

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lewis Stokes S6158

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State of Virginia County of Gloucester

On this 6th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Gloucester now sitting Lewis Stokes a resident of the County aforesaid and State of Virginia aged Sixty-nine years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the Command of Captain Gipson Cluverius of the Virginia Militia in the County of Gloucester and State of Virginia in the year 1779 and served under him from time to time, until after the siege of York Town. That he served at one time continuously from the month of May 1781 at which time the British man of war, the Bonetac [?]¹ came up York River until after the siege which occurred on the 19th October 1781.

At the time at the siege he was stationed on your River nearly at the lower end of Gloucester County – That he served in all at least two years but was never in and engagement.

His services were confined to the County of Gloucester. Belonging to the state Militia he was at all times liable to be called out and was accordingly from time to time. That no discharge was ever granted him, and of course he has none to produce, but in evidence of his services, he refers to the annexed Certificates of witnesses. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Lewis Stokes, X his mark

[Thomas Hogg and William Figg gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

On this 14th day of February 1833 personally appeared before [indecipherable abbreviation or word] K. Nelson a Justice of the Peace for the County of Gloucester and State of Virginia Lewis Stokes who has sworn to the foregoing Declaration and doth on his oath make the additional statement in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress June 7th 1832. That his 1st services were under Captain Gipson Cluverius in Gloucester County near the mouth of York River, at which place he served 3 months. The next place at which he served was Gloucester Town, at which place he served under Captain Cluverius, Captain Cook and Captain Samuel Iddings [Samuel Eddins] of the artillery at least eight months in succession. He was afterwards stationed on the River sure at the place before mentioned and served there two months. After which he served two Towers [tours] of three months each at Gloucester Town, and was there

¹ *Bonetac*

stationed a short distance below Peirius [?]² near Sandy Point on the York River, and was there in Constant service when Lord Cornwallis surrendered on the 19th of October 1781 and that he served in that place to the best of his recollection at least four or five months. And that he is conscious that he served during the War as the above named places at least two years.

Given under my hand and seal the day and year before written

S/ Phi [?] R. Nelson, JP GC

On this 19th day of April 1833 personally appeared before John Sinclair a Justice of the Peace for the County of Gloucester and State of Virginia Lewis Stokes who has sworn to the above declaration and made oath that he did not intend to be understood as saying that he served a tour of eight months in the militia, at Gloucester Town but that his meaning was this: That he served three successive tours at that place under the said officers and at the time of the three tours was at least eight months. That it was a mistake in saying that he served two tours of four months each at Gloucester Town and all to have been to tours of three months each as it is now it has been altered by changing four to three. That the four or five months service near Sandy Point was under two tours of service. And that he did serve the length of time that he has stated, at the above mentioned places, under different periods of service, to the best of his recollection. Given under my hand and seal the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jno. Sinclair, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 15 months in the Virginia service.]

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