

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Stafford S38398

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Transcribed by Will Graves

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

[Note: The handwriting of the scribe of this application is extremely challenging. Use the following transcription with caution.]

State of Alabama Morgan County: County Court July Term 1825

On the 11th day of July 1825 David Stafford appeared personally in open Court, being a court of record for the County aforesaid having power to fine and imprison and proceeding according to the course of the common law, The said David Stafford being a resident of the County aforesaid and aged about sixty-five years and being first duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 the 1st of May 1820 and 1st of March 1823.

That he the said David Stanford sometime in the year 1775 enlisted for the term of two years under one Lieutenant Nathaniel Mason [?] under whom he served a short time until the command of the Company was taken by Captain George [illegible last name, could be George Walls] during the remainder of his term of service in the 4th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Lawson [Robert Lawson] that after the battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] he was attached to the 2nd Virginia Regiment in the Continental establishment. That after he had served his tour of two years and was discharged he immediately enlisted again for the term of three years in a company commanded by Captain James [? could be Jones] being and in the same Regiment then commanded by Colonel Nevil [John Neville] and in the line of the State of Virginia in which he served until his time was nearly expired when he was taken prisoner by the enemy at the siege of Charleston [May 12, 1780] and was confined a prisoner for 14 months and 5 days before he was exchanged for at Jamestown in the State of Virginia and was then taken to Williamsburg and discharged by Colonel Nevil under whom he had served before he was taken prisoner which discharge was destroyed by fire when his house was burned – That he was in the battles of Brandywine, Germantown [October 4, 1777] and at the battle of Stony Point [July 16, 1779] and in several skirmishes of [several indecipherable words] in marching from North to South before he was taken prisoner at Charleston.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, 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,

Schedule as follows to wit

One horse worth	\$65	
1 yearling colt	30	
2 cows & calves & heifer	25	\$159.50
money due me	27.50	
12 head of hogs	12	

S/ David Stafford

And the said David Stanford further states that he is [indecipherable word] for [indecipherable word] to support himself and family about \$25.00

That he is by occupation a farmer that the names and ages of his family residing with him is my wife Sarah aged about forty-five years. That he has no means of support except by his labor except the property contained in the foregoing Schedule. That he is unable to work in consequence of a wound he received by a shot at the Battle of Brandywine while fighting as a soldier which entered the [indecipherable word]<sup>1</sup> & lodged in his shoulder which frequently runs and disables him: which together with the ensuing infirmities of age render him utterly unable to sustain a life of toil.

S/ David Stanford

The State of Alabama Morgan County: At a Circuit Court begun and held for the County of Morgan in the Court House in the Town of Sommerville [Somerville] on the 3rd Monday in April in the year of our Lord 1826 on the 20th day of April 1826 personally appeared in open Court (being a Court of Record for the County aforesaid, and having power to fine and Imprison) David Stafford resident in said County, aged about sixty-six years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following supplemental statement and declaration as an amendment of his original declaration made and filed in the County Court of said County at the late July Term of said County on the 11th day of July 1825 as now fully will appear by a transcript of the record of said declaration from said Court marked A – Certified which is prayed to be inserted on the records of this Court, to wit: that he did not apply for a pension nor take the necessary steps to obtain one earlier than the said 11th day of July 1825 because he had before that time then generally able to support himself and family by his personal labor that although he was before that time poor yet he was not absolutely under the necessity of asking the bounty of the government due to persons in his situation that for the last two years he has been from age & infirmity unable to provide for himself and family a support and obliged from necessity to ask that aid provided for him by the laws of his Country. He further states that on the 18th day of March 1818, he had little or no property and that of little or no value that the property named and sworn to in the Schedule in his original declaration cut nearly all been acquired since that time that between that time and the present and no other changes have taken place except that most if not all the property mentioned in the Schedule in his original declaration to which this is a supplement has been acquired by him since that time of making his Original Declaration to which this is a supplement has been acquired by him since that time of making his original declaration in said County Court sworn to and declared on the 20th day of April in the year of our Lord 1826.

(Signed)

David Stanford

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 22, 1826, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

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Addendum to David Stafford S38398

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 29 Dec 2021.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I do hereby Certify that David Stafford Soldier in Col Neviles Detachment of Virginia Line has serv'd the full Term of Three Years for which he was Inlisted for & is now hereby Discharg'd from the Service, that he has rec'd his Pay in Con'l [Continental] Money up to the first day Dec'r 1779 Since which he has only rec'd two Dollars in Specie from Deputy Commissary of Prisoners in Cha's Town [Charleston SC]

Given under my hand at Williamsburg this 25 <sup>th</sup> day of July Seventeen Hundred & Eighty	John Stith Capt. Comm't. [BLWt2064-300]
[illegible]	D'd Stephenson Maj'r [David Stephenson BLWt2057-400]
Copy	Sen'r off'r present Virg'a Line
Auditors Office 5 <sup>th</sup> March 1784.	
Cha. Jones Clk	

Auditors office 28 May 1784.

This is to Certify that David Stafford enlisted 20 April 1776 and serv'd two years faithfully in 4<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment. Given under my hand this 1<sup>st</sup> January 1784. John Smith Lt.  
a Copy Chs. Jones Ck. 4 Virg'a Reg't Cont. Line