

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Stilwell S41195

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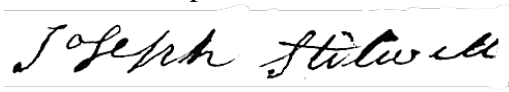
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Fayette County Pennsylvania } SS: Be it remembered that on the 15th day of June 1818, ~~Joseph Stilwell~~ before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Fayette Pennsylvania personally appeared Joseph Stillwell [sic] aged about 61 years resident of Fayette County for many years; & he being duly sworn according to law; doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the pension allowed by the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818; That he enlisted for the term of 3 years into the Service of the US AD August 1776 into Captain Bradys [William Brady's] Company Colonel Rollins [Moses Rawlings'] Regiment Virginia Line, That at the siege of Fort Washington the most of the Regiment was taken. That he the deponent was sent to Fredericks town in Maryland and attached to Captain Slaughter's [Philip Slaughter's] Company 11th Virginia Regiment – General Woodford's [William Woodford's] Brigade – that he served the 3 years & was hon [honorably] discharged in 1779 – at Remepough [Ramapo?] in the Highlands of York [sic, New Jersey] by General Woodford – That he has had no pension heretofore (Although he had his arm broke in the service) [indecipherable word or words] Contrary to his knowledge such pensions have been allowed he does by these presents relinquish unto the US all right to the same. That from his Reduced Circumstances in life he needs the assistance of his Country for support.

Sworn & subscribed before me the day & year aforesaid

S/ James Finley

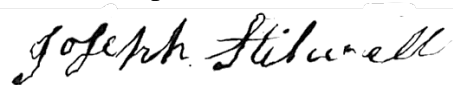
S/ Joseph Stilwell




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Please put me on the pension's [sic] list & send me notice of the fact to the post office Uniontown, Fayette County Pennsylvania (care of John [surname undeciphered])¹ – and much oblige yours

Joseph Stillwell



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Fayette County in the State of Pennsylvania} SS Fourteenth Judicial District

On this thirteenth day of June A. D. 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a court of record is the court of common pleas in the County of Fayette Joseph Stilwell aged 64 years resident in George township & County and state aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows, that he enlisted under Captain Bready [sic] of Colonel Rollins [sic] rifle Regiment of the Virginia line – that he continued in said Regiment until it was broken up at Fort Washington in the State of New York: at which time he became attached to Slaughter's Company of Colonel Febaber's [Christian Febiger's] Regiment of the Virginia line, in which he served for the remainder of the term for which he was enlisted. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th 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 18th 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 – And the said Joseph doth declare that his occupation has been that of a stone cutter – but being afflicted with the Palsy and disabled by a wound received during the revolutionary war he is unable to gain a livelihood at this time – And doth further declare that he has residing with him his wife Sarah aged 46 – his son Hiram aged 14 – his son John aged 7, his son Isaac aged 3 and his daughter Ann by whom he has been principally supplied aged about 28 – And that the said Hiram has been and continues to the afflicted with the white swelling as to render him incapable of obtaining either for himself or others a livelihood.

Sworn to and declared in open court June 13, 1820

S/ John St. Clair – Prothy

S/ Joseph Stilwell

Schedule of property

| | |
|---------------------------|----------|
| 1 cow value | \$13 |
| 1 pair Bellows } | |
| 1 cast anvil } | 3 |
| a few stone cutting tools | 4 |
| 1 Pot | 1 |
| 1 Saddle | <u>6</u> |
| | \$27 |

Sworn to and declared in open court June 13, 1820

S/ Joseph Stilwell

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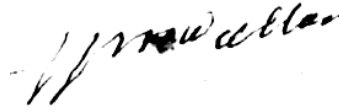
State of Ohio Guernsey County} SS: Be it known that William Wallar² of the State and County aforesaid personally appeared before me James Luper one of the associate Judges of said County and made oath that Joseph Stillwell [sic] who has applied as a Revolutionary Claimant and this deponent was both Listed by Captain William Bready [William Brady] in the year '76 for the term of 3 years in Colonel Rollines [Moses Rawlings'] Regiment and at the Siege of Fort Washington the Regiment was broken and we were attached to the 11th Virginia Regiment

