

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of William Strayhorn S7650
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North Carolina, Orange County

On this the 30th day of August 1832, Personally appeared before the County Court of Orange County William Strayhorn, a resident of said County, aged 76 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the Army of the revolution under Captain James Carrington in Orange County in 1777 or 1778 for a tour of six months as a substitute for his brother John Strayhorn who had been drafted. General Butler and Captain James Carrington were two of the officers the others not recollected. The Troops left Orange County in the Spring of the year, and passed on by our route through Salisbury, Charlotte and thence on towards Charleston South Carolina, leaving Charleston as this applicant believes 20 or 30 miles to the left. After this declarant reached South Carolina, they joined the Army under the command of General Lincoln and he was present in the battle of Stono River,¹ about 30 miles from Charleston, in which Lincoln was victorious, he was in no other engagement in this tour, was discharged in South Carolina and returned home having received no certificate as he recollects – his tour having expired.

That some time after his return from the South he again entered the service as a volunteer, for a tour of three months against the Tories, under Captain Allen in Orange County, the precise time of entering the service he cannot remember. Joseph Young was a lieutenant. In this tour he was out at least two months in actual service – he was at the engagement at Kirk's² in Orange where he was wounded in the face and several places in the body. Here also Allen was wounded and Young killed and the party to which this applicant belonged were routed. Captain William Duglass [sic, William Douglass or Douglas?] collected the remainder of the company together again.

This declarant was also in other expeditions against the Tories, but at this day he cannot reduce a time to any satisfactory period. He has no other proof of his services than the testimony of persons who served with him among whom was Alexander Gattis³ having no artifacts of service. He was born in the County of Orange in 4 miles of Hillsboro and has lived there ever since.

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.

1 The Battle of Stono Ferry occurred on June 20, 1779. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/stonoferry.htm>

2 The skirmish at Lewis Kirk's farm occurred on September 12, 1781.

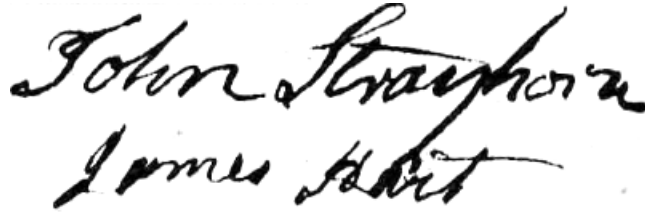
3 FPA W688

Subscribed & sworn to, the day & year aforesaid. S/ Wm Strayhorn, X his mark
S/ J. Taylor, Clk

James Hart⁴ & John Strayhorn⁵ make oath that they have lived since their childhood in the immediate neighborhood of William Strayhorn the above applicant – that they remember well that he was engaged in the service for the terms he has mentioned as well as other occasions. The said John Strayhorn being the person for whom he became a substitute. The said heart being 75 and the said John Strayhorn being 78 years of age.

S/ John Strayhorn

S/ James Hart

The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive ink. The top signature is 'John Strayhorn' and the bottom signature is 'James Hart'. Both signatures are written in a fluid, cursive style.

State of North Carolina, Orange County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions May Term 1833

Personally appeared in open Court on this 31st day of May 1833 William Strayhorn aged about 76 years, a resident of orange County, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, supplementary to his former declaration made at the August Term of this Court 1832 in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That by reason of his age and decay of memory, he cannot now state the day or year when he entered the service in his first Tour as a substitute for John Strayhorn for a Tour of six months, but can state distinctly that during this Tour he was under the command of General Butler at the Battle of Stono in South Carolina which he is informed and believes took place in May 1779 and he remembers well General Lincoln, Butler, Mason, Colonel Pulaski, Malmedy, Henderson and others and That he served the full Tour of six months according to his engagement, and was regularly discharged near Stono but received no written discharge, and that in this Tour he served as a private in Captain Carrington's company.

That his next Tour for three months was served under Captain Abraham Allen & Lieutenant Young and took place in the year 1781, in this Tour he entered as a Volunteer and was on the 10th September 1781 at the Battle at Kirks, with the Tories, under a Captain Richard Edwards, who was killed in the battle, Lieutenant Young who was in command over this declarant was also killed and Captain Allen was wounded.

That he entered the Service again in the latter part of the year 1781 or first of 1782 under Captain William Douglass against the Tories under Colonel Fanning and was in a severe skirmish with the Tories at Cox's Mill⁶ on Deep River and served in this Two or three weeks. He served in his first Tour six months. In his second Tour three months, in his third Tour three weeks.

To the interrogatories prescribed by the War department, he makes the following answers, to wit--

To the first, he answers, that he was Born in Orange County North Carolina about the year 1756.

To the Second – he has no record of his age, but derives his information from a record of his brother John Strayhorn's age, which states him to have been born in 1754 and he has always been informed that he was two years younger than John.

To the third, he say as he was born in Orange lived there when he entered the service and has lived

4 FPA S9555

5 [John Strayhorn S7655](#)

6 The skirmish with Fanning at Cox's Mill occurred on July 30, 1781.

there ever since.

To the fourth – He entered for six months as a substitute for John Strayhorn, and volunteered for both the other terms.

To the fifth, he remembers Generals Lincoln, Mason, Butler and Colonels Pulaski, Henderson, Malmedy, Major Donoho, he remembers the regulars under Lincoln. The Virginia Militia under Mason, the North Carolinians under Butler, the legion under Pulaski --

To the sixth, he had no written discharge.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day & year above. S/ Wm Strayhorn, X his mark
S/ J. Taylor, Clk

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Alexander Gattis a soldier of the revolution aged 72 last of January, being duly sworn in open court, maketh oath that he entered the Service of the United States as a volunteer in the revolutionary war and Orange County under Captain Abraham Allen for three months and that he knew William Strayhorn as a private under Captain Allen and the said service, and that the said William Strayhorn he then knew you is the above declarant. He has known him ever Sampson, and that he served out his tour according to his engagement.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day & year above. S/ Alexander Gattis
S/ J. Taylor, Clk

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alexander Gattis". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized script.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 8 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]