

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Strain R10255

Isabella

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State of Tennessee Washington County September Term 1832

On the 13th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Samuel Powel Judge of the Circuit Court of Law & Equity for the County and State aforesaid now sitting John Strain a resident of Washington County State of Tennessee aged seventy-two years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, to wit: That he was a resident of Orange County North Carolina in the year 1779, that in the fall of said year he was drafted in said County, and enrolled under Captain John Woods, he being a harness maker by trade, was put to making harness for the Teams which belonged to the Army, was stationed near Hillsboro where he remained in the aforesaid employment for the Term of four months and a half and received a written discharge from his said Captain Woods for at least the Term above stated which discharge he has casually lost. He states that in the winter of 1780 and the beginning of the year 1781 he was a resident of Orange County North Carolina and Volunteered in said County and joined the Army under Captain William Williams of said County, was marched to Haw River or a Creek called Eno where he joined General Butler's Army was generally during his said Tour out on scouts, watching the movements of the British Army and Tories. This applicant being well acquainted with that section of Country, he states that he was sent out of said employment by the order of General Butler with instructions to communicate the movement of the British and Tories to him, General Butler, he stated that he does not recollect that he was under the command of any particular officer in his scouting Tours from the Army of General Butler, in which service he continued at least four months and a half previous to the termination of which Term General Butler had marched his Army towards Guilford Courthouse and this declarant was not discharged by any officer by written or verbal discharge though by the tacit consent of the officer under whom he entered the service. He states that he was regularly out after the Tories ranging the

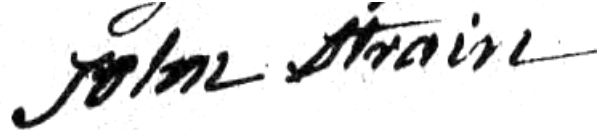
neighborhood, frequently with Colonel Abisha Thomas and at other tours under no particular officers which Tours in all amounted to no less than between 3 and 4 months, he states that in all he served in the War of the Revolution not less than 20 months. He states there is no preacher of the Gospel in the neighborhood where he resides who can testify as to neighborhood repute of the declarant's service in the War of the Revolution. He states that he has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service, he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Sworn at September Term 1832 in open Court

Test S/ Jas. V. Anderson, Clk

S/ John Strain



[Joseph Duncan & John Ryland gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 9: family record]

Births

Polly Strain was born the 18th day of October 1788

Robert Strain was born the 6th [paper torn and text missing]

Robert W Strain was born the 6th day of November 1790

Marriages

John Strain and Isabella Allison were married December ye 20th 1787

[fn p. 11: Robert Strain, 60, made application in Washington County Tennessee on behalf of himself and the other heirs of Isabella Strain deceased the widow of John Strain deceased; he states that his father John Strain died March 1, 1840 leaving a widow (mother of the claimant) whose name was Isabella surviving; that Isabella Strain lived until January 10, 1847 when she died leaving as her legal heirs, Mary Strain now Campbell, Jane Strain now Biddle, John Strain, Annalina Strain now Carroll & declarant, Robert Strain; he states that his parents were married in Washington County Tennessee December 20, 1787 and lived together as man and wife until the date of the death of John Strain; he seeks on behalf of himself and the other heirs the pension that was due his mother as the widow of his father as well as the pension due his father for the time between March 4, 1840 (the last day of payment to his father of his pension) and March 20, 1840, the date of his father's death.

