

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Stone W8752

Mary Stone

f46VA<sup>1</sup>

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[p 4]

Virginia to wit

I William A. S. Dade one of the Judges of the General Court of Virginia do certify – That on the 8th day of May 1818 William Stone of the County of Stafford aged 59 years came before me and declared on oath – That in the year 1777 he enlisted with Captain Walter Vowles of the 1st Virginia State Regiment – George Gibson Comdr. which Regiment was in the course of 2 or 3 weeks after his enlistment transferred to Continental establishment. In the course of the same year he joined the American Army at White Plains, and fought at White Marsh [December 5-8, 1777], Valley Forge – Monmouth [June 28, 1778], Paulus Hook [August 19, 1779], and Stony Point [July 16, 1779] where he received a wound in the thigh with Buck Shot – after three years service under his above mentioned enlistment, he was discharged at Frederick town in Maryland, and his discharge was forwarded to Richmond where it may perhaps still be. Toward the close of his first enlistment he reenlisted in the Cavalry under Captain William Washington with whom he served a few months only the war drawing then to a close. He further declares that from his poverty he is in much need of the Pension provided by the late act of Congress for the relief of certain Persons engaged in the armies and navies of the United States in the War of the Revolution. Given under my hand & seal this 8th May 1818

S/ Wm A. G. Dade {L.S.}

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Virginia to wit

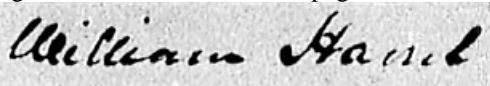
William Harrel [?]<sup>2</sup> made oath before me that in the year 1778 he knew the above named William Stone at White Marsh – when he was a Soldier on Continental establishment, but he does not know his Regiment or Lines – nor does he remember to have seen him afterwards during the War.

Sworn under my hand & seal this 8th May 1818

S/ Wm A. G. Dade

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<sup>1</sup> For some reason, this file is duplicated by Fold3.com twice, one file containing 46 pages and the other 44 pages. Pages references are to the 46-page version of this file.

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Stafford County Virginia to wit

Newton Philips<sup>3</sup> of said County this day personally appeared before me Zachariah Vowles a magistrate for said County & made oath that he was a soldier to the northward in the Revolution as will appear by the Grant to him of a pension – and that while in service to the northward he saw William Stone of Stafford County fair as a Soldier in the Army; but does not know how long he served nor under whom –

Given under my hand this 18th of October 1819

S/ Zach Vowles

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District of Virginia Caroline County – Sct.

On this fourteenth day of May 1821 personally appeared in open court, being a court of record, for the County aforesaid, William Stone aged about sixty-five years, resident in said County, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War, as follows: under Colonel Gibson to the North three years was in five engagements was twice wounded at Stony Point in the thigh [and at] Reddre [?]<sup>4</sup> meeting house in the shoulder and under Colo. Ball in the Army & Continued till the end of the war.

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 – has no property of any kind – a wife & 3 children – a farmer on rented land.

S/ Wm Stone, X his mark

[p 14: On December 7, 1838 in Harrison County Kentucky, Mary Stone, aged about 77 years, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of William Stone, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him about the year 1781 and that her husband died some time in the year 1829 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 10: family record:

Elizabeth Stone born May 5th 1784

John Stone born June the 22nd 1786

Rachael Stone born September 10 1790

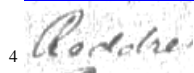
Joseph Stone born October 10 1792

Mary Stone born January 10th 1795

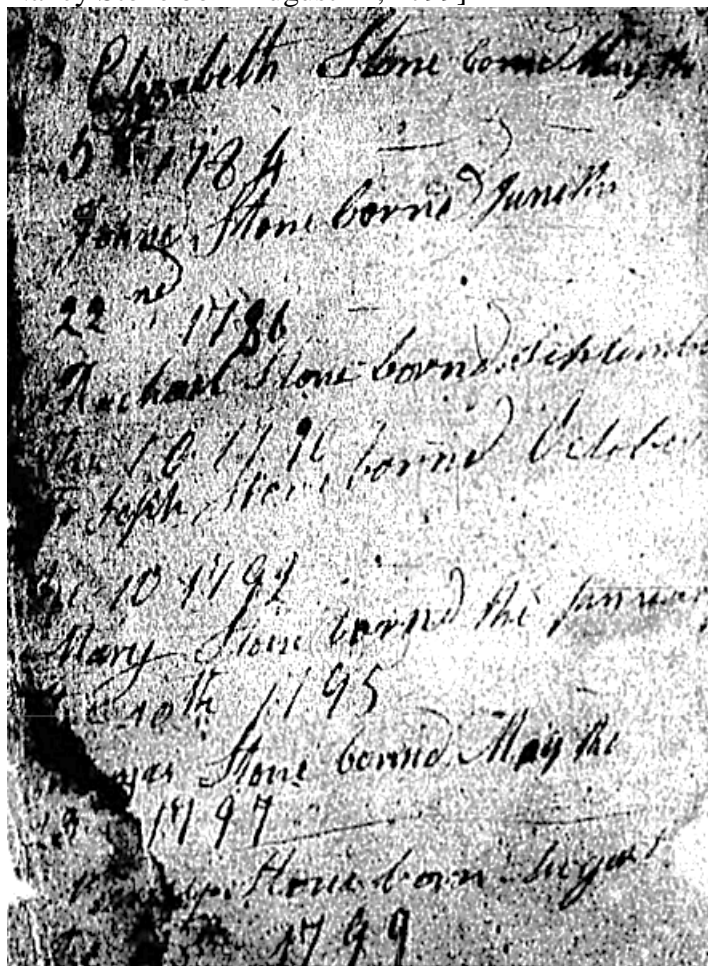
Thomas Stone born May the 23 [or 25], 1797

