

Pension Application for Richard Stanhope or Stanup

R.10,049

The State of Ohio

Champaign County SS.

On this seventeenth day of January AD 1859—personally appeared before me the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace in & for said county, Richard Stanhope who being by me sworn says—That he is a bona fide citizen of said County.—That he is now one hundred & twelve years old—That he was a servant in the Military Family of General George Washington during the war of the Revolution—

That he, was by permission of said General-, engaged in the Battle of Stony Point—where he received a wound in the left hand—from a sworn in the lands of a British soldier—That he was in the Battle on Long Island—prior to the evacuation of New York—by the American Army—That he was shot through the right leg—just above the knee—and that he was also in the Battle of Brandywine—That he continued in the service—and family of General Washington until the Termination of the war.

That he has not before made application for pension—or received any compensation—That he cannot state the corps with or officers under whom he acted in the said Battles:--being engaged in them, by special permission as aforesaid—and subject to—and under the command of General Washington - That he makes this application for the purpose of obtaining such pension as the Laws may give him—and that his is unable to go to the Court of his County by reason of bodily infirmity--& further says not. (His Mark) Richard Stanhope

Sworn & subscribed before me the day & year first above written. Philip Corner, Jus Peace.

Letter in folder dated February 28, 1935, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your request for information in regard to Richard Stanhope, who was a slave of General Washington, during the Revolution and died in Champaign County, Ohio.

The application for headstone for Richard Stanhope was enclosed with your request, as was also a newspaper clipping, relative to this Richard Stanhope, and a letter addressed to Honorable Franklin Delano Roosevelt, signed by M.C. Stanhope of Urbana, Ohio. These are all returned herewith.

The data which follow were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, R.10049, based upon the service of Richard Stanhope or Stanup in the War of the Revolution.

The date and place of birth of Richard Stanhope are not found in the claim, nor are the names of his parents given.

He applied for pension, January 17, 1859, at which time he was living in Champaign County, Ohio and gave his age as one hundred and twelve years.

He stated that he was a servant in the "military family" of General George Washington during the Revolution and by special permission of the General was engaged in the following battles: Long Island, where he was shot through the right leg

just above the knee, Brandywine, and in the battle of stony Point, where he received a wound in his left hand.

The claim for pension was not allowed as proof of service as required by the pension law was not furnished.

There are no data relative to his family.