

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Andrew Stepleton S36799

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The State of Indiana Switzerland County, SS

Be it remembered that on the 25th day of May in the year of our Lord 1818 before me William Cotton, one of the judges of the Circuit court, in and for the County of Switzerland State aforesaid, personally appeared Andrew Stepleton, a resident citizen of the United States, residing in Jefferson Township County aforesaid, who after being duly sworn according to law, doth and did, declare, depose and say that he entered the Army of the United Colonies, raised to obtain and defend American Liberty, and to repel every invasion thereof in the spring of A.D. 1777, at Romley [Romney?] in Virginia, under Captain William Voss [William Vause], of the 12th Regiment Virginia Regiment, commanded by Colonel James Wood, in Brigadier General Scott's [Charles Scott's] brigade, and served 6 years and 2 months. He was discharged at Winchester Virginia by Colonel Neville. He was wounded in the left arm on the 11th of September 1777 at Brandywine and in the thigh, at the battle of Monmouth, N. J. [June 28, 1778]. That he hath no pension allowed him by the acts of Congress of the United States to his knowledge and if any should exist he does hereby fully and entirely released the same to the United States & finally, that from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his country for support, & further saith not.

S/ Andrew Stepleton, X his mark

### Schedule

The following is a schedule of the property belonging to Andrew Stepleton and referred to in the annexed affidavit: 1 cow, 4 chairs, 5 plates, 1 [illegible], a lease of 9 acres of land for 8 years for which I paid \$25, 1 earthen [illegible], 18 shoats, two earthen dishes, 1 kitchen table, one [illegible], one kettle, four hens, one skillet, one hundred weight of pork, one [illegible] 1 [illegible], 4 knives and forks that he is indebted to sundry persons in the sum of \$150, but there is due him from John Stepleton \$30.

S/ Andrew Stepleton, X his mark

State of Indiana Switzerland County: SS

On this 13th day of February 1821 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for said County and State Andrew Stepleton aged sixty-nine years resident in said County he being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows viz. under Captain William Voss and Colonel James Woods Regiment of the Virginia line: that he has received a pension since the 5th day of May 1818 that his pension certificate is numbered 6920 and dated the 13th day of February 1819.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever

disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. That I am by occupation a farmer that I am much afflicted with the rheumatism that my family residing with may consist of my wife aged about 5? [second digit written over and illegible] my daughter Betsy aged 18 and John Cole aged 9 years.

S/ Andrew Stepleton, A his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 5th, 1818, for service as a private for 6 years and 2 months in the Virginia Continental line.]

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The [Virginia State Library](#) online digital collection of rejected claims has the following document relating to this veteran:

The State of Indiana Switzerland County Sct

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace within and for the County aforesaid Andrew Stepleton of the County aforesaid, aged 73 years, who after being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he enlisted in the company commanded by Captain William Voss of the 12th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel James Wood of Winchester and served during the war being upwards of seven years = that he was wounded at the battle of Brandywine and again at Monmouth = that when he enlisted at Fort Pleasant near Winchester he was promised two hundred acres of land – that he now draws a pension from the United States under the law of 1818 = that he never received a warrant for the land and has never assigned his claim to the same to any person = that he has no further evidence in his possession = the said 12th Regiment belonged to the Continental establishment in the revolutionary war and further saith not.

S/ Andrew Stepleton, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of August 1830 – the said it's Stepleton being a credible man and well known to me.

S/ Enos Littlefield, JP

[cover sheet bears the note that this claim was rejected by the Governor of Virginia.]