

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Stokes S42026

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State of North Carolina Surry County

On this 16th day of August 1826 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record, so known and declared to be by the Laws of the State aforesaid, Richard Stokes a Resident in said County of Surry aged about sixty-five years – who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820; that he the said Richard Stokes enlisted for the term of 12 months about the last of September or 1st of October in the year 1781, in the State of North Carolina, in Granville County in the company commanded by Captain Samuel Jones in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Armstrong in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps for the term of nine months when he engaged or hired one Joratt or Jaradd Crab or Crabb¹ to serve for three months the balance of his time; that as well as he now remembers he engaged the said substitute at Hillsboro in North Carolina where he the said Stokes was discharged from service in the year 1782; which will more fully appear by the evidence heretofore exhibited by the said Stokes and now on file in the office of the War Department in the City of Washington; that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present that his name is not on the roll of any State; and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension, viz. that when the law was first passed he had a little property with which he thought he could make out to live without asking aid from the United States: but now he is entirely destitute of property and considerably advanced in age, and dependent in his condition.

¹ Because of the similarity of the names, I am inclined to believe that the person referred to is the same man as [Jarrott \(Jarrot\) Crabb S41499](#). Crabb, however, does not reference having served as a substitute for anyone nor does he reference service during the time frame mentioned by Richard Stokes.

Your letter of the 7th Instant respecting the application of Richard Stokes for a pension was received this morning. His name is not on the musterrolls in this office, but on a careful examination of the documents accompanying his Declaration, I am of opinion his claim is just. I knew the Captain under whom he says he enlisted, and know he did reside in the County of Franklin, as stated in one of the Depositions filed in support of this application. This much of the Declaration and Depositions coming within my own knowledge I am induced to believe the whole is true.

With much respect your Obedient Serve
S/ Wm Hill

Chatham County October 19th 1840

Dear Sir,

I was in Militia Service in the revolutionary war in the year 1780 & at the battle of Camden on the 16th of August of the same year I received a wound on my leg & in 1781 I enlisted in the regular service for 12 months or during the war and served 9 months and was so disabled from the wound I had previously received that I was Obliged to hire a man by the name of Jarret Crabb to serve the balance of my time, for which I was compelled to sell the land my Father left me. I am upwards of eighty years of age and poor and needy, and pray that you will allow me a pension from the time that others first received a pension up to the time that I first obtained a pension from the Government the above Statement of facts I am willing to swear to.

Very respectfully your Obedient Service
S/ Richard Stokes

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing August 16, 1826, for 9 months service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]