

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Peter Stoner W9672

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State of North Carolina Wake County

On this 7th day of September 1832 personally appeared before Jo. Gales one of the Justices of the Peace of said County, Peter Stoner, a resident of Orange County, in said State, aged 68 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States, under the following named officers, viz. William Hutchison of the 4th Regiment of South Carolina State Troops, commanded by William Polk Lieutenant Colonel Commandant of said Regiment that he entered the service in the year 1781 and was at the Battle of Eutaw [Eutaw Springs], where he was wounded, and in several skirmishes, that he was enlisted in Mecklenburg County – that he has lost his discharge: That he relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State.

[Indecipherable signature]

In English Peter Stoner

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Jo. Gales, JPI William Polk, residing in the City of Raleigh, in the County of Wake aforesaid, do hereby certify that the above named Peter Stoner, served in the Regiment above stated, was at the battle of Eutaw, and salt and was wounded, as above stated under my Command. Given under my hand this 7th day of September 1832.

S/ Wm Polk

State of North Carolina Orange County: SS

On this 1st day of March [1833] personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid, now sitting, Peter Stoner Senior a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged sixty-eight years on the 6th day of June 1832, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, & served as herein stated.

In the summer of the year 1780, as well as he recollects, he was drafted as a private in the Militia of North Carolina for three months. He was drafted in the County of Mecklenburg North Carolina where he then resided. The company to which he was attached was commanded by Captain Reese [James Reese], Lieutenant "Gasbat" in German sound supposed to be "Tanner" in English, and Ensign Robert Russell. Field Officers, General Davidson [William Lee Davidson – Colonel Caleb Phifer. The declarant thinks that his Company was organized in Charlotte. His Company was marched to the "Six Mile Creek" – not a great distance from Charlotte North Carolina – at which place the declarant remained some month & a half & while the North Carolina militia were there under the command of General Davidson, General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] & Colonel Washington [William Washington] with their forces, joined them. From the Six Mile Creek, as the declarant remembers, General Morgan & Colonel Washington went into South Carolina to meet the British – and General Davidson with the North Carolina line, set out for Ramsour's to meet the Tories near the same time; and that the declarant in General Davidson's Regiment reached Ramsour's Mill about noon of the day on which the Tories were there defeated in the morning [June 20, 1780].¹ The declarant continued in the service under the command of the aforesaid officers until the expiration of the term of three months, for which he was drafted, & was then discharged. He hath lost his discharge. – Shortly afterwards, when Cornwallis was pursuing Generals Greene [Nathanael Greene] & Morgan from South Carolina northwards – the declarant volunteered as a private in the Militia of North Carolina in the said County of Mecklenburg for the term of six weeks – and was commanded by General Martin Locke [probably Matthew Locke] – General Davidson having just before been killed in battle [Cowan's Ford, February 1, 1781]² – Colonel Phifer – and he thinks the same Company Officers. During this term of six weeks, the declarant was marched across the North Carolina Mecklenburg, by way of Salisbury towards the Virginia line – behind the British who were pursuing General Greene. This term of service expired three days, as he recollects, before the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781]³ & he was discharged. This discharge is lost – Some weeks after the expiration of his said six weeks service – the declarant entered in the County of Mecklenburg aforesaid, into the service of the United States, for the term of twelve months, as he recollects – and joined General Sumpter's [Thomas Sumter's] "Flying Camp" in South Carolina. The British then occupied Camden. The declarant served in the "Flying Camp" ten months in South Carolina – at the end of which time he was discharged Cornwallis having surrendered at Yorktown. His discharge is lost. During this term of service the declarant was in a skirmish with the British at "Juniper Spring" [June 18, 1781]⁴ – and in two skirmishes in the same day with the Enemy at Moncks Corner when some small vessels were taken & burnt by the Americans and was in another skirmish with the Enemy at the "Strawberry Bridge" [Probably the

¹ https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ramseurs_mill.html

² https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cowans_ford.html

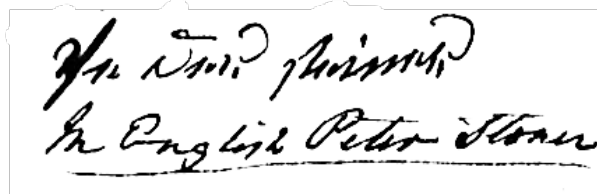
³ https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html

⁴ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_mydeltons_ambuscade.html

action at Strawberry Ferry, July 16, 1781]⁵ – and was engaged in the Battle of the Eutaw [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781],⁶ in which he was wounded by a ball from the enemy, in his back & it. The declarant was under the command of Colonel William Polk, now of the City of Raleigh of this State – whose affidavit, made before Joseph Giles Senior Esquire, accompanies this declaration, & which is on the same paper on which and in formal declaration of this declarant was drawn – William Hutchison was Captain of his company.

