

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edward Stoker W11551

Anna Stoker

f73VA

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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. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' or 'undeciphered' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. 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 skills fail 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 material errors or omissions to my attention. Researchers should not rely solely on the transcripts but should review the originals for themselves. These transcripts are intended as an aid to research, not to be used in lieu thereof.]

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United States of America Kentucky District – to wit

This day came before me Robert Trimble District Judge of the United States Court in & for the District aforesaid, Edward Stoker a Citizen & resident of Bourbon County in the State of Kentucky who being by me first duly sworn and declared that he served in the United States as a private Soldier three years & two months in the Revolutionary War with Great Britain: That he enlisted sometime in the year 1775 as well as he recollects, in the 13th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment for three years, the Regiment being at that time commanded by Colonel Gibson [John Gibson]: that he was in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] & Germantown [October 4, 1777]; & the 13th Regiment being very much cut to pieces in those Battles, the remnant of it was attached to the 9th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment: that he faithfully served out his term of three years & two months over; & was discharged from the service at Pittsburgh by Major Taylor [either Richard Taylor or William Taylor] that he has long since lost his discharge it having been consumed when his house was burnt about a year after he left the Army: That he has no other document in his possession proving his service; for although he obtained the Land allowed for his Service, he has none of the papers in possession: That he is in his sixty first year of his age; & unable to labor; & that he is in reduced Circumstances & in need of the assistance of his Country for support: & that he has hitherto received no pension; wherefore he prays a pension or maybe allowed him &c.

S/ Edward Stoker, X his mark

Given under my hand at Harris Kentucky this 17th day of June 1818

S/ Robt Trimble, District Judge

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Bourbon County [Kentucky] Sct.

On this 13th day of May 1830 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the Bourbon Circuit, Edward Stoker resident in said County aged seventy-three 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 Edward Stoker enlisted for the term of three years on the \_\_ day of \_\_ in the year \_\_ in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain John Lemmon [John Lemon] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Richard Campbell in the line of the State of Virginia on the \_\_ Continental Establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Court until

after the Battles of Brandywine and Germantown in both of which he bore a part. The 13th Regiment to which he first belonged and the 9th Regiment thereafter were consolidated and the same thereafter called the 9th Regiment of the Virginia line after the battle of Germantown the Regiment to which he belonged marched to the Valley Forge & remained there during the winter, and afterwards marched to Fort Pitt and was then commanded by Colonel \_\_\_ Gibson Captain Benjamin Biggs then commanding the Company to which he belonged; where he continued to serve until he was discharged from the Service in Fort Pitt in the State of Pennsylvania having been in the Service three years and two months. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present. That his name has been placed on the pension list that the number of his pension certificate is 9406 (as he supposes that number being endorsed on the back of the said Certificate); and that he never before exhibited a Schedule of his property (except an informal one, which was returned for that cause without being acted upon by the War Department, accompanied by a form from which this Schedule is made out), because he owned a small farm of seventy acres of land in said County by means of which he was enabled by his labor and that of his sons (some of whom lived with him until a few years since) to support himself and family. 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 to wit: one old mare and colt worth \$35 – two sows and pigs worth \$10, two old plows \$2, two hoes and two old axes worth \$2, one pair of old gear worth \$1.50, two old cart wheels worth \$10, two pots, one oven, skillet and pot hooks and one kettle all worth \$5, one old cupboard worth \$6, one sugar dish worth \$2, six chairs worth \$2, one gun worth \$3; a small quantity of cupboard ware worth \$2, two cows worth \$8 each, one yearling calf worth \$3; and twenty sheep worth \$10. And that Hugh Talbutt is indebted to me in the sum of \$306.52 with interest from the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_ and that Martin Baker is indebted to him \$204.35 entitled to a small credit as herein after stated with interest from the time aforesaid for both which sums I obtained a judgment in the Bourbon Circuit Court in a suit in Chancery which I commenced in said Court against said Talbutt and Baker besides cost of suit and have executions issued against each of them, and placed them in the hands of the Sheriff of said County for collection who returned the same "no property found." And I believe the said Talbutt and Baker both insolvent, and I have never been enabled to obtain one cent from said Talbutt: said Baker has settled about \$60 on the judgment against him by furnishing the cloth for a big coat, and paying a physician's bill of \$18 or thereabouts and has paid me small sums at different times in cash – the remainder of said judgment against said Baker is yet unpaid; nor do I know that I shall ever be able to pay obtained anything from either said Baker or Talbutt. John Barnett is owing me \$15 for a gun which I sold him but he is insolvent and I do not expect ever to get one cent from him. James Nichols is owing me \$235 the balance of the purchase money for said seventy acres of land which I sold him. I am owing Servis Vimont [??] twenty dollars with 5 or 6 years interest and costs thereon I have been warranted for the same the debt was for the sum borrowed to pay some small debts that I was owing. I am owing Charles Talbutt \$19 or thereabouts for which I became indebted to him by being security and \$3 on my own account. I am owing David Crouch \$6 for

