

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lewis Stump W7201

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State of Ohio Licking County: SS: Lewis Stump, a soldier of the revolution being duly cautioned and sworn deposes and saith, that he was born in the State of New Jersey from whence at an early age he was taken to Virginia; – That about the month of March 1777 he enlisted as a common soldier in the Army of the United States to fight against the common enemy the English under the command of Captain Charles Porterfield in the Virginia line of regulars in Colonel Daniel Morgan's Regiment, and remained in the United States service for three years, and received an honorable discharge from Colonel John Webb at Frederick town in Maryland. That afterwards this deponent served a six months tour of duty as a militia man and was at the taking of Yorktown when Cornwallis was taken [October 19, 1781]. The deponent was personally engaged in the Battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777], Monmouth [June 28, 1778] and various other skirmishes. The deponent was distinguished by a reward of \$100 among others for volunteering to cross Kings bridge at the taking of Paulus Hook [August 19, 1779], agreeable to proclamation previously made by the commanding officer. The deponent is not now able to produce his discharge which he gave to General Morgan for the purpose of procuring his bounty land. The deponent migrated from the State of Virginia to Licking County in the State of Ohio where he now resides, and is about sixty years of age, has been unfortunate in the laws of the greater part of his family and is in very reduced & indigent circumstances and incapable of labor, and has suffered the mortification of being worn out of a Township by a public officer list [sic, less] he should become a public charge before he had gained a residence. Under these circumstances having assisted to establish the independence of this country, and being really in need of assistance from his country, the deponent applies to be placed on the pension list agreeably to a late act of Congress. Sworn & subscribed the 1st day of May 1818.

S/ Lewis Stump, L his mark

S/ William Wilson, President of the Court of common pleas for the 4th circuit of said State

State of Ohio Licking County: SS: Joseph Stump being duly cautioned and sworn deposes and saith that he is a brother of Lewis Stump, whose deposition precedes – That he has personal knowledge of the fact of Lewis Stop entering as a regular soldier in the Armies of the United States under Colonel Morgan for the term of three years: And further the deponent sayeth not. Sworn and subscribed the 1st day of May 1818 before me

S/ William Wilson

S/ Joseph Stump, O his mark

The State of Ohio Licking County SS

On this \_\_day of October 1820, personally appeared in open Court of common pleas for licking

County being a court of Record proceeding according to the course of common law with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount and keeping a record of its proceedings Lewis Stump aged 63 years Resident in Licking County aforesaid and being 1st 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 served in the Revolutionary War in the company commanded by Captain Charles Porterfield in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Daniel Morgan in the line of Virginia and has obtained a pension under the act of the 18th of March 1818, his certificate being numbered 16278. And 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

S/ Lewis Stump, S his mark

Sworn and Subscribed in open Court.

Test: S/ A. H. Coffee, Clk

#### Schedule

I have the size necessary clothing & bedding

1 old Horse, \$8 – one cow & calf \$17, one shovel, tacking \$1.50 – 7 head of hogs – \$7, 1 cart \$6 – Corn \$10 – 1 axe 75cts 1 wash tub 50cts – 1 log share \$1 – 1 cutting box 50 cts, one old breach band [??] 50 cts, one bucket 25 cts, Sundry articles of dress [?] ware -- wheat \$3.50, 1 tub 75cts, one chair 50cts, one fat Tub 37-- one half bushel measured 25 cts, one pair pocket [indecipherable word or words 50 cts, 4 head of hogs \$1.50 – 30 acres of land \$90.

I am indebted in the following sums

1 debt of \$40

1 debt of \$50

1 debt of \$2.50

1 debt of \$1.56

1 debt of \$1

1 debt of .75

1 debt of .50

1 debt of \$1.66

1 debt of \$19

\$116.97

I am by profession a farmer but by reason of age and infirmity am unable to pursue the occupation. I have family residing with me –

Signed Lewis Stump, X his mark

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Augusta County Virginia

I the undersigned do hereby certify that Lewis Stump now resident near Zanesville in the State of Ohio, enlisted as a soldier in Captain Charles Porterfield Company in the 11th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment commanded by Colonel Daniel Morgan; sometime in the early part of the year 1777 to serve the Term "three years or during the war". That he did within

my knowledge and occasionally under my command, as an officer of that Regiment, served with the highest honor to himself and to the satisfaction of his superiors, exhibiting at all times and unusual promptness in the performance of his duty as a soldier and especially in the hour of danger; and although I have not any distinct knowledge of the times, the places or by whom he was discharged, feel the most perfect confidence that he did continue in service until, at least, the end of the three years for which he enlisted. Given under my hand & seal this 22nd day of September 1819

S/ Ro. Porterfield [Robert Porterfield<sup>1</sup>]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ro. Porterfield". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat stylized.

