians under the Command of said Sam’l. Estill as Lieutenant in 1781 according to the best of his recollection – Estill Fort was an important post for the defence of the Country against the Indians in 1780 & 1781 & ever after that time. Capt. James Estill was killed by the Indians in 1782 in what was called Estill’s defeat – affiant was in the battle. Sam’l. Estill was at that time left in command of Estill’s Fort as aforesaid. Affiant has well known said Sam’l. Estill since 1779 & knows as a soldier and officer he rendered great service during the Revolutionary War.

Joseph hisXmark Proctor

NOTE:

Correspondence in the file states that Samuel Estill died on 9 Feb 1837 at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mary Ann and William Day, in Roane County in East Tennessee.

On 27 Oct 1842 William Caperton of Carroll County MI stated that Samuel Estill married Jane Teas in Greenbrier County, and that he traveled with them to Kentucky in 1784 and lived with them in Estill’s Station.