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Pension Application of Daniel Strother R10275

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State of Indiana

Knox County SS On this 10th day of March 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Amory Kinny Presiding Judge of the Circuit Court of said County now sitting, Daniel Strother of Knox County in the State aforesaid aged about 68 years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration viz That he was born in [blank] County South Carolina as he has been informed and verily believes in the year 1765 and that he was raised in Anson County North Carolina near the Yadkin river that on the 8 day of January 1781 he joined the Continental Army then at Charlotte County Virginia which was under the command of General [Nathanael] Greene as a waggoner of which army Samuel Edmondson or Edmoson was Wagon Master General, that he was ordered to assist in taking provisions to Head Quarters which were then in Guilford County North Carolina. after arriving at head quarters the detachment of which this deponent was one was employed in transporting damaged catridges &c and drafted into the heavy baggage accompanying the Army this was just before the battle at Guildford Court House which took place in March 1781 [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781]. and they were ordered accross the Dan River – after the battle of Guildford C House he was ordered with others by Col John Thornton commanding the Culpepper [sic: Culpeper County VA] Militia to drive stock for the Army which orders were obeyed. That in September 1781 he went again with the Militia to York town in Virginia were they joined General Washington and remained there untill the British surrendered and Lord Wallis (Cornwallis) was made a prisoner [19 Oct 1781] that he was honorably discharged after each tour of service but has unfortunately lost his discharge. that he is poor and unable to support himself from his age and infirmities and therefore throws himself upon the bounty of his country for assistance He further solemnly swears that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any State and he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and that he has resided in Knox County State of Indiana Thirty nine years were he now resides
Daniel hisXmark Strother

State of Indiana }

Knox County } On this 10 day of March 1834 personally appeared in open court before the Honorable Amory Kinny Presiding Judge of the Circuit Court of said County now sitting Peter McAnnally [Peter McAnelly, pension application S16467] aged about 76 years who on being duly sworn according to Law made oath that he was a Revolutionary Pensioner and had been long acquainted with the above named Daniel Strother – that their first acquaintance commenced near Yorktown in Virginia in the year 1781 in the following manner – that on the morning before Cornwallis surrendered a waggoner belonging to the detachment in which he McAnnally served run away or deserted from the Virginia Regiment the Captain then ordered this deponent to take his place and ordered him up to the public stores for a Barrell of Rum, at which place he saw and became acquainted with the aforesaid Daniel Strother the foregoing applicant for a pension. that the said Strother was when he first met him as aforesaid selected by the officer of the public Stores as a waggoner for the army and he believes the officer's name was Major Thomas Minor.

He further deposes and says that the said Daniel Strother is the identical Dan'l Strother he knew at York town Va in the year 1781 That the said Daniel has lived in Knox County Indiana for the last Thirty odd years is about 68 or 69 years of age that by reason of age and infirmities he is unable to procure subsistence by manual labor. that he has always sustained the character of an honest man and a man of veracity
Peter hisXmark McAnnally

State of Indiana }

Knox County } Before me John Moore an Associate Judge for the County and State aforesaid on this 9th December 1834 came Daniel Strother who on being duly sworn made oath that in the year 1834 he forwarded his claim for a pension to the City of Washington that the evidence was taken in the Knox Circuit Court agreeable to the law of the United States that he proved to the satisfaction of the Court his services in the Army of the Revolution but could not prove his Army service as he believes all his compatriots in Arms are deceased or living in remote parts of the Union – he is old aged infirm now as he believes over Seventy years of age – and unable to maintain himself by manual labor the only alternative which is left for him is to solemnly swear that he served in the Army of the Revolution at least Ten Months that he was born in South Carolina as he has been informed and verily believes in the year 1764 or 5. That the 8 day of January 1781 he entered the continental army in Charlotte County Virginia which was then under the command of General Green as a wagoner and the corps or duty to which he was assigned was under the direction of Samuel Edmondson or Edmison who was Wagon Master General and deponent was then ordered to assist in taking a load of provisions to head quarters which were in Guilford County North Carolina after arriving at head quarters he was loaded with damaged cartridges and drafted into the heavy baggage accompanying the Army before the fighting at Guildford Court House which took place in March 1781 he was then ordered across the Dan River – after the fight or battle he got his discharge which he has lost after the battle at Guilford Court House he was ordered to Col John Thornton commanding the Culpepper Militia to drive stock for the Army in July 1781 – which was done. In Sept 1781 he went again with the Militia to Yorktown in Virginia were they joined General Washington and remained there untill the garrison surrendered and Lord Wallis (Cornwallis) was taken prisoner – he solemnly swears that he served in the Army from the 8 January 1781 to the 14 November 1781 and that for the last Forty years he has resided in Knox County Indiana

Daniel hisXmark Strother

State of Indiana }

Knox County } Ss. On this 18th day of November One thousand eight hundred and thirty nine, Personally appeared before me George R. Gibson, Probate Judge of said County Peter McAnnally, a revolutionary Pensioner, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare, that it is within his knowledge, and he distinctly recollects, although it may not be specifically set forth in his former evidence, that Daniel Strother now a very aged man, did serve in the army at Yorktown in the capacity of a private soldier, and that it was not uncommon for soldiers of that day, to be ordered to take charge of baggage and other waggons; and on one occasion the said McAnnally says, that he was so ordered himself; that he is confident he seen said applicant, Strother, although he had no personal acquaintance with him at the time, after the battle near Guilford court house, acting in the army as a soldier; and an occurrence fresh in his mind, admits of no doubt, that said Daniel Strother was a soldier, and highly regarded by the officers. Sworn the day and year aforementioned.

Peter hisXmark McNally

State of Indiana } SS.

County of Knox }

On this 6th day of November 1844 personally appeared before me Thomas Bishop, associate Judge of said county and state, Daniel Strother, personally known to me as an old inhabitant and reputed revolutionary soldier, and made oath according to law, that when he made application for a pension heretofore as a soldier of the revolution, he had no knowledge of the continued existence or place of residence of his old acquaintance during the revolution, Andrew Ferguson [S32243], now a pensioner of the U. States, and an inhabitant of Monroe county; that his age and the effects of time upon his bodily strength, forbid him from entering upon a relation of particulars which a recent meeting with the said Ferguson has revived in his memory, but still, relying on the Justice of his government and referring to the annexed deposition of said Ferguson in addition to the evidence heretofore sent to the proper

department, he is conscious that he is entitled to an allowance for more than one years faithful and diversified services in the continental line of Virginia Daniel hisXmark Strother

State of Indiana } SS.
County of Knox }

Personally appeared before me Thomas Bishop, one of the Associate Judges of said county and state, on this 6th day of November 1844, Andrew Ferguson, a pensioner of the U. States, who being first duly sworn according to law, says that he became acquainted with Daniel Strother the identical person now present, when both he this deponent, and said Strother, were in the continental service in 1781, in North Carolina under Gen'l. Green, and other Generals occasionally in command, that long before Gen'l. Green retreated from North Carolina into Virginia, and afterward in Virginia, deponent knows that said Daniel Strother was in service, part of the time, he knows, that with many other soldiers, he said Strother, was detailed to service as a waggoner – and from deponents first acquaintance with said Strother to his last interview and knowledge of him in service, deponent is conscious said Strother must have served in the Virginia line, or attached thereto on detailed service, one year or more.

Andrew hisXmark Ferguson

NOTE: The reason given for rejecting Strother's claim is that "He did not serve six months in a military capacity," apparently because his service was mostly as a wagoner. This rejection is not consistent with the Pension Office's own regulations, which excluded wagoners only if they were "occasionally employed with the army upon civil contracts."