

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Stoker S37472

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Mason County Kentucky

Before the Subscriber Judge of the first Judicial district of Kentucky including Mason, Fleming, Bracken & Lewis [Counties] this day came William Stoker of Fleming County who made oath that in the year 1776 he enlisted for two years in Charles West's Company of the Continental establishment, West lived in Loudoun County Virginia, and was in the regular service of the United States during the years 1777 & 1778, the said West was attached to the 3rd Virginia Regiment commanded by Col. Weden [George Weedon] during which time this applicant served with him, as a common Soldier. After the two years this affiant served with Capt. West he enlisted with Capt. Briscoe [Reuben Briscoe] of Buford's [Abraham Buford's] Regiment on Continental establishment being the same Regiment previously commanded by Weden and was taken prisoner when that Regiment was defeated [May 29, 1780]¹ by Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton] having been in actual service more than a year and remained a Prisoner until the end of the War, upon parole, after recovering from his wounds received in Buford's defeat, consisting of four wounds in the head, a bayonet through the right hand, two ribs in the right side cut in two with a sword of Tarlton's core [corps] of horse, having been previously shot through the right leg at the battle of Germantown [October 4, 1777] – all which has heretofore been proven to entitle this affiant to a pension of fifty two or three dollars which he has drawn for about ~~thirteen~~^{some} years. This affiant further says that he is poor and really stands in need of assistance from his government for maintenance – he is old and infirm too as well from his wounds received in the service on Continental establishment as aforesaid as he is infirm from natural & constitutional debility & decay, He has been hard-pressed to make out this far with an old and frail wife by whom he has had ten children, and he asks the aid of his Country because he concedes he is in need of its assistance in consequence of his reduced circumstances in life.

He never received a Pension until about thirteen years ago at first about \$36, and now about \$53 – and that on account of his poverty and wounds received in the service of America whilst struggling for Our independence.

In witness whereof the said William Stoker half hereto set his hand the 29th June 1818
S/ Wm Stoker



¹ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_waxhaws.html

I William Stoker do hereby relinquish the pension heretofore granted me by the United States provided a pension shall be allowed me under the provisions of the act of Congress passed at the last session.

Given under my hand this 29th June 1818.

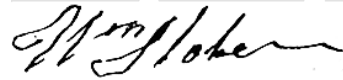
Attest: S/ A. Beatty, Judge

S/ Wm Stoker

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I William Stoker of Fleming County Kentucky Do swear that I was a Sargeant in Capt. Howard's Company during the revolutionary War, and have for the last fourteen years been on the Pension Roll and received pay as a pensioner in Philadelphia, That I never did receive any Certificate either written or printed or any other instrument of any kind relative to my being placed on the pension Roll, And if any such paper ever issued for me, It never was put in my possession nor did I know that such a Certificate issued in any case until lately so informed.

S/ Wm Stoker



Kentucky Fleming County Sct.

Sworn and subscribed to before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid the 17 day of July 1819

S/ W. Goddard, JP

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State of Kentucky Sct.

On this 13th day of June 1820 Personally appeared in open Court: being a Court of Record being made so by Act of Assembly the 20th of December 1802 which established said Court for the County of Fleming in the State aforesaid William Stoker aged sixty five years on the 12th day of August next, residing in the said County of Fleming, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: In Capt. Charles West's company, 3 Regiment commanded by Col. Weedon [George Weedon] &c in the line of the state of Virginia on Continental establishment. That he made a declaration for obtaining a pension under the law of Congress which bore date about the 29th June 1818 on which declaration a Certificate issued to him No. 14582, bearing date 18 September 1819. And the said William Stoker doth solemnly that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself 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 18th day of March 1818, and that he has not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed

A Pension as a Revolutionary soldier of \$8 per month, under the Certificate No. 14582 above stated, which is drawn up to 4 March last

1 cow and calf worth \$15 – 1 heifer & calf worth \$8 –	\$23.00
1 ax worth \$1.50 – 1 hoe \$0.75 – 1 pot worth \$2 – 1 oven \$1	5.75
4 old chairs worth \$1 – cupboard ware, buckets & old lumber worth \$10	<u>11.00</u>
	\$39.75

He the said William Stoker doth further state on oath that the foregoing schedule, contains the whole of the property he possesses on earth, And that the whole sum thereto annexed as the value amounting to \$39.75 is the full value of everything of the property kind he owns or possesses on earth with the exception of the pension aforesaid and with the exception of his necessary bedding and wearing apparel. That he was raised as a rough carpenter and farmer in the small way on rented land while able to labor And for the last 15 years has lived measurably on the pension he has received from Government first for wounds and disabilities received in the Revolutionary War and lastly under the Pension Certificate above recited. That he has no family but a wife who is about three months younger than himself. That they are both very infirm and have been for so for a great many years neither able to labor for a support.

"Signed" Wm Stoker

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 29, 1818, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]