

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Stratten (Stratton) S42027

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North Carolina [Rockingham County]

On this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November A.D. 1818 before me Thomas Ruffin Judge of the Superior Courts of Law & Courts of Equity in said State personally appeared William Stratten aged about Sixty-five years a resident in Rockingham County in said State, who being by me first duly sworn according to law on his oath made 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 during the Revolutionary War". That he the said William enlisted as a private in the County of Kent in Delaware in the latter part of the year 1776 or early in the year 1777 in the company commanded by Captain Allen McLane<sup>1</sup> on the Continental establishment & Pennsylvania Line. He cannot now say what was the number or other designation of the Regiment or Battalion to which he was attached – but Lieutenant Colonel \_\_ Patton<sup>2</sup> commanded it & during the first part of the service Major \_\_ Scull & afterwards Major \_\_ Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee]<sup>3</sup> were the Majors – That he enlisted for the term of Three years & that during that period he continued to serve in said Corps in the service of the United States until he was discharged at Philadelphia in Pennsylvania on 24<sup>th</sup> December A.D. 1779 by the said Captain McLane; as will more fully appear [by] reference being had to his original discharge which is hereunto annexed as a part of this declaration & he saith is a true & genuine paper writing & that he is the same William Stratten therein named: He further saith that he was in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] & Stony Point [July 19, 1779] & he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the Assistance of his Country for Support.

Declared & sworn to before me the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November A.D. 1818 at Rockingham County  
S/ Thomas Ruffin  
S/ William Stratten, X his mark

I do Certify that the Bearer William Stratton has Served Three years as a good and Faithful Soldier in the Army of the United States of America, and the greater part of the Time in my Company and he Discharged the Service with Credit. By the order of Major Lee Commanding Officer of the Regiment.

Philadelphia December 24<sup>th</sup>, 1779

S/ Allen McLane, Capt.

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<sup>1</sup> [Allen McLane BLWt1474-300](#)

<sup>2</sup> This MAY be a reference to Henry Peyton who served as a major in Lee's Legion.

<sup>3</sup> [Henry Lee BLWt1299-500](#)

I do certify that the Bearer William Stratton has served  
 Three years as a good and faithful soldier in the  
 Army of the United States of America, and the great  
 part of the time in my Company, and was  
 Discharged the Service with Credit By the order  
 of Major Lee Commanding Officer of the Regiment.  
 Philadelphia Dec<sup>r</sup> 24. 1779 } Allen McLane Cap<sup>t</sup>

Schedule

District of North Carolina to wit

On this first day of September 1820 personally appeared in Open Court being a Court of record for the said district William Stratton age 65 years, resident in Rockingham County in said district who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, Viz.: He enlisted in the County of Kent and State of Delaware in the company commanded by Captain Allen McLane of the Continental Corps; was discharged in the city of Philadelphia Pennsylvania on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of December 1779, after having continued in the service for three years faithfully, and fought at the battles of Brandywine and Stony Point. Major Lee was commander of the Regiment.

The number of his pension Certificate is for 526.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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

Sixty-two acres of land	\$51
3 cows & calves	20
1 small yearling	3
10 Head Hogs mostly small	7
4 Head Sheep	6
1 Horse 12 years old	<u>10</u>
	\$97

my occupation is that of a farmer weak & infirm; two in family my wife about my own age sixty-five years also weak & infirm – one hireling about 23 years of age both myself & wife too feeble & infirm to be able to do but little the foregoing is a true statement both as regards my property & situation to the best of my knowledge & belief.

Given under my hand this first day of September A.D. 1820

S/ William Stratton, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1818, for service as a private in the Continental service.