Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Stoneham (Soneum)¹ R22003 Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of Texas County of Grimes

On this the 29th day of April A.D. 1855 personally appeared before me, a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid Jane Stoneham aged about 98 years, a resident of Grimes County in the State of Texas, who being duly sworn according to law declares, That she is the widow of Henry Stoneham deceased, who was a private in the company commanded by Captain Campbell in the ___ Regiment of __ commanded by __ in the Revolutionary War – & under the Command of General Green [presumably Nathanael Greene]. That her said husband enlisted for during the war at Amherst County in the State of Virginia on or about the year 1778 – A. D. 1778 or '79 for and during the war and continued in actual service in said war for the term of 5 years and was honorably discharged and was wounded at the battle of Guildford [presumably Guilford Court House, March 15, 1781] in the State of North Carolina –

She further states that she was married to the said Henry Stoneham in the State of Virginia in Buckingham County on the __ day of __ A. D. 1784 and that her name before her said marriage was Jane Dillard that her said husband died in Jackson County in the State of Georgia on the 18th day of January [?]² 1815 – and that she is a widow at the date of executing this him declaration – and having obtained a Bounty Land warrant under act of __ for __ acres No. __ which she has legally transferred and disposed of and not within her power to return, She refers to such declaration for evidence of her husband's services and her marriage &c.

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty Land to which he may be entitled under and act approved March 3rd 1855 – She also declares that she has never received nor applied for Bounty Land under this act, or any other act of Congress except as above stated.

S/ Jane X Stoneham

State of Texas County of Grimes

On this 29th day of May 1856 personally appeared before me Gwyn Morrison a Notary Public in and for the County of Grimes in the State of Texas Jane Stoneum a resident of Grimes County in the State of Texas aged ninety-seven years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th, 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay

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and pensions to certain widows," That she is the widow of Henry Stoneum, that he was a private in the company commanded by Captain Campbell in the Regiment commanded by General Green in the war of the Revolution that he entered the service about the year 1777 and he left the service about the year 1782 and he resided in Amherst County in the State of Virginia, that he enlisted, that he was in the Battle of Guilford Courthouse in the State of North Carolina and was wounded in that battle – And he marched through the states of North Carolina and South Carolina and she swears in positive times that she is the widow of said Revolutionary Soldier Henry Stoneum – and that she is unable to appear in Court by reason of bodily infirmity being totally blind and in very feeble health. She further declares that she was married to the said Henry Stoneum about the year 1784 that he husband the aforesaid Henry Stoneum died on the 18th day of January 1815; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the 1st of January 1794, viz. at the time above stated, she further swears that she is now a widow and that she received Bounty Land Warrant No. 19,522 for 160 acres of land dated 22nd day of March 1856.

S/ Jane Stoneum, X her mark

[John D. Stoneum and Bryant Stoneum gave a supporting affidavit in which they state that Jane Stoneum is the widow of Henry Stoneum, a revolutionary war veteran; that they lived together as husband and wife; that Henry died January 18, 1815 in Jackson County Georgia and that Jane remains his widow. Their relationship if any to the widow is not stated.

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[Facts in file: George, son of the veteran and his wife was born April 10, 1786 in Amherst County Virginia; their son John D was born September 7, 1795. Both were alive in 1857 when they signed an affidavit in support of their mother's claim for a pension.

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I do Certify that Henry Stoneham served as a soldier 18 months at Petersburg, at the expiration of which time he reenlisted with me for the War, which was the 1st of July 1780, he served as a corporal to the southward and has behaved as a good soldier.

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Given 16th of July 1783 Francis Smith Lieutenant 6 V. Regt.

[certified by George W Munford, Secretary of the Commonwealth of Virginia, as being a true copy of document in the Executive Department of Virginia.]

The <u>Virginia State Library</u> online digital collection of bounty land documents contains what appears to be the original of the certificate given by Francis Smith quoted above. The image is compromised but appears as follows:

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