

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Strong S31994

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Georgia, Oglethorpe County} SS

On this third day of September eighteen hundred & thirty two personally appeared in open Court before the justices of the Inferior Court of said County & State while sitting for ordinary purposes Charles Strong, a resident of the said place aged sixty nine years & eight months, 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 on the seventh of June of the present year entitled an act supplementary to the act for the relief of certain surviving officers & solders of the Revolution. That he entered the service of the United States against England in the war of the Revolution under the following named officers & served as is hereinafter stated.

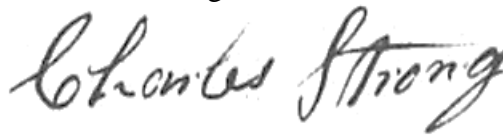
That he was born in Hanover County in the State of Virginia on the eighteenth day of January seventeen hundred & sixty three, according to the account of his age that he has always received from his parents & family. That he lived in Goochland County of that State when he was called into the militia service in common with every other man of that County capable of bearing arms in January of the year seventeen hundred & eighty one. The first tour of service which he performed was three months in its duration. The regiment to which he belonged, the number of which he does not remember, was commanded by Colonel Flemming [sic, Fleming?] & the Captain of his Company was a gentleman by the name of Edward Smith—he marched from Goochland to Richmond -- crossed over to Manchester -- & from there to Cabin Point where he was stationed until he was discharged--there was not so much as a skirmish during this tour—he never got what might in strictness be called a discharge because his commanding officer told him if he got a receipt for his gun, cartridge box &c that would answer all the purposes of a discharge.

In April of the same year he was drafted for three months but was not required to perform but little more than about two months duty—the General under whose command he fell on this occasion was John Nelson of Hanover County -- his Captain was a gentleman by the name of Miller—he marched from Goochland to Richmond & from there to the Malvern Hills where he had some skirmishes with the British who had landed from off some vessels before Cornwallis had joined them—he also had another skirmish during this tour at Coxe's Landing twelve or fourteen miles below Richmond where the British took every one of our small vessels.

Some where about the last of August or first of September of the same year he was drafted again for three months and marched to Williamsburg where he laid about one month & from there he marched to Little York—most of his time in this tour was taken up in performing guard duty—he also assisted in unloading our vessels loaded with artillery, mortars, bombs, &c,

at Trebell's Landing¹ on James River, was busily engaged at York Town during the whole siege & for a few days after the siege he guarded the country stores -- thinks he did not perform more than about two months service in this last tour. He has no documentary evidence by which he can support his claim. He has a brother living in Clarke County in this State who can probably testify to a part or the whole of his service & a sister who may remember something about it -- their names are Robert Strong and Sarah Thompson. Deponent will endeavor to obtain their affidavits & annex them to this declaration. Deponent lived in Cumberland County Virginia for about fifteen years immediately preceding his removal to Georgia & he has lived in Georgia ever since 1800, that is to say about thirty two years & he now lives in Oglethorpe County not far from Cherokee Corner. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the roll of the agency of any State in the Union.

S/ Charles Strong



Sworn to & subscribed the day & year above written.

S/ William H. Smith, Clk

We, Benjamin Blanton a clergyman residing in Oglethorpe County and Miller Bledsoe, clergyman of the same place, hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Charles Strong who has subscribed & sworn to the declaration; that we believe him to be of the age therein stated, & that he is reputed & believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution & that we concur in that opinion.

S/ Miller Bledsoe, M.G.

S/ Benj. Blanton, MP

Sworn & subscribed the date aforesaid.

S/William H. Smith, Clk

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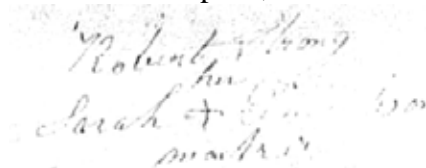
Georgia Clark County }

Before me John L Wright a magistrate in said County came Robert Strong and Sarah Thompson and after being duly sworn deposed and saith that they were knowing to Charles Strong Senior of Oglethorpe County serving in the old British War in the year 1781 between seven and eight months. Sworn and subscribed before made this 24th day of August 1832

S/ John L. Wright, JP

S/ Robert Strong

S/ Sarah Thompson, X her mark



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months in the Virginia militia.]

¹ Trebell's Landing VA1619 (Virginia/James City County) At Trebell's Landing, one mile southwest, the artillery and stores of the French and American armies for the siege of Yorktown were landed, September, 1781. These were conveyed by land (six miles) http://www.historicmarkers.com/index.php?option=com_search&searchword=artillery.