Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Stokes S42026 fn44NC
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State of North Carolina Surry County

On this 16th day of August 1826 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record, so known and declared to be by the Laws of the State aforesaid, Richard Stokes a Resident in said County of Surry aged about sixty-five years – who being first 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 the said Richard Stokes enlisted for the term of 12 months about the last of September or 1st of October in the year 1781, in the State of North Carolina, in Granville County in the company commanded by Captain Samuel Jones in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Armstrong in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps for the term of nine months when he engaged or hired one Joratt or Jaradd Crab or Crabb¹ to serve for three months the balance of his time; that as well as he now remembers he engaged the said substitute at Hillsboro in North Carolina where he the said Stokes was discharged from service in the year 1782; which will more fully appear by the evidence heretofore exhibited by the said Stokes and now on file in the office of the War Department in the City of Washington; that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present that his name is not on the roll of any State; and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension, viz. that when the law was first passed he had a little property with which he thought he could make out to live without asking aid from the United States: but now he is entirely destitute of property and considerably advanced in age, and dependent in his condition.

Because of the similarity of the names, I am inclined to believe that the person referred to is the same man as

<u>Jarrott (Jarrot) Crabb S41499</u>. Crabb, however, does not reference having served as a substitute for anyone nor does he reference service during the time frame mentioned by Richard Stokes.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th 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 18th 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 to wit Nine head of Sheep worth about \$12, one heifer \$5; two pole axes \$2; three haiz [?] and one mattock \$2, one pot \$2; one oven \$2.50; one skillet 75 cents, one iron pot rack worth \$1.50; one iron wedge 50 cents; half dozen knives & Forks, and one pewter and three earthen plates 75 cents; that since the year 1818 the following changes have been made in my property; viz. a tract of land estimated to contain 50 acres was sold to satisfy execution in favor of James R Dodge, 6 head of cattle sold to satisfy and execution in favor of John Davis, one horse sold to satisfy execution in favor of Caldwell Shipp; that the horse sold only for \$5, the land for \$9; and the cattle for 17 or \$18 – as will more fully appear by the certificates or affidavits hereto annexed; that Caldwell Shipp who bought the horse has left this country and has gone to parts unknown to him the said Stokes

[for some reason, the above schedule and property dispositions listed above are restated in table form on fn p. 8]

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 16th day of August 1823 S/ Jo. Williams, CC

S/ Richard Stokes, X his mark

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North Carolina Wilkes County: This day personally appeared Miller Childress² before me James Martin one of the acting Justices for said County and made oath that he was personally acquainted with Richard Stokes in the time of the Revolutionary War and knows that said Stokes served in the Company commanded by Captain Samuel Jones in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Armstrong and that said Stokes served for nine months as a soldier in the Regular Service in the aforesaid Regiment.

Subscribed before me this 23rd day of November 1824 S/ Jas. Martin, JP S/ Miller Childress, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Wilkes County: This day Jared Crabb a credible witness before me one of the acting justices of the peace for said County and being sworn in due form deposeth and saith that Richard Stokes a regular soldier in the [words too faint to discern] being disabled and incapable of serving by reason of sickness did in the year 1781 hire him the said Jared Crabb to serve out the balance of his time and that he the said Jared Crabb did serve 3 months for and instead of the said Richard Stokes it being the balance of his time.

S/ Jared Crabb, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed this 13th day of March 1825

Raleigh 12th of September 1826 Sir Office of Secretary of State

² Sic, Miller Childers S37846

Your letter of the 7th Instant respecting the application of Richard Stokes for a pension was received this morning. His name is not on the musterrolls in this office, but on a careful examination of the documents accompanying his Declaration, I am of opinion his claim is just. I knew the Captain under whom he says he enlisted, and know he did reside in the County of Franklin, as stated in one of the Depositions filed in support of this application. This much of the Declaration and Depositions coming within my own knowledge I am induced to believe the whole is true.

With much respect your Obedient Serve S/Wm Hill

Chatham County October 19th 1840

Dear Sir,

I was in Militia Service in the revolutionary war in the year 1780 & at the battle of Camden on the 16th of August of the same year I received a wound on my leg & in 1781 I enlisted in the regular service for 12 months or during the war and served 9 months and was so disabled from the wound I had previously received that I was Obliged to hire a man by the name of Jarret Crabb to serve the balance of my time, for which I was compelled to sell the land my Father left me. I am upwards of eighty years of age and poor and needy, and pray that you will allow me a pension from the time that others first received a pension up to the time that I first obtained a pension from the Government the above Statement of facts I am willing to swear to.

Very respectfully your Obedient Service S/ Richard Stokes

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing August 16, 1826, for 9 months service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]