

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Seth Sterling (Starling) R10118 Comfort fn36NC
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10th Regiment Abraham Shepard Colonel Seth Sterling private Mills's 10th of January 1782 12 months

State of North Carolina Secretary's August 17th of October 1818

This Certifies that the above is a true abstract from the musterroll of the North Carolina Continental line in the Revolutionary War

Given under my hand the date above

S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State

State of North Carolina Cumberland County: This day personally appeared before me one of the Judges of the Superior Court of Law & Equity Seth Sterling of the County of Sampson in the said State who after being sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he joined Captain Hardy Holmes Company of nine months men at Duplin Court House North Carolina and marched with the North Carolina Regiment to Bryer Creek Georgia [sic, Brier Creek] and was in the Battle of Brier Creek Georgia and did continue in said Company and Regiment nine months. This deponent further saith that he the deponent did reenlist into the Continental Army & joined Captain Mills' Company of the North Carolina Regiment and marched to Charleston South Carolina and from there to Augusta Georgia in the year 1781 and did continue in said Company and Regiment twelve months and was honorably discharged at the close of the War in the year 1782. This deponent further saith that there was due to him from the United States twelve months pay for his services as aforesaid and agreeable to the annexed Certificate and that he the Deponent now claims from the United States the said amount of Pay. This deponent further saith that he the Deponent is the same person named in the annexed Certificate and that he is over sixty years of age and infirm & in reduced circumstances such as to [indecipherable word] to require him the Deponent to call on his Country the United States for Support. This deponent further saith not.

Sworn and subscribed before me at payable this 5th day of November 1818.

S/ Seth Sterling, X his mark

S/ Blake Baker, JSC

District of North Carolina

Blake Baker Esquire, late a Judge of the Superior Courts of Law & Equity for the State of North Carolina, being now dead, I transmit the aforesaid declaration of Seth Sterling, together with the proceedings their own, to the Secretary for the War Department; and I believe from the evidence, that the said applicant is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support. Given at Raleigh the 27th December 1819

S/ H. Potter, JDUSNC

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State of North Carolina Sampson County This is to certify that Jeremiah Simmons of said County hath this day personally appeared before me one of the Justices of the peace in and for said County, and maketh oath that Seth Starling of the State & County aforesaid was a regular Soldier in the southern Station, under General Green, for the space of 12 months, in the Revolutionary Services. And this deponent further saith that he hath good reason to believe and does believe that the said Seth Starling is now in indigent circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country.