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<sup>3</sup> [Newton Philips S39008](#)

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Nancy Stone born August 12, 1799]



[p 46: On February 8, 1839 in Harrison County Kentucky, the widow gave further evidence that after her marriage to "William Stone he was drafted under William Alexander in Stafford County Virginia and served as a private and further she thinks that her husband was at the Siege of little York."]

[Facts in file: the veteran married Mary McGuire; the veteran died in 1829 in Stafford County Virginia; Nancy Curtis in 1838 stated that before her marriage she was Nancy McGuire, that she married Richard Curtis and that she knew William Stone of Stafford County, Virginia and Mary McGuire whom he married; that William and Mary were married by Parson Thornton. The relationship, if any, of Nancy to Mary is not stated.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 8, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836.]

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 1-page file

A copy of a discharge which was transcribed to read as follows:

"William Stone of the 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia State Regiment commanded by Colonel George Gibson having served a good [word obliterated] in Captain Hoffler's Company, the term of 3 years for which he was Enlisted is hereby Discharged the service.

Given under my hand at Frederick Town January 4<sup>th</sup>, 1780

S/ Wm Hoffler Capt. [William Hoffler]

S/ J. Allison Lt. Colo. [John Allison]

A Copy J. Shackelford, C. B. A.

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[From [pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 24-page file most of the images in it being either illegible or boilerplate powers of attorney. On page 24 there is a copy of an entry in the Stafford County [VA] Court minutes dated March Term 1829 indicating that the last will and testament of William Stone was proved during said term and that Jamison Corbin was granted letters of administration of the estate there being no executor named in the will. A document appearing on page 23 of the file appears to contain the statement that the veteran died on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1829 but the image is very faint and compromised.]

[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Stafford County Legislative Papers

To the Honorable the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia the petition of William Stone of Stafford County Humbly sheweth unto your Honorable Body

That your petitioner served his country faithfully in the Revolutionary War. That he is upwards of sixty-six years of age and has nothing to depend on but his labor for the support of himself and family. That he was wounded in the service of his Country in his Shoulder and thigh. That these wounds at his advanced period of life prevent him from laboring and therefore he prays to be placed on the pension list.

He begs leave to state that he formerly applied to the General Government and was allowed a pension of eight dollars per month, as will appear by the annexed Certificate of the Secretary of War, but was stricken from the Roll of Pensioners on the 9<sup>th</sup> of October 1819 because the Regiment in which he served was not on the Continental Establishment as stated in the annexed letter from the War Department.

He humbly hopes that these two Documents will satisfactorily prove to your Honorable Body that he has faithfully served his country, as has been made manifest by the production of his papers & testimony which all filed in the proper Office under the General Government: he begs leave briefly to state that he first served 18 months under the late Col. John Taliaferro who was then a Capt. in a minute Battalion at Hampton. Then he enlisted under Capt. Walter Vowles who died, and he was then placed under John Lee & was marched to the northward and joined the Army of General Washington about 12 miles on this side of Philadelphia. There he was put under Capt. William Hoffler of Hampshire & served under him the remainder of the three years for which he had enlisted. This was in the 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia State Regiment commanded by Col. George Gibson – your Petitioner having served out the period of his enlistment, returned home and soon after enlisted again and served his Country faithfully to the close of the War.

The first Wound he received in his shoulder was at Radnor Meeting House in

Pennsylvania[?].<sup>5</sup> The second wound was at Stony Point [July 16, 1779] in his thigh. He most humbly solicits the aid of your honorable body to render his declining years more comfortable than they have been of late, for without such a, he must into his days in poverty and want of the necessities of life.

Stafford County  
November 20<sup>th</sup> 1823

S/ William Stone [not his actual signature]

War Department Pension Office June 19, 1821

Sir

I have to inform you that the name of William Stone was stricken from the list of pensioners on the 9<sup>th</sup> of October 1819, it having been ascertained that the Regiment in which he served was not on the Continental establishment.

