

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Farra S31022

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State of Kentucky Shelby County: Sct.

On this 2nd day of January 1833 Personally appeared before me William Shanks one of the Commonwealth's Justices of the peace in and for the County of Shelby aforesaid, Samuel Farra, aged Eighty four years on the 23rd day of March last, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of An act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

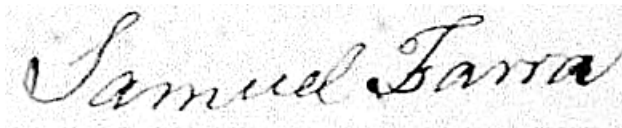
That he was born in the County of Chester in State of Pennsylvania on the 23rd day of March 1748 as appears by copy of his Father's register now in his possession. At the age of Six years he was removed by his parents to the County of York in the State aforesaid, where he resided until the fall of the year Seventy-nine. In the year Seventy five he was appointed a Captain of a company of Associators in the Fifth Battalion of the York County militia, and this applicant now has in his possession a Captain's Commission Bearing date May 25th 1776 Concluding in these Words viz. Signed by Order of the Assembly John Morton Speaker. In the month of July 76 there was 5 companies of Colonel Matthew Doll's [sic, Matthew Dill's?] Battalion called into Service and that Commanded by this applicant was one for the Term of 3 months, and on the 27th day of July 1776 these Troops commenced their march for Trenton by way of Philadelphia, Thence to Amboy, to Woodbridge to Newark to Hackensack & Peasack [?] Ferries, thence to Burgan and Pawlus-hook [Paulus Hook], Thence to Forts Washington and Lee at which latter place this Battalion was discharged by General Robedoe. After two months Service. This Battalion having furnished from each Company a Certain quota to compose a Company for the Flying Camp Service, procured to it a Credit for a full Tour of three months. In the Fall of the year Seventy-eight a Committee of Safety for the County of York levied a Contribution on the Citizens for the purpose of Procuring Clothing for the Army and this applicant paid the sum of \$35 thereto. And he further states that in the year 1780 he was induced to visit the State of North Carolina and in the neighborhood of Hillsborough he entered the Service as a private and as a substitute for a certain Michael Sherlock, in a Company commanded by Captain Johnston [Samuel Johnston] in General Butler's [John Butler's] Brigade for a term of three months. Marched on the 10th day of August, and joined General Gates [Horatio Gates] at Rugeley's Mill on the 20th, was engaged in the Battle of Camden [August 15-16, 1780] was routed and the militia dispersed, this applicant returned to the place from whence he was marched and remained until the 3rd day of September following when finding from the dispersed situation of the militia Together with the loss of arms &c, and there appearing no probability of being again Organized he considered himself Discharged and set out for his native

State -- he states further that he obtained a note of hand from the above named Sherlock payable within three months for a stipulated sum which was never paid to him -- He further states that on the 7th day of October 1781 he entered as a Marine on Board the Ship *Patty* a letter of Marque carrying Twelve guns Belonging to Philadelphia and bound to Havana. On the passage she was attacked by a British privateer who after receiving the third Broadside bore off and we proceeded to the place of destination, returned to the United States and on the 24th day of January 1782 was duly discharged at Williamsburg Virginia. The above named ship was commanded by Captain Matthew Strong,¹ John Willett first mate, John Campbell Second [mate] and Joseph Wood Gunner, the discharge was signed by John Willett, this Applicant further states that he does not now know of any living witness by which his Services can be proven -- he states further that he has lived since the revolutionary war in the States of Virginia and Kentucky, and now resides in the latter named State and County of Shelby --

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity Except the present, and Declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any State

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Samuel Farra

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samuel Farra". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[John Dale, a clergyman, Levi Collins and Henry Crawford gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[in attesting to the above application, William Shanks states, "... And he Further certifies that he seen the Commission Mentioned in the Foregoing declaration, the Discharge from the ship *Patty*, Together with some copies of General Orders signed by Matthew Dill Colonel and moreover that this applicant appears to labor under Bodily Infirmary so as to render him unable to attend Court." S/ Wm Shanks, JPSC]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service in Pennsylvania in North Carolina during the revolution.]

¹ Matthew Strong was a resident of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. [NRAR, 222] He was born about 1744 or 1745. [NOAR, 301] On 6 November 1778 he was commissioned to the Pennsylvania Privateer Schooner *St. John*, [NRAR, 464] and, on 18 October 1779, to the Pennsylvania Privateer Schooner *Concord*. [NRAR, 258] He was appointed to the Pennsylvania Privateer Brig *Pilgrim* on 21 April 1781, [NRAR, 415] listing his age as 37. [NOAR, 301] On 29 September 1781 Strong was commissioned to the Pennsylvania Privateer Ship *Patty*. [NRAR, 411] His final command was the Pennsylvania Privateer Schooner *Adventure*, commissioned on 29 May 1782. [NRAR, 222. Emmons, 127, lists her commander as "M. Streny."] Strong was still listing his age as 37. [NOAR, 301] <http://www.awiatsea.com/Officers/Officers%20S.html>