

**Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters**

Pension application of Joseph Stith W8750

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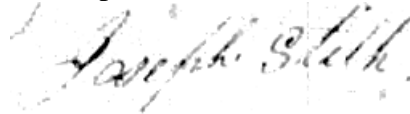
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State of Kentucky Meade County Sct

On this 24th day of September 1832 personally appeared before the County Court of Meade County now sitting held at the court house in the Town of Brandenburg and County aforesaid Joseph Stith a resident of said County aged seventy-three years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by an act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

"That he the said Joseph Stith enlisted in the winter or spring of 1776 in the Continental service for two years in the Company of Captain Harvey Terrell [Henry Terrill sometimes spelled Harry Terril] of Bedford County Virginia 5th Virginia Regiment, commanded by Colonel Josiah Parker in the spring of '76 ordered to Holbs Hold [Hobbs Hole at present Tappahannock in Essex County Virginia on the Rappahannock River], countermanded to Williamsburg, thence to James Town from that via Portsmouth to Norfolk, and from thence back to Williamsburg to the college camp, thence ordered to take shipping at the nearest Port, and land at the head of Elk [River], But myself being indisposed and not able to march, I was left behind and some time in the fall of '76, through the influence of Caleb Wallace I obtained a furlough to Return home and leave to furnish a substitute on account of the aforesaid indisposition, and in the winter or spring of '77 I procured and furnished James Weaver as my substitute having served myself about from 9 to 11 months in the Continental Army. The above mentioned affliction was so severe as to disqualify me for service for the next two or three years. I then volunteered in the militia service in the campaign commanded by Captain John H Holt [John Hunter Holt] in this Tour I was Ensign to the company but was appointed an acted as adjutant to the Regiment commanded I believe by Colonel Stubblefield Continental officer, at that time supernumerary. I then served a second tour as Ensign under the command of Captain David Beard of Bedford County Virginia in this service or tour I was at the siege of York, and the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], in the close of my services and I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State – ["

S/ Joseph Stith



[Benjamin Stith & Joseph Hardaway gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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state of Kentucky Meade County: SS: Be it remembered that on this day Joseph Stith personally

appeared before me Henry G Davis a Justice of the Peace of said County and in due form of law made oath that on Monday the 24th of September 1832 he made his declaration before the County Court of Meade County Kentucky for the purpose of obtaining a pension for services rendered the United States in the American Revolution under the provision of the Act of Congress passed on the 7th of June 1832, That he belonged to the Virginia line, and that his said declaration was laid before the War Department that in the year 1832 or 1833 he obtained there on his Original Certificate signed by Lew Cass Secretary of War and examined & Countersigned by J L Edwards Commissioner of Pensions by which Certificate he was placed on the Pension Roll list being allowed only \$20 per annum payable semiannually, and was transferred to the Kentucky agency that the Resident of the Branch Bank of the United States at Lexington Kentucky paid him part of the amount allowed, that he made personal application for the same. That said payment was made to him in person: he appointed George L. Worland of the City of him his agent and attorney in fact by special power of attorney which power together with his Original Certificate he forwarded to said Worland by mail. That he has been informed that said Worland under said power drew the amount due him said Stith up to the 4th of September 1834, the balance from that time still remaining unpaid, that said Worland receive the money on or about the 25th of December 1834, and that he the said George L. Worland has failed to account for or return he is the said Stith's Original Certificate and has also failed to pay over that the money collected by him under said power, and thus he has been deprived of the possession of said Certificate. That the said Worland has since joined the Texan Army and has unfortunately fallen a victim to the Cruel & Savage treatment of Santa Anna the commander in chief of Mexican forces as this affiant is informed and believes. That from these circumstances he has good grounds to believe and does verily believe that his said Original Certificate has been destroyed, lost or mislaid so that he cannot obtain it, that by reason thereof he has been prevented from drawing his pay from the said 4th September 1834 up to the present time. That he makes this affidavit to enable him to continue drawing his pay, the fact that he is entitled to the same will more fully appear by reference to his papers on file in the Office of the Secretary of War and with the agent at Lexington Kentucky. In testimony whereof the said Joseph Stith have hereunto set his hand & seal on this 7th day of June 1836.

S/ Joseph Stith

[f p. 8: On October 21, 1839 in Hardin County Kentucky, Nancy Stith, 77, resident of Mead County Kentucky filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Joseph Stith, late a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him in Campbell County Virginia on the September 8, 1782; that her husband died November 3, 1837; that she has no record of her marriage except the family record in her Bible. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 11: family record:

Joseph Stith born September 6, 1759                    }  
Nancy Stith Wife of Joseph April 29, 1761 } Married September 8, 1782

Children's ages

William Bathurst Stith May 2, 1784 Dec'd the 6 October 1829<sup>1</sup>

Richard January 26, 1786

Thomas January 23, 1788 Dec'd 6th of October 1819 West of the Mississippi Missouri Territory

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<sup>1</sup> Married Harriet daughter of Robert and Mary Hall

John January 21, 1790 Dec'd 22 November 1833  
Polly<sup>2</sup> March 7, 1792  
Elizabeth June 16, 1794  
Buckner September 12, 1796 Dec'd the 20th of October about 1 or 2 o'clock in the morn 1807  
Nancy September 5, 17 98  
Joseph December 27, 1800 Dec'd the 2nd of June early in the morning 1816  
Patsy<sup>3</sup> June 3, 1803  
Nancy Stith Daughter of Bathurst & Harriott November 3rd, 1809  
Harriett B Hall Daughter [balance of entry too faint to discern]  
Thos. Stith & Ann McGee married 15th of April 1800  
Nancy Stith & Thomas P Hardaway married 19th of February 1818  
John W. Hynes married Elizabeth Ann Chambliss [?] the 20 of June 1849  
[f p. 13: various entries relating to a family named Hynes but almost all of the entries are illegibly faint]

[f p. 16: Filing dated May 2, 1854 [?] by Isaac L Hynes as the administrator of the estate of Nancy Stith, deceased, a revolutionary war pensioner who died February 16, 1842 in Meade County Kentucky.]

[Facts in file: the widow Nancy Stith was the daughter of George and Agness Cock; in 1851, the surviving children were Polly Board, Elizabeth Hardaway, Nancy Hardaway and Patsy Hynes; William A Hynes died August 30, 1842. On May 2, 1851, John W Hynes gave testimony in Meade County Kentucky that he copied the record of the marriage of Joseph Stith to Nancy Cock from the family Bible which was in the original handwriting of Joseph Stith deceased.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

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<sup>2</sup> Married \_\_ Board

<sup>3</sup> Married \_\_ Hynes