

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Peter Stivers S41200

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At a Court held for Spotsylvania County the 1st day of June 1818

Peter Stivers aged sixty-five years residing in Spotsylvania County Virginia being duly sworn & States that in 1776 he enlisted for two years as a private under Captain Joseph Spencer in Woodford's Brigade ^{in the [indecipherably faint word]}, was marched down to Gwinns Island [Gwynn Island] and in the spring of 1777 he was marched to Pennsylvania he was at the battle of Brandy Wine [Brandywine, September 11, 1777], and was engaged at German Town [Germantown, October 4, 1777] in guarding the British prisoners, he was discharged at Valley Forge in the winter of 1778 which discharge he has lost, he states that from his reduced circumstances he is in need of the assistance of his Country and the Court states that [indecipherably faint text] from the evidence of Moses Perry [?]¹ sworn in Court that he knows Peter Stivers was a soldier in the Army on the Continental establishment and that he served 2 years and from the evidence of Obediah Perry [?] sworn in court, it is satisfied that the said Peter Stivers stands in need of [indecipherably faint word] support.

State of Virginia Spotsylvania County to wit I Robert S. Chew, Clerk of the County Court of Spotsylvania in the State aforesaid do hereby certify that the aforesaid is a true copy from the records of my office.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of my office this 2nd day of June 1818 and of the Independence of the United States the 42nd

S/ Robert S. Chew, C. S. C. C.

At a Court continued and held for Spotsylvania County the 6th day of April 1819

Peter Stivers an old revolutionary soldier came into Court and in addition to his declaration sworn to in open Court on the 1st day of June 1818 being 1st duly sworn stated that he belonged to the seventh Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel William Dangerfield which Regiment was in Continental establishment and the court further states that it is satisfied that the said Peter Stivers from his age and decay the circumstances he stands in need of public support.

[standard attestation of the above being taken from the Court's record given by the clerk of court]

State of Virginia Spotsylvania County Court

On this 2nd day of January 1827, personally appeared in open Court, being a court of record, Peter Stivers resident in the said County, aged 74 years, who being first sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by

¹ FPA S38295

the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and 1st of May 1820, that he the said Peter Stivers enlisted for the term of two years as a private in the year 1776, in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Joseph Spencer in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Woodford in the line of the State of Virginia on Continental establishment; and that he served in the Army two years until 1778 when he was discharged in the State of Pennsylvania. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension except the present; that his name has been placed on the pension list; that the number of his pension Certificate is 9577 and that he never before exhibited a schedule of his property and the reason why he did not make earlier application for renewal of his pension, of rose from his entire ignorance that such pension would be renewed and this arose from finding that John Etherton² a fellow soldier had his pension renewed this present year 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 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

1 milch cow and yearling \$11, 2 sheep \$2	\$13.00
100 acres land \$125, one feather bed & furniture \$15	140.00
one feather bed & furniture \$15, one chest 50 cts	15.50
1 flax wheel 50 cts, 1 saw & drawing knife \$1.75	2.25
1 Bureau \$4 1 Cupboard \$5	9
1 spinning wheel \$2.50, 1 table 3	5.50
1 looking glass \$1.25—1 chest \$1	2.25
8 chairs	2.00
Loom \$3, 2 pots & 2 Ovens 2.75	5.75
Pot rack 75 cts bread baking & pan \$1	1.75
wood ware &c &c \$1 Saddle, aze & wedges 2.50	3.50
Cart \$10, Plantation utensels 3	<u>13.00</u>
	\$213.50

Peter Stivers, X his mark

Sworn to in open Court

That since the 18th of March 1818 the following changes have been made in my property

Property	Names of persons to whom sold	Terms of Sale	Amt. rec'd in return	The Bonds passed to Owen Cooper to discharge a debt owed him for negro hire
1 mare	Thos. Brightwell	2 most credit	\$13.50	
1 cow & yearling	Chandler Pates	"	7.40	
2 cows 1 do	Hez. Richards	"	15.00	

² Sic, John Eatherton or Etherington FPA W4670

1 yearling	Absalom Brightwell	"	2.00	
1 wheat fan			5.00	
1 gun	Nathan Johnson	"	5.00	
6 sheep	Edward Stivers	"	3.60	
2 Hogsheads	Henry Coates	"	2.00	

\$53.50

Sworn to and declared on the 2nd day of July 1827 before the Court, and it is the opinion of the Court, that the said Peter Stivers did serve in the Revolutionary War, as stated in the preceding declaration, against the common enemy, for the term of 9 months, under one engagement, on the Continental establishment, and that the total amount, in value of the property exhibited in the aforesaid schedule is \$213.50.

A copy teste Richard L Stevenson, CC

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 1, 1818 for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line for nearly 2 years.]