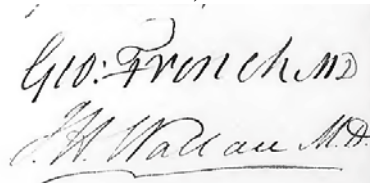
I am respectfully  
Your Obedient Servant  
S/ J. L. Edwards [later the Commissioner of Pensions]

We the undersigned do hereby Certify that we have examined the Scars upon the body of William Stone of Stafford County said to have been produced by Wounds received during his Services in the Revolutionary War. Upon his Shoulder there is a Scar which appears to have been inflicted by considerable violence producing a displacement of the collarbone at the same time that the integuments covering the Collar Bone were divided, which has produced some inability in the motion of the arm at the shoulder joint. In addition to this there are 2 other scars, one upon the front part of the left thigh just above the knee: and the other upon the front and bony part of the Leg just below the Knee, from the latter he says Caries of the bone ensued followed by exfoliation.

It is impossible for us to say whether the Scars were originally produced by Gunshot or Saber wounds, or by wounds from any other cause, inasmuch as the particularity of cause does not generally modify the Scar.

Given under our hands at Fredericksburg this 13<sup>th</sup> of January 1823

S/ Geo. French, M.D. [George French]  
S/ J. H. Wallace, M. D.

The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive ink. The top signature reads "Geo. French M.D." and the bottom signature reads "J. H. Wallace M.D.". Both signatures are written on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

Corporation of Fredericksburg to wit

On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 1823 before me Samuel Phillips a Justice of the peace for the said Corporation personally appeared William Stone of Stafford County, the person named in the foregoing Certificate and made Oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that the various wounds on his body named in the said Certificate were inflicted during the period of his services

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*Robert M. ...*



rendered as a Soldier in the revolutionary War as follows –

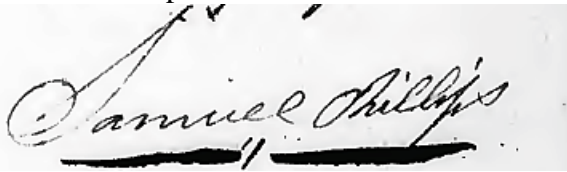
The Wound to his Shoulder he received at the Battle of Radnor Meeting House and was then under the command of Capt. Blackwell, who was then stationed about 10 miles from the main Army commanded by General Washington.

The wound in his leg & thigh were inflicted at the battle of Stony Point where he was under the command of Capt. Flury and that he was one of 300 soldiers who volunteered their services and first entered the Works & took possession thereof.

That he was in five engagements during the war to wit – at Monmouth Court house [June 28, 1778], the White Marsh [December 5-8, 1777], and Valley Forge, and the two before named.

That the wound in his shoulder deprived him of the use of his arm and renders him helpless.

Given under my hand the day & year above written  
S/ Samuel Phillips



Stafford County to wit

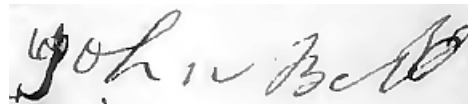
Janus Nickins [James Nickins?]<sup>6</sup>, a free man of color, of said County, this day personally appeared before me Zachariah Vowles a magistrate for said County & made oath that after the Revolutionary War when William Stone of said County had returned home, he saw & examined the said Stone's wounds on the thigh & shoulder which were not cured & were then running – and that he said Neckins has heard Newton Phillips late of said County, now deceased who was also a Soldier of the Revolution, & who had a pension from the United States, often say that said Stone was wounded in the Shoulder at Radnor Meeting House & in the thigh at Stony Point, and that he saw said Stone a few days after the latter action & examined his wounds.

Given under my hand this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832

S/ Zachariah Vowles

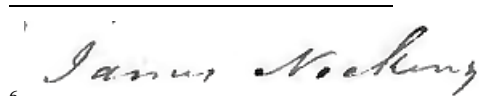
The affidavit of John Bell of Falmouth, Stafford County & State of Virginia aged about 74 years The affiant saith that he hath long known William Stone of said County, who he understands has petitioned the Legislature for a pension. That he knew the said Stone when he enlisted as a Soldier at the commencement of the Revolutionary War. That the said Stone is not so old but that he might, by his labor, procure a support if he had health, but that he is infirm & often laid up sick so as to be unable to labor.

S/ John Bell



[attested in Stafford County February 21, 1824 by Zachariah Vowles, Jp]

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James Nocking, James Nockins, Janus Nockins, Janus Necking, Janus

The petition of William Stone of Stafford

January 6, 1824

January 15<sup>th</sup>, 1824

Referred to Claims

1824

January 19 Reasonable

" 20 reported

" 30 Bill drawn