borrowed money, and John Tull \$11 with 5 or 6 years interest for which he holds my note for money borrowed which I applied in the pavement of some small debts I was owing and Doctor Kenny holds my note for \$10 for medical services on which there is 6 or \$7 due, having paid him some in pork. I am owing Foster Collins \$1.06 1/4. I am owing my son Archibald Stoker \$30 the balance of the price of a horse of his which I sold Joseph McKim to obtain money to pay a debt for which I was security for one William Gray who was insolvent. I am owing Jefferson Stoker my son \$10 the balance of the price of a horse of his which I also sold the said McKim, to raise money for the purpose last aforesaid. I am also joint Security with one William Aldridge for James Mussett of Boone County to \_\_\_ Gaines, I think, of said last named County for the sum of \$30 with several years interest, and said Mussell is insolvent. I am owing Hiram M. Bledsoe \$3.37 1/2 for which he holds my note for money which I borrowed of him to defray my expenses in going to Indiana to procure proof of my services. I am owing John West \$1 or thereabouts for blacksmith's work. I am owing Peter Tournay \$1.56 for blacksmith's work and borrowed money. I employed Robert Webb to assist me in breaking up my ground and planting my corn for which I owe him \$2.25 and I paid him 50 cents part thereof, I owe Horace Miller \$17.50 for my present years rent, of the place I now live on. I owe my tax for 2 years and some fee bills amounting to about \$2.50. I am a farmer by occupation and am now old and infirm and not able to labor. I have a wife who is sixty-eight years of age and had the misfortune about two years since to get her thigh broke which has rendered her a cripple. I have but one child living with me and she is a woman grown. Amount of property owned by me on the 18th of March as nearly as I can now ascertain

property	Names of persons sold to	Time when sold	amount received for same
70 acres of land	James Nichols		\$1050
8 horses or thereabouts cattle sheep hogs household furniture &c what amount of the articles above I cannot recollect			

I cannot at this time recollect in what way I disposed of my horses or other stock some of them died and some I gave off to my children when they left me. Said Hugh Talbutt was a director in the Bank of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and I applied to him for the purpose of borrowing money out of said Bank and signed or rather made my mark to a blank note for the purposeful which said Martin Baker and one Benjamin Baker were my securities, I wanted to borrow \$100, on said note and one of my securities to wit Martin Baker requested me to let the note be discounted for \$300 [several lines of in-line text too small to discern] said Note filled and discounted for the sum of \$300 he had it filled and discounted for \$600: that he never paid over to me but I small sum for which I applied. I repaid most thereof, before suit and I suppose he paid over \$200 to said Baker and what became of the remaining \$300 I know not but suppose said Talbutt kept it himself and I entrusted said Talbutt to have said note discounted as above stated and bring me the money. Suit was afterwards commenced in said court on said note and judgment obtain thereon against myself and Martin Baker and an execution issued on said judgment and was placed in the hands of the Sheriff of Bourbon County who levied the said execution upon my said land & was about to sell the same when I replevied it amounting to

