

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Stribling¹ S41204

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Fauquier County State and District of Virginia

On this 15th day of April 1818 before me the Subscriber, sole and presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Fauquier County State and District of Virginia, personally appeared before me William Stribling, resident in the said County and District, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War. That the said William Stribling enlisted as a common soldier in the year 1778 in the County of Spotsylvania and State of Virginia in a company of Infantry commanded by Captain John Francis Mercer of the 3rd Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel William Heath [William Heth] on Continental establishment, that he served in this Company from his enlistment until the end of the war that he received a discharge at Winchester Barracks which he has long since lost, that he was in the battles of Monmouth [June 28, 1778], the siege of Charlestown [Charleston, April-May 1780], that he is in reduced circumstances, stands in need of the assistance of his Country for a support and that he has no other evidence of his Services except the annexed certificate of John Blackwell and the affidavit of Samuel Courtney

Sworn to & declared before me the day & year aforesaid

S/ Robt. White

This 15th day of April before me the subscriber sole and presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Law of Fauquier State and District of Virginia Samuel Courtney² made oath that he knew the above named William Stribling during the revolutionary war with Great Britain, that they did not belong to the same Regiment, but that they were both taken prisoners at Charleston [May 12, 1780], that the witness knows him to be poor and in such reduced circumstances as to needs the aid of his country for support. Sworn to before me the day and year above written.

S/ Robt. White

Virginia Fauquier County March 29th 1818

I do Certify that William Stribling enlisted in Captain John F Mercer's Company of the 3rd Virginia Regiment on Continental service in the War of the Revolution in the year 1778 as a Soldier, and served in that and other Regiments of that line until the end of the war, he is old, and

¹ BLWt12541-100 issued April 13, 1791 2 James Reynolds, Assignee, no papers (Located in Morrow Co. Ohio U. S. Military District)

² FPA S39346

poor, and afflicted with Rheumatism, he certainly deserves a pension from Government.
Given under my hand the date above.

S/ John Blackwell,³ late a
Captain in the 3rd Virginia R. C. L.

Virginia Fauquier County March 29th 1818
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H. Mercers Company in the Third Virginia Regiment on Continental
establishment in the year of the Revolution in the Year 1778
as a Soldier, and served in that and other Regiments of that
line until the end of the war, he is old, and poor, and afflicted
with a Rheumatism, he certainly deserves a pension from
Government; given under my hand the date above
John Blackwell - late a
Capt. in the 3^d Virgi^a R. C. L.

Fauquier County, State and District of Virginia

On this 15th day of September 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the County of Fauquier a part of the tenth Judicial Circuit of Virginia, made a Court of record by law, possessed of the powers of fine and imprisonment and proceeding according to the common law, with Jurisdiction unlimited in amount, William Stribling, aged about sixty-three years, resident in the said County and circuit who being 1st duly sworn according to law; doth on his oath declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: that he first enlisted early in the year 1778 under Captain John Francis Mercer of Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania County Virginia, that at the close of the year '78 he reenlisted in the same Company, for during the war at that time Commanded by Lieutenant Arthur Lynn [perhaps a mistaken reference to Ensign Adam Lynn] of the 3rd Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment which Regiment was commanded by Colonel Heath [Heth], at the close of the year 1778 he returned home on furlough, and rejoined the Army in the spring of 1779, that he was marched to the South and then attached to the 2nd Virginia detachment of new levies commanded by Heath and Wallace that he was taken prisoner at the siege of Charleston & that when he was discharged from his captivity he returned home with General Scott; that shortly after his return he was sent for, to join a small party at Fredericksburg commanded by Captain Barbour and marched from thence to Cumberland old Court House, from thence he was sent to take charge of some prisoners back of Winchester where he remained until he was finally discharged, that he was in the service from the time of his first enlistment until the end of the War, he was in the Battles of Molmouth [sic,

³ [John Blackwell BLW:264-300](#)

Monmouth] in Jersey and at the Siege of Charlestown, that he made his original declaration before the Honorable Robert White, that he has received his pension up to the 4th of March 1820, that his Certificate of pension is dated the 22nd day of December 1818 and Numbered 5015.

I William Stribling do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed – Viz. – nothing except his wearing apparel, that he employs himself in attending to the business of a Widow Sister, with whom he lives and from whom he has derived his support for several years that he has neither wife nor children living with him, that his support is very narrow and insufficient for Ordinary Comfort, that from his age he cannot without private or public aid, support himself.

S/ William Stribling⁴

Stafford County to wit

On this 21st day of April 1824 before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace for the said County of Stafford, personally appeared William Stribling, who on his oath, declares, that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the company commanded by Captain John Francis Mercer in the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Heth in the service of the United States; that his name was placed on the pension roll of the State of Virginia that he received a Certificate of that fact, under the signature of the Secretary of War; which certificate in or about the month of November 1820 was lost or mislaid as he has been informed & believes, by Captain Gideon Johnston of Fauquier County, & has not yet been found that he either knows or believes.

Sworn & subscribed to before me the day & year first mentioned above

S/ William Stribling

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wm Stribling", written in dark ink on a light background.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 15, 1818 for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

The [Virginia State Library](#) online digital collections relating to bounty land claims granted by that state contains the following document relating to this veteran:

Falm. [Falmouth?] Augt. 29th [?] 1784

I do Certify that Sargeant William Stribling of the 3rd Virginia enlisted in the Continental Service the 1st of January 1778 and is entitled to depreciation also to the bounty of Lands given

⁴ I do not believe the actual signature of the veteran is attached to this application because the handwriting of the signature is identical to the body of the rest of the document.

to the Soldiery who enlisted and served to the end of the war

S/ Gus. B. Wallace [Gustavus Brown Wallace]

Lt. Colo. 2 VR

Halifax Aug 29 1782

I do Certify that Capt. William
Stirling, of the 3^d Regt. enlisted in
the Continental Service the first
of Jan^y 1778 and is entitled to
depreciation, also to the bounty
of Lands given to the Soldiery
who enlisted and served to the
end of the war

Gus^d B. Wallace
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