

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edward Strickland S42417

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State of New York, SS

To the Honorable Richard Riker

Recorder of the City of New York and one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, called the Mayor's Court of the City of New York, which is a Court of Record of the State of New York.

The Declaration under Oath of Edward Strickland formerly a Soldier engaged in the service of the United States during the Revolutionary War, now a Citizen of the United States and resident of the City and County of New York, respectfully sheweth.

That the said Edward Strickland Enlisted a soldier sometime in the summer in the year 1777 for the term of three years in Captain Cammills [Campbell's] Company of Colonel Gibson's Regiment from the State of Virginia and served almost the three [years] I had enlisted for I then enlisted for during the early War in the same Company and Regiment called the first on the Continental Establishment from Virginia and actually continued serving against the common Enemy in the Revolutionary War until [indecipherable word]¹ in 1783 and was then honorably discharged in Virginia and I was in the Action at Monmouth [June 28, 1778] and I was at the taking of Stony Point [July 16, 1779] under the command of General Wane [Anthony Wayne], my discharge I have lost. I wish further to state that I was wounded at the taking of Stony Point but I have never received a pension from government and I am now about 62 years of age and further wish to represent that I was taken a Prisoner [at] Charlestown [Charleston, May 12, 1780] when under the Command of General Lincoln and remained a Prisoner more than a year

And the declaration further sheweth that the said Edward Strickland is now a citizen of the United States, resides in the city of New York, and is by reason of his reduced circumstances in life, in need of assistance from his country for support

Therefore the said Edward Strickland conceives himself entitled to the benefit of the Act of Congress of the United States entitled, An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War."Approved 18th of March



1818 and request your Honor will examine into the truth of the matter aforesaid, certify and transmit the testimony in the case, and the proceedings had their own, to the Honorable the Secretary of the Department of War, to the end that such relief may be had in the premises, as is by law in such cases made and provided. And in support of the facts above set forth, the said Edward Strickland refers to John Redman who was a Soldier in the Virginia Line and was taken a Prisoner at Charleston at the same time I was – and also that of Mari-Ann Wood who knew me at the time I was wounded at Fish kill a little time after the taking of Stony Point. City and County of New York, SS Edward Strickland of the City and County of New York, being duly sworn saith, that the matters by him set forth in the foregoing Declaration are in all respects just and true.

S/ Edward Strickland, X his mark

Sworn before me this 16th day of April 1818
S/ R. Riker Recorder of the City of New York

City of New York SS Mari Ann Wood of Long Island being duly sworn doth depose and say that she well remembers Edward Strickland a Soldier in the Revolutionary war that he was brought to Fishtail a little time after Stony Point was taken wounded and that he was carried to the Hospital. Sworn 16th of April 1818

S/ Mari Ann Wood, X her mark

John Redman² of the City of New York aforesaid being sworn, saith, that he was acquainted with the 1st Virginia Regiment and I know that they was taken at Charleston as I was taken Prisoner at the same time myself and by conversing with the said Edward Strickland I verily believe he was a Soldier in the Revolutionary War as before stated in his declaration.

S/ John Redman

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Redman". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with some ink bleed-through visible from the reverse side of the page.

District of New York SS:

On this 6th day of June 1820 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for Queens County in the State of New York being a Court of Record which proceeds according to the course of the, in Law with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount keeping a record of their proceedings and having the power of fine and imprisonment Edward Strickland aged sixty years resident in the Town of North Hempstead and Queens County aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows viz. – that he was a private in Colonel Gibson's Regiment being the first Virginia State Regiment, in Captain Campbell's Company in the Virginia line and on the Continental establishment, and served in that Regiment and Company during the whole Revolutionary War and until the end thereof when he was honorably discharged that for his said services he has received a pension Certificate Number __ and his declaration in order to obtain such pension was made and bears date of the 17th of April 1818 –

And I 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

² FPA S43913

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

Schedule

Real Estate – none –

Personal Estate – none except necessary clothing and bedding for myself and wife –

And I further declare that my occupation is that of a laborer and I have no other family except a Wife named Polly, aged upwards of 50 years and from the infirmities of age and being afflicted with the palsy I am unable to support myself and family without the been granted to me as aforesaid Except by public or private Charity.

S/ Edward Strickland, X his mark

Sworn to and declared on the 6th day of June 1820 before the Judges in open Court

State of New York Queens County: SS: On the 16th day of August in the year of our Lord 1820 before me James Denton one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Queens County, being a Court of Record, the said Court not being now in session, personally appeared Edward Strickland of the said County, and being by me duly sworn according to law doth depose and say, that he served about six years in the American Army during the Revolutionary War in Captain Campbell's Company in the first Virginia as State Regiment, commanded by Colonel Gibson. That the said Regiment was first raised as he understood was intended for that state service, but was shortly after inoculated at Alexandria, and put under the Continental establishment, and then proceeded and joined the main Army in Pennsylvania. That the first winter after joining the Army, he lay with his Regiment at Valley Forge and continued in the same Regiment and company and afterwards was taken prisoners under General Lincoln at Charleston and were there confined as prisoners of War on board the ship Royal George, until exchanged and was then afterwards at the capture of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] at Yorktown, in the same company and Regiment as above mentioned; in which he also continued to serve until the end of the war, when he was discharged at Williamsburg in the State of Virginia. That he was a private Soldier, and cannot say positively that he ever heard or knew the Christian name of his officers – they were usually called by the men Colonel Gibson and Captain Campbell, and if the Deponent ever had a knowledge of their Christian names, as it was not common to use their names in the ranks, and after a lapse of nearly forty years, they are now forgotten. The Deponent further says, that is an impression on his mind, that while in the Regiment he has seen the Quarter Masters return signed by Colonel "John Gibson" – his recollection of this circumstance is however very faint and he does not place much confidence in its correctness – And Deponent further says, that a Lieutenant Slaughter was attached to and belonged to their company, and who had been promoted from a Sergeant – but he does not remember his Christian name – And further he says, that there is no person here to his knowledge, who served in all belonged to the same Company or Regiment with him, nor does he know where any such person or persons are now to be found –

S/ Edward Strickland, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 17, 1818 for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]