

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Lot Stricklin S7657  
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State of North Carolina, Richmond County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions begun and held in the Town of Rockingham in the County of Richmond on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832

On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, personally appeared in open Court, Lot Stricklin a resident of the said County & State aged 73 years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth make on his oath the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7 June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the command of General Rutherford in the year 1776 in a tour of four months or thereabouts against the Cherokee Indians in which he served under Colonel David Love in the Company commanded by Captain William Hoye of which Edward Davidson was Lieutenant. That some considerable time (the precise length of which he cannot now ascertain) after the return of Captain Hoye's Company from the said expedition against the Cherokees the Tories were assembling in different places & that he served against them in several expeditions under the command of Captain William Hunter who commanded the militia beat company to which he belonged & that he the said Stricklin & others, not liking the movements of the said Captain Hunter, determined to form a Volunteer Company to serve during the War. That a Volunteer Company was formed accordingly & Captain Stephen Cole was appointed to the command thereof & that he served under the immediate command of the said Captain Cole & under Colonels Wade, Donaldson & Crawford in various tours against the British & Tories, in the Counties of Anson, Richmond, Moore, Cumberland, Bladen and Robeson in the State of North [Carolina] & in Marlborough & Chesterfield Districts in the State of South Carolina. That in him these tours they were employed in watching the movements of the Enemy & conveying intelligence to the American Troops & in providing supplies of provisions for the Troops & Armies of the United States under the command of Generals Gates & Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], that the said company was employed in driving Beef Cattle & were actually on the way, at Hailey's ferry on the Pedee River, with a drove of Beef Cattle, for the use of General Gates' Army at the time that General was defeated at Camden. That he was made prisoner by the Tories under the command of Abner Williams a Tory Captain & carried over the Pedee River to Mount Pleasant then the County seat of Anson County North Carolina where the British officer in command, a Major McCarty as the said Stricklin believes, compelled him to take a protection, but that in about 10 days thereafter he was again in arms against the Tories. This was about the last of June or first of July 1780 between the time of the capture of Charleston & the defeat of General Gates at Camden. That he cannot ascertain the precise length of time that he served in all, but that from the time he entered the Volunteer Company of the said

Captain Cole as a minute man, which was in the latter part of the year 1778 or early part of 1779, he held himself constantly in readiness for service & actually was in service serving the greater part of the time from that period to the end of the war. That 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 & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. That he knows that he served more than two years, he thinks in all about three years, that if ever the received discharges he has lost them.

S/ Lot Stricklin



[M. D. Crawford, a clergyman, and Elias Sinclair gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Interrogatories by the court

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

Answer – In Johnson [sic, Johnston] County, NC1759

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

My age is in my family Bible at home

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?

I lived when called into service in the County of Anson (now Richmond County) a few months since in the State of Tennessee and now live in Richmond County where I have lived ever since & in that neighborhood

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?

In the first of my Services in 1776 in the Indian War I was drafted, afterwards I was 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.

Answer – I was not immediately under any regular officers, I was engaged at times in providing provisions for General Gates' Army and also for General Greene's Army, I think I was with Colonel Harris who if I recollect belonged to General Greene's Army, was also if General Harrington of the North Carolina Militia, as to the General circumstances of my services I recollect no other particulars than those set forth in my declaration

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?

I never received any discharge as I recollect

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.

Answer – Walker Leak Senior,<sup>1</sup> John McAlister,<sup>2</sup> William Crawford and every man in my settlement.

State of North Carolina, Richmond County

This day John McAlister came before me Hector Graham one of the Justices of the Peace of said County, & being duly sworn on the Gospel of God; deposes and saith, that he lived in the same neighborhood, that Lot Stricklin lived in, perhaps not more than 4 or 5 miles apart, that he knows that said Lot Stricklin, was a Whig, that he Stricklin was one of Captain Stephen Cole's Company, of Volunteer light Horse, for Cole's company were all of Volunteers, and that he saw said Stricklin often,

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1 [Walter Leak S7136](#)

2 [John McAlister W1887](#)

with said Captain Cole & particularly, when they met or joined Captain William Wall's Company, of light Horse, a part of which company were also Volunteers – for he himself was a Volunteer in Wall's Company, & some of them Wall's Man were called into Service by draft, or otherwise, & served for perhaps, three months That this deponent knows that, the aforesaid Lot Stricklin served constantly, in the light Horse under Captain Cole, from the term that he Cole was appointed Captain & afterwards, & he thinks before, the whole of the year 1780 & 1781 & upwards of the year 1782 this deponent believes that Lot Stricklin served his country as a faithful soldier scouring the Country in pursuit of Tories, whilst the British were in South Carolina, & at Wilmington North Carolina, & after they left Wilmington for there was constant search made after a Colonel Fanning who commanded the Tories, after the British left North Carolina, and that by the light Horse of Richmond County, & he further believes that the British & Tories would have taken possession of this part of the Country, if it were not for the watchfulness & exertion of the Volunteer companies of the light Horse of Richmond County, & others, & still the Tories went to Hillsborough North Carolina, & took the Governor of the State, Mr. Burke, & others prisoners, to Wilmington and this deponent further saith not, Sworn to and signed before me the 16<sup>th</sup> of December 1835.

