

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Mathew (Matthew) Stroud S3980

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State of Alabama Shelby County: Circuit Court August term 1832

On this twenty first day of August in the Year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Leonard Tarrant Judge of the County Court for said County of Shelby and State of Alabama now sitting Matthew Stroud aged eighty-five years a resident Citizen of the County and State aforesaid 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.

That on the ___day of ___ in the year 1779 in Orange County North Carolina applicant volunteered in Captain William Griffin's Company as a private soldier and continued in the same company until the year 1781 when he was honorably discharged from the Service in the fall of that year. The Regiment to which applicant was attached was commanded by Colonel [name written over and illegible, the name appears to start with either "L" or "T"], which Regiment was attached to the command of General Sam Butler [sic, John Butler], the company to which applicant belonged was commanded likewise by Lieutenant William Hatley [could be Halley], Mayor [Major] Nolls [William Nall] also commanded in the same Regiment to which applicant belonged. Applicant states that he was during this term of service employed within the limits of North Carolina as he belonged to the Horse and acted as Rangers, to keep the Indians and Tories and British in subjection during this service applicant was in the following engagements (to wit) against the Tories and British at Lindley's Mill¹ at which place Major Nolls fell his successor not recollected the United States troops were successful in that engagement a man by the name of Richard Fanning [sic, David Fanning] a Tory commanded the enemy and had it was said with him Govener Burke [sic, Governor Thomas Burke] the then Governor of North Carolina – the

¹ September 13, 1781 http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_lindleys_mill.html

next engagement was with the Tories at Cox's Mill ² in Chatham County North Carolina. The United States troops succeeded in this engagement – applicant states that he was and some skirmishing between the United States troops and the Tories between the time of the fight at Cox's Mill and the battle at Kings Mountain³ that he was in the engagement at Kings Mountain the company to which applicant belonged was in this engagement placed under the command of Major Campbell, General Butler was not there Colonel Cleveland commanded in this engagement the United States troops routed and defeated the British and Tories; in this action we took a great many prisoners and sent the prisoners to the Moravian Towns in North Carolina – applicant went with the prisoners as a guard. After this engagement at Kings Mountain applicant states that he was in no engagement worth noting during the entire Service of applicant he was not associated with either regular or Continental troops unless there was some of both at Kings Mountain if there was they are not now remembered by applicant. Applicant does not recollect any of the officers in the service at the same time with him, except those already mentioned. Applicant has no documentary evidence in his possession sufficient to prove his Service. Applicant knows of no living witness by whom he can prove his service.

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 the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Matthew Stroud, X his mark

[James Walker and Samuel Williams gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Questions propounded by the Court to applicant: the same contained in the printed form issued by the Secretary of War, to which applicant gave the following answers

Answer to first interrogatory. I was born in Brunswick County Virginia in the year 1747

Answer 2 Interrogatory. My age is set down in my Bible which is at my place of residence

Answer 3 Interrogatory. When called into the Service I was living in Orange County North Carolina about the close of the Revolutionary War, I removed from North Carolina to the State of Georgia, where I lived for many years and until I removed to Shelby County State of Alabama where I now live.

Answer 4th Interrogatory. I volunteered when I entered the Service.

Answer 5 Interrogatory. I do not recollect that I served at any time with either Continental & regular troops. I have stated all the Militia officers that I now recollect that were in the service at the same time with me. I have given in the foregoing declaration as full an account of the circumstances of my service as I am now capable of giving. I am very old & have forgot many things no doubt.

Answer 6 Interrogatory. I did receive a discharge from the Service in the Fall of the year 1781 as well as I recollect it was signed by Captain William Griffin – the discharge was stolen from me in Alabama by a Negro in a pocket book as I believe he knows that the pocket book was taken and that the discharge was in the book at the time.

Answer 7th Interrogatory. The Court well call upon David E. Watson and Sam Williams to prove the existence of applicant's discharge and also call upon James Walker to prove the reputation of the neighborhood as to [one or more indecipherable words] a soldier of Revolution.

² There were two actions at Cox's Mill, one on June 8, 1781 and the other July 30, 1781.

http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_coxs_mill_1.html and

http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_coxs_mill_2.html

³ October 8, 1780 http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_kings_mountain.html

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]