

**Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements &  
Rosters**

Pension application of William Styvers S37465

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The Commonwealth of Kentucky Montgomery County, Sct.

On this sixth day of October 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Circuit Court, in and for the state aforesaid, personally appeared William Styvers aged Sixty-two years who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following statement and declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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;" that he is a citizen of the state of Kentucky, and resident in the County of Estell; that he was enlisted for two years at the Long bridge in the state of Virginia on or about the \_\_\_ day of April or May 1775 or 1776 by one Joseph Spencer and served in the company commanded by Captain Joseph Spencer of the 7th Virginia Regiment commanded [by] Colonel McClanahan That he continued to serve in the said court, or in the service of the United States, in the Continental Army, against the common enemy, until about the \_\_\_ day of April or May 1777 or 78 when he was honorably discharged from service at Fredericksburg in the state of Virginia; that he was in service two years as per his enlistment – and was in the battles of Gwynns Island [Gwynn Island, July 6-8, 1776] & at the Long bridge [December 5, 1775], which last battle was fought the year before the above Enlistment, but that he was in service for one-year under the same Captain before his enlistment as above stated – and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has lost his discharge and has no evidence in his power, of his services and discharge, other than that which is here transmitted. Sworn and declared before me the day and year aforesaid

Willis V. Richardson states on oath at the same time before made that he is acquainted with the circumstances of the above named William Styvers & states that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of a Pension to support him –  
[Attested by Benjamin Mills, Judge]

State of Kentucky, Estill County

October Term 1820: Estill Circuit

On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 1820 personally appeared in open court being a Court of Record for the State aforesaid, and County of Estill and so constituted by the act of Assembly creating it, William Stivers [sic] aged sixty four resident in Estill County in said State, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on this oath declare that he

served in the Revolutionary War as follows. He served in the Regiment of Col. Thomas Marshall in the Company commanded by Capt. Joseph Spencer. The date of his original declaration is the 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 1818 and the no. of his Pension certificate is 6942 and Dated 13<sup>th</sup> February 1819. That he is inscribed in the pension list roll of the Kentucky agency.

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 be gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intention thereby so to diminish it as to bring my self within the provisions 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 security, 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.

#### Schedule

One cow and a yearling calf, One horse about seven years old, some cooper's and reed matches tools, some house hold and kitchen furniture of small value and some farming utensils. That he has a wife aged sixty years old and infirm and in consequence thereof unable to support her self. He further states that he is by occupation a cooper and Reed maker and that he is unable to pursue it owing to old age and disease and one of his hands being crippled. He also further states that he has the following children living with him of the following ages, one son of the age of fifteen years and the other of the age of twelve years, and that he is in such indigent Circumstances as to be unable to support himself without the assistance of his country, or resorting to public or private bounty.

(signed) William Styvers, X his mark  
Jas Clark Circuit Judge

County of Fayette, State of Kentucky Sct.

On this 4th day of March 1823 before me the Subscriber a justice of the peace for the said County of Fayette personally appeared William Styvers who on his oath declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the Company commanded by Captain Joseph Spencer in the 7th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Marshall in the Service of the United States; that his name was placed on the pension roll of the State of Kentucky, that he received a Certificate of that fact under the signature & seal of the Secretary of War; which Certificate in September 1822 on his way home from Lexington (where he had been to draw his pension) he lost out of his pocket and half not since been able to find or hear of it.

S/ William Styvers, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing October 6, 1818, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]