

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Stroud R10278

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State of Mississippi Hinds County: On this 2nd day of October A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Alfred G Moore, Chief Justice of the County Court of Hinds County, now sitting, William Stroud a resident of Hinds County in the State of Mississippi, aged about seventy-five 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.

To wit:

That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer under Alexander Outlaw, and served some time in and about Wilmington in the State of North Carolina in a Company commanded by Captain William Taylor & Lieutenant John Sullivan: the Company of which he was a member (private) was permitted to return home but instructed to keep in readiness to return at a minutes warning. After remaining at home for a short time he was called into service, passed through Wilmington and encamped near Brunswick: from thence he was marched to Town Creek Bridge and from thence to the former Camp of General __ Caswell a short distance from Wilmington where he lost a Brother who was also a private in the same Company. From the Caswell Camp he marched above Big Bridge over the North East Fork of Cape Fear River, from thence to the Bridge over Rock Fish Creek [Rockfish Creek]. Here the Company was disbursed by the enemy. This Applicant was again called into service by order of Colonel __ Kenyon [sic, James Kenan] & marched into the Richlands of New River between Wilmington & New Bern where he was commanded by Major __ Moulton [John Moulton]. The forces assembled at this point did not exceed a hundred strong and by order of Colonel Kenan (he having been disappointed in the arrival of other man) were dismissed, to their respective homes from which they were again called, and served at a place called the Bull Pen, in opposition to the Tories who when taken were lodged there for safekeeping.

He afterwards volunteered in a Light Horse Company, commanded by Captain Nicholas Bowden & scoured the Country in search of Tories; especially the Horse Pen Pocosin which was a place of resort & concealment for them. Cornwallis shortly afterwards passed through North

Carolina by the Bull Pen and after destroying a large quantity of public Pork stored on Neuse River left the State in comparative peace.

This Applicant during the times of his service was a resident of Duplin County North Carolina: and while in service was at times commanded by Joseph Rhodes & Joseph Williams in the regular service, their grades in command he does not remember. A Colonel Ward also, commanded occasionally, but this applicant thinks he was in the militia.

This Applicant can neither read nor write; had not in early life skill to record events and is now wholly dependent upon a memory greatly impaired by age, and never improved by education, for facts which were not very important or interesting and consequently less impressive on the mind. This Applicant entered the service early in life and in a short time after the Declaration of Independence; but the day or even the year he cannot state: and at times of service were severally so short, and the officers so numerous that when the facts within stated are considered, it is not surprising that other names are not well recollected.

This Applicant has no discharge, and does not believe that his statement can be corroborated by the testimony of any surviving witness: if there be a surviving witness he does not know where he resides; nor has he any documents whatever by which to prove a single fact herein stated & connected with a service of more than 6 months in all.

This Applicant hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State or Territory.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ A. G. Moore, CJNCC

S/ William Stroud, X his mark

[William Thigpen, a clergyman and Joshua Seale?, Gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Questions by the Court

Where and in what year were you born?

A. I was born in Duplin County North Carolina but can [not] say on what day or in what year
Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

A. I have no record of my age nor do I believe anyone has.

Where were you living when called into service, were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a Substitute?

A. I lived in Duplin County North Carolina & entered the service as a volunteer.

State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

A. The circumstances are detailed in my declaration, the names of the officers in the regular service I mentioned in the same and the Regiments or forces were commanded as before stated.

Did you ever receive a discharge from the service?

A. I have none in my possession, neither do I recollect that one was ever given to me.

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

A. Those have been certified above are two of them; others are__

Where have you lived since the Revolution

Ans. I have lived in Pendleton District South Carolina, in Barnwell District in the same state & from South Carolina I moved to Mississippi where I still reside.