

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Strother S7635

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Virginia Prince William County to with

On this 20th day of October 1818 before me the Subscriber one of the judges of the General Court in the State aforesaid personally appeared Benjamin Strother aged 63 years resident in the County of Prince William in the said State being one of the Counties in my Judicial Circuit who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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:" That he the said Benjamin Strother enlisted in January 1777 in the County of Culpeper in the State aforesaid in the Company commanded by Captain Jno. Gillison [John Gillison] of the Virginia Troops 10th Regiment commanded by Colonel Edward Stevens in the Continental Establishment: That he continued to serve in the said Court or in the Service of the United States until the year 1780, when he was discharged from Service in the State of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia. That he was in the Battles of Monmouth [June 28, 1778], & Brandywine [September 11, 1777]; and that he is in reduced Circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support, and that he has evidence now in his power of his said Services.

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Wm A. G. Dade

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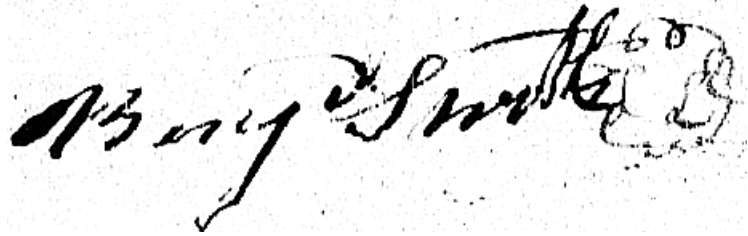
I further certify that the above named Benjamin Strother exhibited to me a Certificate under the seal of the Department of War by which it appears that by an act of Congress passed the 27th of April 1810 he was placed on the pension list of the United States at the rate of \$3.73 per month commencing on the 5th day of October 1807 [last digit runs off the page and is unclear] which pension and he declares himself willing & ready to relinquish on his receiving a Certificate of Pension under the Act of Congress mentioned in his declaration – witness my hand the day & year above.

S/ Wm A. G. Dade

I Benjamin Strother of Prince William County to relinquish and [indecipherable word] all benefit and advantage of a Pension to which I am now entitled under a special Act of Congress as a wounded Soldier of the Revolution, which Pension amounts to \$64 per annum, upon condition that I shall receive a Certificate for a Pension for \$96 per annum under the late act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" – For which latter Pension I am now a Petitioner – Witness my

hand & seal this 20 of October 1818.

S/ Benj. Strother

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Benjamin Strother". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent "B" at the start and a "y" at the end. There is a circular mark or seal to the right of the signature.

Virginia County Court of Prince William to wit

On this sixth day of November 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the County aforesaid Benjamin Strother aged about sixty-six years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820 – that he the said Benjamin Strother enlisted for the term of three years on the __ day of __ in the year 1776 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain John Gillison in the 10th Virginia Regiment commanded at that time by Colonel Edward Stevens in the line of the State of Virginia on Continental establishment. That he continued to serve more than two years in that Regiment and before the expiration of his term of service in said Regiment he enlisted for and during the War in Lee's Legion. In that Legion he served two campaigns, being rather more than eighteen months, until he was disabled by a fall from his horse, when he was discharged by the said Lee at Burlington in New Jersey, and obtained a written discharge which he has lost. That besides several skirmishes he was in the general engagements of Monmouth and Germantown [October 4, 1777] and that there are evidences of these matters amongst the records of the War Office filed when he obtained formally a pension as a disabled soldier and more recently and increased pension under the act of Congress of 18th of March 1818 to which he begs leave to refer –

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, 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 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 – I also declare that although a House-joiner [?] by Trade, I am, from age and infirmity, unable to pursue it, and that I have residing with me besides my wife, who is more that 45 years old, the following children of the ages annexed to their names viz.: James aged about 17 – George about 14 – Mary about 12 – Elizabeth about 10 – and Kitty about 8 – of whom I derived a little assistance in my [indecipherable word or words] labors from the two first and the others are expensive [?] to me.

S/ Benj. Strother

Schedule of the Property of the above named Benjamin Strother by him in open Court subscribed & sworn to.

124 acres of poor land nearly worn out, court & nearly [indecipherable word]
of wood and with no buildings but log cabins

\$124

three head of old horses	60
8 head of horned cattle \$30 14 head of Sheep \$12	42
15 head of hogs \$10 one [indecipherable] & two [indecipherable] tables \$5	15
3 chairs \$4 six chairs \$1 spinning wheels \$3	8
1 loom \$1 3 dishes & 18 plates delf \$1	2
1 bason 5 bowls 7 knives & forks 3 jugs	1
1 trunk 25 one old [indecipherable] wheat fork 3	3.25
5 common ploughs & gear 6 hoes five axes	5
1 Cart old 5 , 4 [indecipherable] 75 1 oven 50 9 tubs 1 grindstone	8.25
1 drawing knife 2 chissels 2 wedges 1 frow	1
2 old saddles, 1 [indecipherable] 2 2 syths & [indecipherable] 1 fork adz 25	3.25
1 griddle	.25
	<u>\$206.00</u>
	<u>67.00</u>
	<u>\$273.00</u>

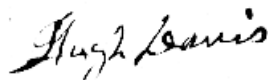
Prince William County Virginia

This day personally appeared before me James Foster a justice of the peace in & for the aforesaid County Hugh Davis¹ of said County aged seventy-four years who being first duly sworn according to law, States on his Oath, that in the year 1779 he was a soldier in Lee's Troop or Legion then in the State of Jersey near Trenton, and that he saw and knew Benjamin Strother who was also a soldier in said troop or Legion, and that he well recollects said Strother was disabled in said service by a fall from his horse, in which his shoulder was broken or dislocated so as to deprive him of the use of his arm – Said Strother is an invalid from said wound to this day. He has no hesitation in saying it was his confident belief that said Strother was enlisted in said troop for and during the War, as he well knows Lee enlisted no troops at that time for any other term of time.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of March 1833

S/ James Foster

S/ Hugh Davis



[f p. 13: On August 9, 1845 in Fauquier County Virginia, Sarah Strother, widow of Benjamin Strother, a pensioner of the United States petitioned the Commissioner of Pensions for the arrears due her husband up to the time of his death.]

[Facts in file: The veteran died December 25, 1834.]

[f p. 44: Administration of the estate of Benjamin Strother was granted August 25, 1834 to William Strother and Fauquier County Virginia.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing October 28, 1818, for service as a Dragoon for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line. He was struck from the pension list on account of property under the 1820 act and was again pensioned in the amount of \$90.04

¹ FPA S10136

commencing March 4th, 1831 for service of 12 months 7 days in the cavalry and 11 months 23 days in the Infantry service of the state of Virginia under the 1832 act.]