

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Strain S4904

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State of Ohio County of Highland: SS

On this 7th day of April 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Highland and State of Ohio Samuel Strain a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged seventy years 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 at the time the British obtained possession of Charlestown South Carolina – he fled from that State and joined the American Troops as a volunteer and private in the militia Service in North Carolina under General McDowell [Charles McDowell] and Colonel Grimes [William Grimes] – in the month of July 1779. The first engagement he was in was with a part of Colonel Ferguson's Troops at a place called Thicketty¹ near Warfords Iron Works [Wofford's Iron Works] where his oldest Brother was Killed. Colonel __ Shelby [Isaac Shelby] (since Governor of Kentucky) was Chief and Command in the Engagement – he continued in the service fourteen months under different officers through three different states – to wit South Carolina North Carolina and Georgia – where he was engaged in several Skirmishes – At the time General Green [Nathanael Greene] besieged Ninety Six² he enlisted in the regular service as a private and joined the a Squadron of regular course composed of four Troops of twenty-five men each where he served ten months in that capacity and was discharged – his Captain was Richard Johnson – Major Fields Perdue [Field Pardue] – Colonel Samuel Hammon [Samuel Hammond] all his services under these two regiments were in the Horse – he served two other towers [tours] against the Cherokee & Creek Indians in the State of Georgia each tour included several weeks – The whole of his services amounted to upwards of two years – from the records in his Father's Bible he was born in Augusta County Virginia on the 11th day of August 1762 – from thence he emigrated to the

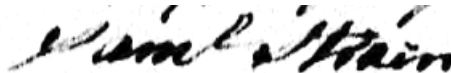
¹ July 26, 1780 http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_thicketty_fort.html

² May 21-June 19, 1781 http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ninety_six.html

district of Ninety Six in South Carolina – where his Father died when he was about three years old – and where he remained until the time he entered the service of the United States – he does not recollect of ever receiving a discharge if he did he has lost it – and he has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person whose Testimony he can procure who can Testify to his service – After the close of the revolutionary war he resided in the district of Ninety Six South Carolina – till about twenty-five years ago – when he removed to the County of Highland and State of Ohio – where he has resided to this day – he hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present – and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of Agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Attest: S/ Samuel Bell, Clk.

S/ Saml. Strain



[Samuel D Blythe, a clergyman, and Allen Trimble gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Questions by the Court

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer – I was born on the 11th day of August 1762 in the County of Augusta and State of Virginia –

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer – There is a record of my age in my Father's Bible now in the possession of my sister in the State of Indiana –

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer – I was living in the district of Ninety Six South Carolina when I volunteered into the service and after the war I resided in the same place till about 24 years ago when I removed to Highland County of Ohio where I now reside –

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer – Among the regular troops were Colonel Washington of the cavalry – General Morgan and General Greene of the militia General Pickens Colonel McCall Colonel Clarke of Georgia Colonel Grimes of North Carolina Colonel Shelby and General McDowell. The general nature of my service was scouting and skirmishing while in the militia – my Squadron to which I was attached were engaged in the battle of the Eutaws [Eutaw Springs] – I was not present having been left to take care of Major Pardue who had been wounded before in a skirmish –

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer – I do not recollect of ever receiving a discharge if I did I have lost it –

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer – Samuel D Blythe and Allen Trimble late Governor of this State –

4th Interrogatory (omitted by mistake) How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer – I entered the service as a volunteer. I never was a Substitute for any person

S/ Samuel Strain

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Attest: S/Samuel Bell, Clk

[fn p. 8: On April 12, 1855 in my claim County Illinois, filed a claim on behalf of Ben Franklin Strain, a minor child, of Samuel Strain, deceased, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that Samuel Strain died in Madison Township in Highland County Ohio April 29, 1845 leaving Nancy Strain; that Nancy Strain died May [illegible, looks like 71st] day of May 1846; that Ben Franklin Strain is the only minor child of said Samuel; that Ben Franklin Strain is 20 years of age since September 20, 1854; that his birth is shown in a family record which is now in the possession of the declarant who is the oldest full brother of the said Ben Franklin Strain.]

[facts in file: Samuel Strain and Nancy Johnson were married December 12, 1826 as reflected in the records of the Probate court in Highland County Ohio.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$88.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 10 months service as a private in the North Carolina cavalry and 14 months service in the North Carolina infantry, all in the militia service.]