

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Martin Stough S7629

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State of North Carolina Cabarrus County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for Cabarrus County, begun & held at Concorde on the 15th day of October 1832 –

On this 15th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Cabarrus and State of North Carolina, now sitting, Martin Stough, a resident of the County of Cabarrus and State of North Carolina, aged seventy-eight years, in February last, 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 7, 1832 –

That he entered the service of the United States, under the following named officers – and served as herein stated – "I volunteered as a private in a company commanded by Captain Caleb Phifer, Lieutenant William Houston – which Company was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Phifer – General Griffith Rutherford or Rutherford was the commander in chief. I volunteered under these officers in the month of June (the date not recollected but I think it was the first part of the month) in the year 1776 for three months. I then lived, at the time I entered this service, in the County of Mecklenburg North Carolina, in that part of the County which is now called "Cabarrus" – I was marched under these officers, in the expedition against the Cherokee Indians, stopped one month at the Pleasant Gardens, now in Burke County North Carolina – We built a Fort there – we proceeded from that place over the mountains in North Carolina against the Cherokees. We destroyed their corn and had several small skirmishes with them – we were marched back to Mecklenburg County under the same officers – and I was discharged by Colonel John Phifer in the month of October the 8th or 10th day 1776 having served out full 4 months in this expedition. The reason that many of us served out four months instead of three months, the time for which we volunteered, was, that, after serving three months, we were needed one month more, and agreed to continue in service under the same officers for this month. I served therefore four months in this tour. I was again a volunteer, on the 15th day of January 1781 in Mecklenburg County North Carolina (in that part

now called "Cabarrus") in a company commanded by Captain Potts – Lieutenant Davis – Major Caruth [Carruth] – in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Loftin – I was a volunteer for three months in this service. I was marched over the Catawba River – and placed there under General Davidson, who was killed on the bank of the river at that time – We were then marched towards Guilford Court House North Carolina – under the same company officers – and Colonel Loftin – about three or four weeks before the battle of Guilford we were all placed under General Greene of the Regular Army. We marched on to near the battleground and camped on the night of the 14th of March 1781. Next morning the battle commenced regularly. I was in that battle on the 15th day of March 1781. After the battle, we remained attached to the main Army, about 2 or 3 weeks – And was discharged by Captain Potts – on the 10th day of April 1781 – Having served in this expedition three months. In the Battle I was under the same officers, with General Greene at their head, that I first volunteered with – Before this period, I was a volunteer for thirty days, in the County of Mecklenburg North Carolina in November 1780 – and served thirty days until some time (the date not recollected) in December 1780 when I was discharged by Captain Russell – was under Captain Russell – Major White – was in the skirmish on the main Road from Charlotte North Carolina to Salisbury in which George Locke<sup>1</sup> was killed. He was a young officer, grade not recollected, from Rowan County. I served thirty days in this tour – I was also a volunteer for thirty days in Mecklenburg from the middle of July 1780 – to the middle of August 1780 – under Captain Maxwell Lieutenant Frederick Phifer – Major White, General Rutherford – served out the 30 days – and was discharged by Captain Maxwell – About the time of Gates defeat – I served in all nine months – (besides being a minute man in the interim between the several tours) – I have lost or mislaid all my discharges not believing it necessary to preserve them – I was born in the month of February 1754 in the State of Pennsylvania about eight miles from Reddington. I do not recollect the day of my birth – having lost the record of our ages (the family record) in coming to North Carolina – moved from Pennsylvania to Mecklenburg County – in the part now called Cabarrus – lived here during the Revolution and ever since, always in the same neighborhood. I was always a volunteer in the service. I have no documentary evidence of my service. I refer to Isaac Blackwelder<sup>2</sup> to prove my service in the Cherokee expedition and to Guilford – and to General Paul Barringer<sup>3</sup> and to Christopher Melcher – for testimony as to my character and the reputation of service. As to the other [words written over and illegible] of my service I know of no living witness to prove the same. 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.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Martin Stough, X his mark

Questions propounded by the Court to Martin Stough

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. – In the State of Pennsylvania – near Reddington – in February 1754

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

Ans. – I have none now, having lost the family record.

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

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<sup>1</sup> Lt. George Locke, son of Col. Matthew Locke, was killed September 26, 1780, in the engagement leading up to the British occupation of Charlotte, NC. [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_charlotte.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_charlotte.html)

<sup>2</sup> [Isaac Blackwelder S6660](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Paul Barringer R564](#)

Ans. Always where I now live, in Cabarrus (then Mecklenburg)

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans. I was always a volunteer

5<sup>th</sup> 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.

Ans. I fought under Captain general Rutherford against the Cherokee Indians – and under General Green at the battle of Guilford. I knew General Green – I crossed the Catawba when General Davidson was killed – I was also for some time engaged as a minute man, in various skirmishes with Tories.

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

Ans. I was always regularly discharged first by Colonel John Phifer – then by Captain Pots – then by Captain Russell – then by Captain Maxwell – they are all lost – or mislaid – or destroyed.

7<sup>th</sup> 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.

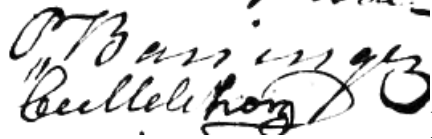
Ans. General Paul Barringer and Christopher Melcher Esquire  
Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Martin Stough, X his mark

I, Isaac Blackwelder, of the County of Cabarrus North Carolina hereby certify and declare on oath that Martin Stough was a soldier in the expedition against the Cherokee Indians – I was with him – We volunteered in the month of June 1776 and served three months – some of the soldiers, were continued in service for four months – Martin Stough served four months – We were under Colonel Phifer – and General Rutherford and were discharged in October 1776.



[Paul Barringer and Christopher Melcher gave the standard supporting affidavit.



[The attesting chairman of the court certified that it appeared to the court that there was no clergyman in the neighborhood of the veteran whose certificate could be procured on his behalf.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]