² [William Wallar \(Waller\) W6396](#)

General Woodford's brigade and was legally discharged at Rammipo Camp [Ramapo Camp] in the Highlands of York in the year 79 –

Sworn to and subscribed this 11th day of October 1819 before me

S/ Wm Wallar



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State of Ohio Muskingum County} SS

Be it known, that John Kelley,³ a Revolutionary Pensioner, personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace & made oath to the best of his knowledge & believe, that Joseph Stillwell [sic], who has applied as a Revolutionary claim, was enlisted on or about the month of August 1776, on the Continental establishment, in the company of Captain Brady, in the Virginia Line, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Rawlings; – that he served about 3 years; & was discharged on or about the month of August 1779 by General Woodford – that he frequently saw him in his military dress and has no doubt but that he served more than 9 months in the Revolutionary War on the Continental establishment

Sworn to and subscribed this 6th day of October 1819 before me

S/ Christian Spangler, JP

S/ John Kelley, 0 his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 15, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

Addendum to Joseph Stilwell S41195

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 22 June 2021.

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

The bearer Joseph Stilwell Soldier in the 7th Virginia Regiment having served the full time for which he was enlisted is hereby discharged from the service. Given under my hand this 16th day of August 1779.

Wm Woodford Brig'd Gen'l

The Issuing Commissarys are desired to furnish the above Soldier with provisions to Carry him to Virginia

Wm Woodford B.G.

Intittled to Depreciation from the first Jan'y 1777 to the 16 August 1779 if not settled

March 20th 1786 T Meriwether

A Copy Phil Southall

[other side]

Sir/ please to Settle my Account of Depreciation of pay and land, due me as a Soldier for three years in the Virginia line with Mr David Gray and you will much Oblidge Sir

³ [John Kelley \(Kelly\) S41717](#)

John Pendleton Esqr
Fayette County Pennsylvania

your very/ Humb'l Ser't/ Joseph Stilwell

This day came Joseph Stilwell before me the Subscriber a Justice of the Common pleas in and for said County and signed and delivered the above Order to Mr David Gray Given under my hand and seal this 13 day of May 1786 James Neal

[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Stillwell, Joseph. The file also includes a power of attorney by Joseph Stilwell to John Ross of Harrison County VA.]

State of Pennsylvania }
Fayett County } To wit

Be it known that on the 29th day of July 1834 personally appeared before me Wm Abraham a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Joseph Stillwell 76 years of age and made oath in due form of law to the following Declaration in order to obtain his Bounty Land promised by the State of Virginia to her Soldiers Who enlisted and served three years That he was born in the County of Lowdon [sic: Loudoun] in the State of Virginia and that he inlisted in a Company Commanded by Captain Philip Slaughter [W29886] in the 11th Regiment of Virginia on Continental establishment in 1776 the army Commanded by Bregadear Genearal William Woodford and Continued in servis three years and that he never have recived a warrant for the same nor sold nor disposed of his Bounty Land in no manner whatever

Joseph hisXmark Stilwell

Report upon the claim of Joseph Stillwell, a Soldier of the Continental line, for bounty land.
To Governor Tazewell

Sir, I have found no evidence of Record, which supports this claim. The name of Joseph Stillwell does not appear on the Army Register, either of the Continental, or State line. No payrolls of Captain Philip Slaughters company have been preserv'd, in the public offices of this state [sic: see endnote].

No proof has been fil'd by the claimant. His statement on oath is that he enlisted, for three years, in 1776, in the Company of Captain Philip Slaughter of the 11th Reg't of Virginia on Continental establishment, under the command of Brig'r Gen'l Wm. Woodford and serv'd those years.

A Joseph Stillwell of the Continental line has received 100 acres of land, for his services.

Respectfully submitted/ John H Smith Com'r &c/ 16th April 1835

1835 May 12 Rejected

NOTE: The name of Joseph Stilwell (spelled with one l) appears on several payrolls including one for Philip Slaughter's company of the 11th Virginia Regiment for January 1778

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