The declarant knows of no other person, whose testimony he can conveniently procure, except Colonel William Polk aforesaid – by whom he can prove his services in the Revolution – & he has no documentary proof of the same. The declarant was born in the State of Pennsylvania, on 6th day of June 1764. He hath a record of his age at home. He removed from Pennsylvania to Mecklenburg about a year before he was drafted for 3 months as aforesaid, & there resided a few years, say 2 or 4 years – & thence removed to Orange aforesaid, where he has resided ever since – He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. – Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

[Undeciphered signature]
In English Peter Stoner

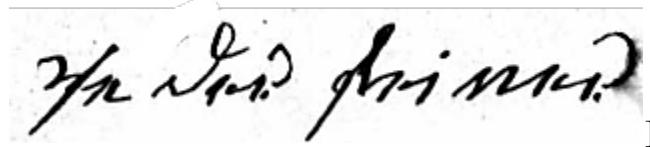


[John R McDaniel & Anderson Thompson & William Wells gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The declarant maketh oath that he cannot, without great expense & inconvenience, procure the affidavit of a clergyman, as to his character & services. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

[Same undeciphered signature]
English, Peter Stoner

[On September 7, 1838 in Putnam County Indiana, the veteran describing himself as a pensioner who served under Captain Samuel Martin in the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Polk requested the transfer of his pension payments from North Carolina to Indiana because his “connections and children now live in Indiana.” At the bottom of this form someone has written in a different handwriting the following: “The old man cannot write his name in English and has signed in Dutch.



[p 9: On May 7, 1852 in Putnam County Indiana, Eave Stonior [sic], 79, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Peter Stoner, Senior, a

⁵ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_strawberry_ferry.html

⁶ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him the 13th day of August 1793; that her husband died the 6th day of April 1851 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Facts in file: The veteran and his wife moved to Putnam County Indiana in 1838; he died there in 1851 as set forth in her affidavit; they had children living in Putnam County but they are not named; that their first child, a daughter (not named in the file) was born June one, 1794 or 1795.]

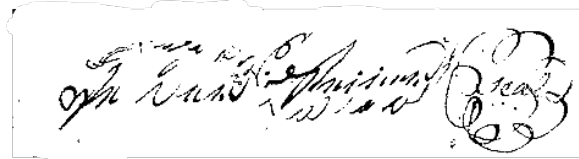
[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$45 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 14 months 12 days service as a private in the North Carolina service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁷ relating to Peter Stoner AA 5
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 7433
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This is to Certify that Peter Stoner a Soldier in the ten Months Service under General Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] South Carolina have Bargained and sold unto Joseph Shinn all my Right and title of the Negro that I was entitled to for my said service. Given under my hand and seal this 25th April 1787 & I empower him to receive

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely reading "Peter Stoner", enclosed in a rectangular box. The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

[p 4 : Printed form of Indent No. 556 Book M dated first of October 1784 “delivered to Mr. Peter Stoner late Private in S. Martin’s [Samuel Martin’s] Troop, Polk’s [Lt. Col. William Polk’s] Regiment Sumpter’s [Thomas Sumter’s] Brigade this our Indented Certificate for the Sum of Ninety-four pounds Sterling being amount pay and bounty due him for Services in that Troop Together with Interest thereon from the first April 1782 to date hereof Agreeable to Resolution of General Assembly of the Eleventh March last.”]

[p 5: Reverse of the above Indent bearing signatures by Peter Bocquet, Commissioner of the South Carolina treasury, Joseph Shinn as a witness, G. F. Newmann and Jacob Williman.]

⁷ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person’s surname first in the “Full name” box followed by a comma and the person’s Christian name.