

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements](#)

Pension application of John Strayhorn S7655
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State of North Carolina, County of Orange

On this the 25th day of May 1842, personally appeared before the undersigned, one of the Acting Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the aforesaid County John Strayhorn, a resident of New Hope, in said County of Orange, aged 87 years, who being first duly qualified 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.

1. The Declarant states upon his said oath, that some time in the Summer of 1781, there was a call for militia man to serve the United States against the Common enemy, a tour of three months duty, when this Declarant Volunteered, for said tour, and entered the service on or about the 1st of July, of said year, and was attached to Abraham Allen's Company, were stationed for some time in the Town of Hillsboro – Farmer was Colonel: -- and in the said tour was in the battle of Kirks Lane were marched South and stationed some time at Pittsboro – at the expiration of said three months tour were disbanded by Captain Douglass and returned home.

In this tour this Declarant was at some other stations South, but does not now remember them well enough to detail. This Declarant served all of said tour as a private of Infantry and at the expiration thereof, received a discharge, but what became of said discharge this declarant does not know.

That in said tour, this Declarant was in a legally organized Corps and called into Service by Competent Authority, this tour is proved by Alexander Gattis¹ Esq. whose affidavit is hereto annexed.

2. The Declarant, the aforesaid John Strayhorn, further sets forth upon his said oath that in the latter part of the winter of 1781, '82, there was a draft for militia men to serve the United States a tour of three months, when this Declarant was drafted to serve said three months.

The object of the draft was to raise troops to guard the Town of Hillsboro.

The tour commenced, as well as this Declarant now remembers on or about the first day of February of said year, 1782. Richards was Captain first of this tour, (as well as this declarant now remembers) and Captain Perill, had Command of said company, latter part of the tour – Farmer was Colonel and John Estes pay master for the troops during this tour; at the expiration of said three months

1 [Alexander Gattis W688](#)

tour, he was discharged in said town of Hillsboro by Captain Perill (he thinks) and returned home.

That he does not now know what has become of said discharge. That in said tour at this Declarant was in a regularly organized Corps, and called into Service by the Competent Authority.

This tour, this Declarant proves by the affiant James Riggs,² whose affidavit is hereto annexed.

3rd This Declarant further states upon his said oath, that, in the Spring of 1781, he volunteered to do service for the United States, a three months tour of duty, but was ordered to take charge of a wagon and team, for the Army aforesaid tour, which he did, and in the capacity of Teamster, served all of said three months tour except about two weeks, but cannot find anyone now living that was in the said tour with him.

Mr. Aaron Hunter knows that this Declarant was in the Service as Teamster, but not having served with him – he understands Mr. Hunter's evidence will not be competent, he however subjoins it.

This Declarant therefore only claims a pension for two tours of duty of three months each, as a private of Infantry in the United States Service during the said war of the Revolution, relinquishing his claim to that in the Spring of 1781, as "Teamster."

This Declarant would here state that about six years ago, he commenced searching for proof of his revolutionary Services, but could meet with no one but that of Alexander Gattis who was knowing of this Declarant's having served three months, under Captain Allen; nor was he enabled to find any further testimony till the present Spring, when he obtained the evidence of James Riggs Pensioner, of the aforesaid County; this Declarant till recently did not know the evidence of said Riggs or that he was living yet or he would have applied for his pension earlier.

That he was born in Orange County aforesaid on the 3rd day of August 1754

That he was living in New Hope in said County when called into Service.

That he volunteered & was drafted.

That he knew Colonel Mebane, Colonel Lytle, Colonel Farmer, General Butler and others.

That he is known in his neighborhood to Dr. James Webb, Dr. J. S. Smith and others.

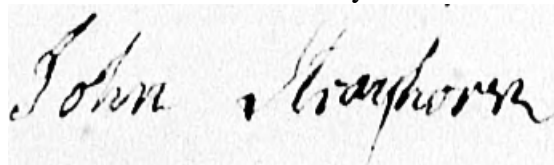
This Declarant further states that from old age and bodily infirmity is unable to attend Court to make this Declaration.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a annuity or pension, 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 & year aforesaid before me.

S/ Saml. Strayhorn, JP

S/ John Strayhorn



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State of North Carolina, Orange County

On this the 24th day of May 1842, personally appeared before the undersigned one of the Justices of the Peace in and for said County, James Riggs, pensioner, resident of said County aged 82 years, who being first duly qualified according to law deposes and saith, that, in the spring of the year 1782 there was a draft for three months militia men when this affiant substituted for said Tour in the room of Andrew Collins, who was drafted to serve said tour. Richards was Captain part of the tour and Perill part of the tour. This affiant served all the said tour – and remembers that John Strayhorn of New Hope, in the aforesaid County, did as a private of Infantry Serve all of said three months tour, in guarding the Town of Hillsboro in said County – and further this deponent saith not.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and date, first above written before me.

2 [James Riggs S9068](#)

S/ Kane Barea,[?] JP

S/ James Riggs, X his mark

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State of North Carolina, Orange County

On this the 10th day of May 1842, personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, Alexander Gattis, a resident of Orange aforesaid, in the 81st year of his age, who being duly qualified according to law, maketh oath that, in the war of the revolution he served the United States a militia Tour of duty of three months duration in Captain Abram Allen's Company, in the year of 1781 and that in said tour this affiant remembers that John Strayhorn a resident of New Hope, in said County of Orange, was a private of infantry, and all of said three months tour under Captain Abram Allen aforesaid.

And further, this deponent saith not.

Sworn and subscribed the day and date first above written before me.

S/ C. W. Johnston, JP

S/ A. Gattis

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "A Gattis". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name "S/ A. Gattis".

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Mr. Hunter says that he knows that Mr. John Strayhorn Senior was in the Service with his wagon and horse for some [indecipherable word] of time but not recollected but was gone a long time from the time he started out the time he came back nothing more recollected sworn to before me – one of the Justices of the peace in and for the County of Orange.

S/ Aaron Hunter, X his mark

S/ K. Pratt, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]