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Augusta County Virginia 22 September 1819

Sir

Your letter of the 18th ultimo is at hand – it's wrong direction to Rockingham probably produced some delay in reaching me.

I well remember Lewis Stump as being one of the best soldiers in my late Brother, Charles Porterfield's Company and I feel confident that no soldier of the revolution has a stronger claim, from extensive merit, on the munificence of his Country then the said Lewis: It is true that I was by my 1st appointment a Lieutenant in the 11th Virginia Regiment but not in Captain C. Porterfield's Company – Charles Porterfield was appointed a Captain in the 11th Virginia Regiment when it was first organized. Timothy Feely, who the poor old soldier stiles Captain, was his Ensign, at the time Captain Porterfield was appointed Lieutenant Colonel in the State Garrison Regiment (so entitled) of Virginia (late in 1779) Ensign Feely was promoted to the rank of 1st Lieutenant and as Lewis Stump states to you did take command of the Company and therefore it is probable Lewis might have considered him as Captain. This however is in its self of little consequence.

How it could have happened that the name of Captain Charles Porterfield, or Lewis Stump, as a soldier, should not be found on the Rolls of the Virginia Line on Continental establishment I cannot imagine – or that Major S. P. should be found on the Rolls of the State Troops! That Charles Porterfield was a Captain in the Virginia troops on Continental establishment, and that he was a Lieutenant Colonel in the State Troops and acted to the South in the service of the US are become Historical Facts: See Marshall's Life of Washington, also Lee's Memoir of the War of the southern [indecipherable word] of the US and therefore think it the more extraordinary that these facts should not be known at the Department of War. There is an old adage however that "there are none so deaf as those that will not hear." If Lewis Stump's application which you have been so good as to aid him in making to the Government is for a pension under the late act of Congress – I hope & Trust he cannot fail in succeeding – But as his claim may extend to the [indecipherable word] in Lands agreeably to a former act, I fear he will fail: – It seems the proof required to entitle the soldiers of the revolution to the United States bounty in Lands are that the soldier enlisted to serve "during the War" and that he did so serve until the end thereof &c – and although it appears to me a tolerably liberal construction of that act would have included those who enlisted for "three years or during the war" yet that construction has not been given it, and therefore those who served three years only are not

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<sup>1</sup> [Robert Porterfield S8965](#)

recognized.

Lewis Stump's best evidence of the Court in which he served would have been his discharge. – The original, I presume is deposited in the Auditor's Office where his claims against this State were liquidated, a copy of which from the proper officer (the Auditor) would be accredited. I enclose a Certificate so far as I know of Lewis Stump being a soldier in the Virginia Line – my Certificate, I believe have been admitted without affidavit. I am Server respectfully your obedient servant

S/ Ro. Porterfield

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State of Ohio Muskingum County: SS: Personally came before me the subscriber one of the acting justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Jacob Stump who on his solemn oath deposeth and saith that he just Lewis Stump in or about the latter part of February or 1st of March 1777 enlisted with the then Captain Charles Porterfield of the 11th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Daniel Morgan who was soon afterwards transferred to the Rifle Court, and the Regiment taken command of by Colonel Heath [William Heth] (Captain Porterfield was promoted and also transferred to another Corps, perhaps a state Regiment), and that on the removal of Captain Porter one Feely or Phelee took the command, and the Lieutenant was as he believes Robert Porterfield now a General in Virginia militia in Augusta County as is said; Captain or Ensign Feely continued in command until the discharge of said Lewis Stump which took place at Frederick town in Maryland in the spring of 1780. The said Lewis Stump being to my knowledge continually in the service of the United States in the revolutionary Army for more than nine months. –

S/ Lewis Stump, X his mark

Sworn and subscribed before me this 15th day of October A.D. 1819

S/ Thomas Flood, JP

[f p. 13: On August 12, 1854 in Licking County of Ohio, Margaret Stump, a resident of Marrow County Ohio, aged 62, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Lewis Stump, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in Licking County March 15, 1827; that her husband died in Licking County September 7th, 1833 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May one, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$96 per annum commencing February 3, 1853.]