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Stokes, Sylvanus

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Alabama

Sylvanus Stokes

of Lawrence Co. in the State of Alabama
who was a Private in the Company commanded
by Captain Cochrane of the regiment commanded
by Colonel Langford in the Virginia
line, for the term of 20 years
from February 1776 to 1795

Inscribed on the Roll of Alabama
at the rate of 8 Dollars per month, to commence on
the 22 day of February 1817

Certificate of Pension issued the 14 of Mar. 1897
and sent to Hon. J. M. McKinley Sen.
of Ala. J. M. McKee, Tuscaloosa Ala.

Arrears to 4th of March 1897 88.74
Semi-ann. all'ce ending 1st of 1897 48.-

\$56.74

{ Revolutionary Claim,
Acts March, 18, 1818,
and May 1, 1820. }

Date of death
not known

Original Claim

Declaration in order to be placed on
the Pension list under the act of the 18th of
March 1818
State of Alabama 3 on this 12th of July 1826
Lawrence County 3 personally before the under-
signed judge of the county court
of said county being a court of record for
the county before said having jurisdiction
unlimited in amount power to fine and
imprison and being made a court of record
by the act of the General Assembly creat-
ing said court Sylvanus Stokes resident in
said county aged seventy seven years who
being first duly sworn avowing to claim with
all his oath make the following declaration
in order to obtain the provisions made by
the act of Congress of the 18th of March
1818 and 5th of May 1820 that he the said Sylva-
nus Stokes enlisted for the term of two
years on 24th February 1776 in the county of
Halifax state of Virginia in the company
commanded by Nathaniel Cook in the
regiment commanded by Col. Dan-
iel Pickens in the line of the State of Virginia
as a private soldier in the continental estab-
lishment that he continued to serve in the
said Corps until 8th December 1778 at which
time being still in the service he enlisted a-
gain for the term of three years in the com-
pany commanded by Capt. Moseley in the reg-
iment commanded by Col. M. Blount on 11th Jan-
uary in the state of Pennsylvania on the
continental establishment that he continued
to serve in said last mentioned Corps

until the end of said three years when he
was discharged from the service in the state
of North Carolina in the county of Macon being at
the time of the discharge he was informed
by Capt. C. P. S. that he hereby relinquishes
every claim whatever to a pension except
the present that his name is not on the
roll of any state, except as above named
and that the following are the reasons
for not making earlier application
for a pension that he has been for a con-
siderable time infirm, has been ^{or nearly} blind for
the last ten or twelve years, has been sup-
ported by the county for the last two years
has lost his discharge for some considerable
time, did once make application to a
lawyer to aid him in getting a pension
and was informed by the lawyer to whom
he applied that a pension would not
be obtained unless he could prove his
services by some officer who knew
of the service, he therefore ~~concluded~~
he could not get a pension and
has not attempted it until now which
application is made on the advice
of persons suffering with attorney
first consulted. And in pursuance of the
act of the 15 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 man-
ner disposed of my property or any part
thereof with intent thereby so to furnish
it as to bring myself within the provisions
of an act of Congress entitled an act to

to provide for certain persons engaged in
the land and naval service of the United States
in the Revolutionary war passed on the 14th 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 un-
dermined in the schedule Phoenix to annexed
and by me subscribed.

Wearing apparel his
Sylvanus Stokes
mark

his occupation is that of a planter
he is not now from blindness and age
able to do any thing and has not been
able to ^{do} ~~do~~ anything for ^{at least} ~~about~~ ten
years. he has no family, but lives
from place to place under the di-
rection of the overseer of the poor.

That since 14th of March 1818 the fol-
lowing changes have been made in my
property I gave up my tools,
a waggon and some stock & a few
other articles to Light Taylor a son in
law in consideration that he would
support me the balance of my
life. he has driven me off &
has kept the property & kept me
without any thing.

State of Alabama, 3^d Peter W. Taylor notary of
Laurens County, 3^d I hereby certify
that the above named Sylvanus Stokes is from
age and from being blind unable to attend

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

Washington, D. C., _____, 19__

In reply to your request of _____, received _____
for a statement of the military history of Sylvester Stokes,
a soldier of the REVOLUTIONARY WAR, you will find below the desired
information as contained in his (or his widow's) application for pen-
sion on file in this Bureau. P. 38397.

DATES OF ENLISTMENT OR APPOINTMENT.	LENGTH OF SERVICE.	RANK.	OFFICERS UNDER WHOM SERVICE WAS RENDERED.		STATE.
			CAPTAIN.	COLONEL.	
<u>Jul. 24, 1776.</u>	<u>Dec. 8, 1777.</u>	<u>Pvt.</u>	<u>Nathaniel Goeke</u>	<u>Dangersfield</u>	<u>Va.</u>
<u>Dec. 8, 1777.</u>	<u>3 years.</u>		<u>William Moreley</u>	<u>McBlanchard</u>	
			<u>Epper</u>		

Battles engaged in, None stated.

Residence of soldier at enlistment, Enlisted in Halifax Co. Va.

Date of application for pension, July 12, 1826. His claim was allowed.

Residence at date of application, Lawrence Co. Ala.

Age at date of application, Not stated.

Remarks: Soldier had a son in law Dr. or Dr. H. Taylor. There is no further family data on file (He was born in Va. at 1796 and died from Feb. 2, 1827 to Mar. 14, 1827).

The records of the War of 1812 are full to afford info. in regard to any other names Sylvester Stokes.)

Respectfully,

The first in brackets was added to Dr. W. S. Watson
because he had given the list of 1831. Commissioner.
He gave the name incorrectly as Sylvester. All