

expenses for his grandmother, Lucy Sterne of Port Royal in Caroline County, who died of "old age" on 28 Oct 1878. Cash stated that her property consisted only of "some little house furniture of no market value." On 5 Apr 1879, however, G. S. Sterne of Caroline County wrote as follows: "My mother Lucy Sterne who was an revolutionary Pensioner died on the 27th of last October having a small annuity of Pension due her at the time of her death. Some short time thereafter I addressed the Agency in Tennessee setting forth the fact and received his answer which I herewith inclose My mother left a sufficiency to pay her expence during her sickness and expences thereto after death, as she owned a farm which would have been a sufficiency without any moiety from the Government. I understand that a petition has ben sent to the Department setting forth that she did not leave assets enough to defray the expences of her sickness and funeral expences and if such be the fact a fraud has been practiced on the department."