\$812.49 & I was compelled to sell my land to the said Nichols to pay said Bank and bank debt. Said president and directors released \$40 part of the said bond (being a part of ten percent damages which was awarded against me in said case I having enjoined the same) which left \$772.49 due said bank which was worth 75 cents to the dollar, thus taking \$579.37 in silver part of the proceeds of the sale of the land to pay the said replevy bond. I was also owing Molly Champ for money borrowed about 15 years ago which including interest amounted to \$118.39 for which Peter Turney was my security and said Nichols substituted his note to said Champ in lieu of mine for said sum which also was deducted out of the price of my land sold him as aforesaid the residue of the money that I have received from said Nichols for the sale of said land I applied to the pavement of some small debts that I was owing and in paying my rent since I gave possession of my farm and in purchasing some few necessities for my family and in paying my expenses to Virginia and back where I went on business and in purchasing a horse of one John Tarr at \$55 to make the trip on and sold him on my return to one Joseph Neal for \$60 on a credit and said Neal paid to my son William Stoker \$40 or thereabouts which I was owing him a part of for Carpenters work done on a dwelling house which I built and he also paid \$20 to one James Barnett which I was owing him.

Signed Edward Stoker, X his mark

[There is another lengthy affidavit given by Stoker offering further confused explanation of his complex debts which I chose not to transcribe.]

[p 29: On July 3, 1847 in Nicholas County Kentucky, Anna Stoker, aged 80 years, made application for a widow's pension under the 1844 act stating that she is the widow of Edward Stoker, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him January 15, 1783; that her husband died May 7, 1846 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 25: On July? [written over and undecipherable] 1847 in Nicholas County Kentucky, Joseph Stoker filed an affidavit stating he is a son of Edward Stoker late a soldier of the revolution; that Anna Stoker was the wife of Edward Stoker and mother of the affiant; that Edward Stoker died May 7, 1846; that his mother is still alive and still the widow of Edward Stoker; that he is the 5th child of his parents and is now about 54 years old; that he has been in possession of the family record for about the last 16 years; that the 2 pages of the family record containing the names and birth of each of the children of his parents except the last, Sally; that the record is in the handwriting of William Green.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joseph Stoker", written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The signature is somewhat faded and has a slightly irregular appearance.

[Note: the family record referred to is to found in pp. 22-23, all of which is illegible faint as copied in the Fold3.com version of this file].

[Facts in file: In the letter summarizing the contents of this file, the following facts are set forth: the veteran married January 15, 1783 Anna Ricker; she was born February 3, 1767; that children were as follows:

Katharine born November 10, 1783

William born August 18, 1786

Edward born March 2, 1790

Polly born May 30, 1792  
Joseph born December \_\_, 179\_ [1795]  
Bazzle born August 23, 1798  
James born October 22, 1800  
Jefferson born March 8, 1803  
Archibald born April 29, 1805  
Anna born August 31, 1807  
Sally, no date of birth stated]

[pp 22-23: family Bible record

Edward, Stoker and  
Anna Stoker was married  
on the 13<sup>th</sup> of the year  
of our Lord Anno domini  
1783, by the  
Anna Stoker was born February the 3<sup>rd</sup> in the year  
of our Lord Anno domini 1767  
Elizabeth Stoker was born November the 10<sup>th</sup>  
in the year of our Lord Anno domini 1753  
William Stoker was born August the 18<sup>th</sup>  
in the year of our Lord Anno domini 1786  
George Stoker was born March the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
in the year of our Lord Anno domini 1790  
Polly Stoker was born May the 30<sup>th</sup> in the  
year of our Lord Anno domini 1792  
Joseph Stoker was born December  
in the year of our Lord Anno domini 1795

William Stoker was born  
August the 23<sup>rd</sup> in the year  
of our Lord Anno domini 1718

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Jamies Stoker was born in  
October the 2<sup>nd</sup> in the year of our Lord  
Anno domini 1800

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Jefferson Stoker was born March  
the 8<sup>th</sup> in the year of our Lord Anno domini  
1803

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Archibald Stoker was born  
April the 29<sup>th</sup> in the year of our Lord  
Anno domini 1805

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Anna Stoker was born August  
the 31<sup>st</sup> in the year of our  
Lord Anno domini 1807

[Note: A large portion of this file's contents is devoted to correspondence and documents relating to the veteran's very complex debts. No attempt was made to transcribe those since they have no bearing on his military services, the primary focus of this database.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 17th, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

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Addendum to Edward Stoker W11551

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

The within mentioned Edward Stoker [undeciphered] for his services was soldier in the Contl  
Line for three years

Jno Carter. Aud'rs office/ 7 May 804