

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Stroud S6166

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Virginia City of Williamsburg to wit.

On this 24th day of August 1832, personally appeared before may Henry Edloe Mayor of the City of Williamsburg William Stroud Senior a resident of said City and State aged eighty years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit him of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he does not recollect particularly the day, but he thinks that it was [indecipherable word or words] 12th day of September 1776 when he resided in York County in the State of Virginia, that he entered the service of the said State during the Revolutionary war as a member [?] of a militia company under the command of Captain John Gibbon and one of the company's accompanying the \_\_ Regiment of Virginia militia, commanded by Colonel \_\_ Griffin, but the number of which Regiment he does not recollect. That he was ordered to the Town of York in the said County where he was stationed from the said 12 September 1776 until the spring of 1777 following, when the members of the said company were permitted to visit their respective homes for the space of a month or six weeks, which he supposes was granted, and there was at that time a pressing demand for their services: That at the expiration of the time for which the said furlough was granted, he returned to the said Town of York and joined the said company under the command of the said Captain John Gibbon, at which place upon his return as before stated he remained for the space of about two years, when the said company was ordered 6 or 8 miles below the said Town of York to guard the Rivers of York and [indecipherable name]<sup>1</sup> and Back Creek, upon which the British were previously in the habit of pillaging the land lying on the said Rivers and Creek. That he never was engaged in any regular battle, but served in the said Company under the said Captain John Gibbon as above stated during which time he was stationed below York on the said rivers of York, Pocason [Possum?<sup>2</sup>] and Back Creek. He [one or more indecipherable words] the British Sloop of War *Bonoto* [?]<sup>3</sup> being in York River effected a landing on the Lands of Colonel Harwood, but from which they were driven to their boats with the loss of one of their men. That he served at York Town with two companies belonging to the

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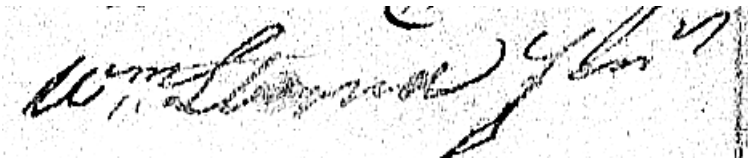
2 *Pocason*

3 *Bonoto*

Continental service, one of which was commanded by Captain Samuel Crawly and the other by Captain Gideon Johnson, but he does not remember any other company we she can't designate by its commander or any Continental Regiment, the number of which is known to him. That he never received any regular discharge from service, but that his discharge was effected in the manner following, that is to say during the latter part of August or the 1st of September 1781 when he was stationed at the latter place before mentioned Lord Cornwallis arrived at York Town, and by his proclamation requiring all persons who were under arms against the Government of Great Britain to surrender the same and received a parole of honor in consequence of which the said company to which he belonged together with all those between the said Town of York and Hampton came in and surrendered their arms and his services nor those of the said company were [indecipherable word] after that time required in consequence of the surrender of Cornwallis in the following October, and the declaration of peace which followed such surrender. That he has no documentary evidence by which he can support the foregoing statement, nor is there any person whose testimony he can procure who has any knowledge of his said services except Sarah Russell a very old and infirm female, who from her age and other serious inconveniences cannot attend before the proper tribunal. The said Sarah Russell living in the lower [?] part of York County about twenty miles from this place, but he hereto annexed is the deposition of the said witness taken before a Justice of the Peace for the County of York. That as he has before stated, he lived in the County of York when he was called into service; that after he was and until 1785 he resided in the said County after which time he came to live in the City of Williamsburg, and where he still resides.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any state.  
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Wm Stroud, Senior

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wm Stroud, Senior". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat stylized and slanted.

[William M. Moody and James Lee gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 26: Sarah Russell gave testimony in York County Virginia on August one, 1832 that she was born September 23, 1760; that she is well acquainted with William Stroud Senior; that he served in a militia company commanded by Captain John Gibbons from the year 1776 until the companies in York County surrendered to the Lord Cornwallis.]

[Facts in file: Veteran died September 6, 1836. There is no family data in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 4 years in the Virginia service.]