Sworn before made this 2nd November 1819

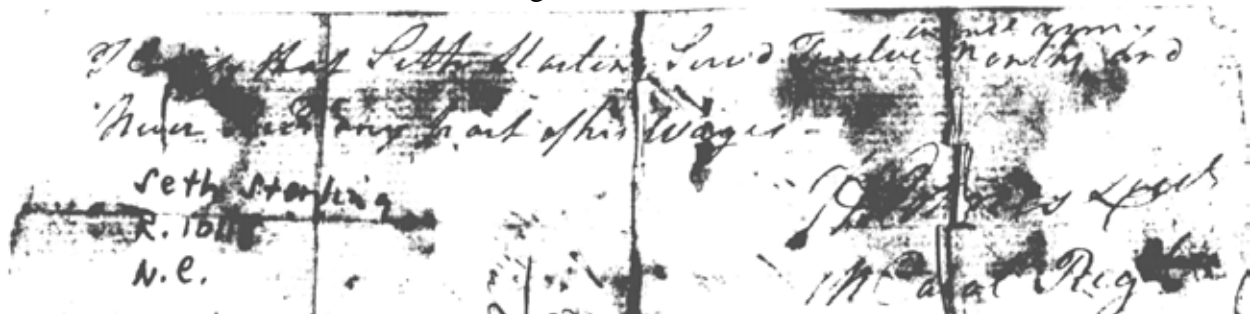
S/ Jeremiah Simmons

Jeremiah Simmons

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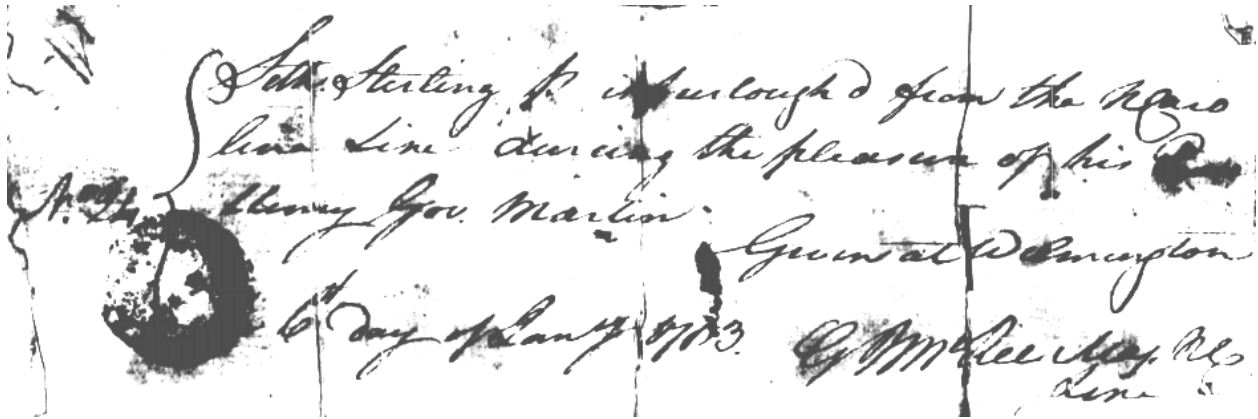
I Certify that Seth Starling Serv'd Twelve months ^{in Cont'l army} and Never Rec'd any part of his Wages

S/ H. Holmes, Lieut.
N Caro. Regt.



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{ Seth Sterling is furloughed from the N Caro
No. 24 {lina Line during the pleasure of his Exce
{llency Gov. Martin
{ Given at Wilmington
{ 6th day of Jany. 1783 G McRee Maj. NC
Line

A snippet of a handwritten document in cursive script. The text is partially obscured by a large black circular mark on the left side. The legible text includes: "Seth Sterling, Jr. discharged from the Army", "during the pleasure of his", "Henry Gov. Martin", "Guinn at Wilmington", and "6 day of Jan'y 1803". There is a signature at the bottom right that appears to be "J. M. Lee".

[fn p. 16: On May 17, 1826, the veteran filed another declaration in which he gave a schedule of his property in order to meet the requirements of the 1820 act; he did not add anything regarding his services but stated: "This declarant states that his family consist of himself & his wife who is seventy-five years of age infirm & disqualified for the labor necessary to support herself, that he is himself a cooper & owing to his lame arm & defective vision he cannot pursue his trade – that his property consist of"]

[fn p. 9: On January 23rd, 1845, in Sampson County North Carolina, Isaac Sterling and Mrs. Rebecca Bedsole filed a claim under the 1838 act stating that they are the children of Mrs. Comfort Sterling, the widow of Seth Sterling, a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$96 per annum at the time of his death on April 20th, 1835; that their parents were married in 1784 as they always understood; that their father died April 20th, 1835, at the age of between 80 and 90 years; that their mother died January 3rd, 1841, aged as they believe about 94 years; that their parents were married in Cumberland County North Carolina within one mile of where the affiants now live; that their parents were married by Esquire Duncan McNeill; Isaac Sterling states that he is now 57 years old and was born January 1, 1788; Mrs. Rebecca Bedsole declares that she is 55 years old and was born January 10th, 1791; they declare that they are the only children of their parents now living.]

[fn pp. 12-13: family record

Jesse Watson was born June 5th 1783

Mary Starling the daughter of Seth Starling and Comfort his wife was born July 26, 1785

Isaac Starling was born January 1st 1788

Rebecca Starling was born January 10th 1791

Isaiah Watson son of John Watson and Rachal his Mother was born July 4th 1788

Israel Watson was born December 10th 1792

Zady Watson was born March 15th 1794

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing November 5, 1818, for 12 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia and Continental line.]