

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Stron S4675

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State of Tennessee Hardin County: SS: On this the Seventeenth day of March in the year of our Lord 1834 personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices of our Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County now sitting Richard Stron a resident in Hardin County in the State of Tennessee aged seventy-two years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he was born in Chatham County State of North Carolina on the 27th day of March 1762 and continued to reside in said place before the Revolution and in this County entered the Service of the United States as a volunteer soldier for the term of three months in May 1779 under Lieutenant John Ragland, Captain William Dillard and Major John Nall – a few days after we rendezvoused we marched to Fayetteville North Carolina, here we joined General Decalbs [DeKalb's] Army after remaining here but a very short time the whole Army marched in a direction towards Camden South Carolina. On our way and before we got to Rudleys Mill [sic, Rugeley's Mail] we Joined General Gates Army then we marched to Rudleys Mill in South Carolina there encamped two days during this time General Marion came to us but staid but a short time. Some troops from Virginia also Joined us at this place. From Rudleys Mills the whole Army marched under the command of General Gates within about six miles of Camden where we met the British under the command of Lord Cornwallis. A severe Battle was fought between the two armies, but the Americans were defeated. This Battle is now known by the name of Gates defeat, this Battle was fought as well as he now recollects on the 16th day of August 1779 [1780]: and I was in the same a few days after this battle my term of three months expired so I returned home. I do not recollect whether I ever received a discharge or not if I did it is now destroyed

I again entered the service of the United States as a volunteer soldier in a Light horse Company in the year 1780 (the day and month when I entered not now recollected) in Chatham County North Carolina. This was about the time the British was marching through North

Carolina after the Battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] under Lieutenant John Kendrick and Captain William Gholson [William Goldston], this Company was raised for the purpose of marching through Chatham and the neighboring Counties to keep in subjection the Tories which was very numerous about this time. So we marched through Chatham Moore and Randolph Counties there we went to a place called the raft Swamps here we joined General Rutherford's Army then we marched under his command to Cape Fear River, here we had a skirmish with the Tories – my Lieutenant was wounded and my Captain was taken prisoner but he in a few days made his escape and again Joined us – at this place our Company left General Rutherford and marched back to Chatham here we Joined Colonel Maybours [Robert Mebane's] Regiment and marched to a place called Cain Creek [Cane Creek] in Chatham County, there we had a battle<sup>1</sup> with the Tories which I was in this battle was fought as well as he now recollects in August or September 1780 [1781] a few days after this my term of three months the time I volunteered for without so I went home. I do not Recollect whether I ever received any discharge or not if I did I presume it was signed by my Captain and is now lost or destroyed.

I remain[ed] at home but a few days when I again went out as a substitute for my Brother Stephen Stron who had volunteered for three months under Captain Alexander Clark, my Brother having served one of the time – I engaged to serve out the balance of his term which was not less than two months so I took his place in Chatham County so soon as [I] joined Captain Clark we marched through Moore County and Chatham for the purpose of keeping down the Tories which was doing all the mischief the possibly could at this time, in this way I served my Brothers time out. I do not recollect whether I ever received a discharge or not if I did it is now lost or destroyed – I have no Record of my age, but I recollect distinctly of hearing my parents often state when I was born. That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services. I continued to reside in Chatham County North Carolina twenty years after the War then I moved to Kentucky and lived there four years, then I moved to Georgia and lived there about four years then I moved to Alabama and lived there twelve years, then I moved to Tennessee where I have lived ever since – I Hereby Relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State. I am well acquainted with Parson Archilaus Walker, Parson James K Martin and Josiah Hurley all of my neighborhood they can testify as to my character for veracity and good behavior and their belief and the neighborhoods belief generally of my being a soldier of the Revolution. Given under my hand

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ John Houston, Clk

S/ Richard Stron, X his mark

[Archelaus Walker, a clergyman residing in McNairy County Tennessee and Josiah Hurley gave the standard supporting affidavit.

*Archelaus Walker*  
*Josiah Hurley*

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<sup>1</sup> The Battle of Lindley's Mill or Battle of Cane Creek September 13, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/lindleysmill.htm> and [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_lindleys\\_mill.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_lindleys_mill.html)

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$29.16 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 5 months service as a private in the infantry and 3 months service as a private in the cavalry of the North Carolina militia.]