S/ H. Graham, JP

S/ J Macalister

State of North Carolina, Richmond County: This day Walter Leak Sr came before me John Macalister one of the Justices of the peace of said County and after being Sworn on the Gospel of God deposeth and saith that he believes that in the year 1775 Lot Stricklin of said County went & served with Captain Hoye & Davidson three or four months after the Indians that he remembers seeing said Stricklin that his Father's house on his return home from serving the aforesaid that he knew him before & after that time & until the present & that he knew him the said Stricklin to be a Whig & that he saw him several times in the light Horse of Richmond County and some of the Revolutionary War that he also believes that said Stricklin stated the truth or means to do so in his declaration for the obtaining of a Pension from Government for his Services in the War aforesaid. That this deponent believes that he served in a Volunteer Company of light Horse commanded by Stephen Cole & William Wall captains of the light Horse Richmond County, while the British were in South Carolina & Wilmington North Carolina & perhaps after the British left Wilmington in North Carolina that the troublesome times commenced before Gates' defeat & continued until Lord Cornwallis was taken & some time after before there was any change in the times but a constant struggle between the Whigs & Tories & this deponent further says not Sworn to & Signed before me the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November 1835.

S/ J. Macalister, JP

S/ Walter Leak

State of Tennessee, Robertson County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Stephen Cole<sup>3</sup> a Citizen of the County and State aforesaid aged 78 years past who being first sworn upon the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God did depose and say as follows to wit

Question, are you acquainted with Lott Stricklin of the County of Richmond State of North Carolina if so what do you know of him and of his services in the Revolutionary War

Answer I am well acquainted with Lott Stricklin of the County and State above alluded to who is about my own the age and I was well acquainted with him in the Revolutionary War he served under myself as Captain, was one of my soldiers and as to the precise time of his service I cannot by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory and from the long lapse of time, state precisely but this much I can state in the most absolute [terms] that he did serve more than two years, for he served in the same length of time I did myself, and reference to my Declaration on file at the War Office will give a more minute definition of the time than my memory at this advanced age would Justify but as above I now

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3 [Stephen Cole S3176](#)

again state beyond any doubt whatever that he served for more than two years as a private soldier and that faithfully too and further he is a respectable man and of undoubted veracity, the reason I give a reference to my declaration is, I was then alive to the subject and had whitted up my recollection and had brought the subject to be bear more clear and distinct, than I could at present and further this Deponent saith not.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August 1838 S/ Stephen Cole  
Test: S/ William Haley, JP

State of Tennessee, Robertson County Or Pleas and Order Sessions August Term 1832

Personally appeared Stephen Cole a Citizen of the County and State aforesaid in open Court who being first duly sworn deposes and saith that he is in his 73<sup>rd</sup> year of his age that during the revolutionary war he was a resident of Anson County State of North Carolina, that he was well acquainted with Mr. Lott Stricklin who was then a resident of the County of Anson and State of North Carolina, now a resident of Richmond County in North Carolina, thence said Stricklin was called into the service under Captain William Hoye, Edward Davidson Lieutenant under Col. David Love, Thomas Crawford Adjutant, said Stricklin & myself were called in to the service together and served under the aforesaid officers the tour was to be a three months route but we served four months in the year 1776 or thereabouts under the command of General Rutherford, sometime after this time I cannot say in the positive, the said Stricklin volunteered and held himself as a minute man and served his Country as a soldier faithfully at different calls and routes against the Tories and enemies of the Country I served some time in the capacity of Captain of a volunteer Company in reconnoitering the Country spying the movements of the enemy procuring provisions for the Army and giving intelligence of the movements of the enemy and whenever we would fall in with any part of the Main or standing Army we would be commanded by our superior officers & hold ourselves subject to their orders and obeyed them in detached routes & said Stricklin served as a soldier under me in the expeditions in all these little detailed routes and said Stricklin continued a volunteer & minute man subject to all legal calls and obeyed all calls and served faithfully at all times and that all calls during the war until peace was made & served faithfully and punctually & resolutely in the faithful discharge of the duties enjoined upon him & further this deponent saith not.

Sworn to in open Court.

S/ Stephen Cole

State of North Carolina, Richmond County

This day personally appeared before me the Erasmus Love a Justice of the Peace for the County of Richmond & State aforesaid Lot Stricklin, a soldier of the revolution, who being duly sworn upon the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, deposeth & sayeth as follows That in the latter part of 1775 or in 1776 he was drafted and went under Captain William Hoie [sic, Hoy or Hoye] into the Western part of North Carolina in pursuit of the Cherokee Indians who had become troublesome, that he was commanded in person by General Rutherford and actually served four months lacking four days after which he returned to Anson County and in the Summer of 1777 (he thinks) he was called on by Captain William Hunter a Militia Captain and volunteered his services for the purpose of suppressing or capturing the Tories who were quite numerous in the Counties of Anson Montgomery & Moore Counties that he is confident that he served with Captain Hunter three months & he honestly believes a longer time that in the last of 1778 or first of 1779 Stephen Cole got the appointment of Captain commissioned by Governor Caswell whose Lieutenant was Israel Medlock & Ensign was John Hunt, that he again volunteered as a minute man under Captain Cole for during the war & knows that he served at different intervals at least 18 months, more he believes but will fix on that time for greater certainty Lot Stricklin this affiant further states that he has made the above declaration in consequence of a letter which he received from the Pension Office informing him that his name had been stricken off the Pension Roll, for the reason alleged by the Agent that he had only proved three months service and

for the further reason given by the Department that the Bar [?] of his Service was not under the Authority of the State of North Carolina, but was simply in harassing & pursuing Tories. This affiant states that at this Distance in Time, he cannot say how or by what authority the officers Captain Hunter and Captain Cole were called out, , or by whom But he does he irrepressibly undertake to say that he served as before stated & that he never before heard it even conjectured that he was not regularly acting in obedience to & under the laws of the State. He admits that the Militia of North Carolina were generally called out for three months yet at the same time he positively avers that the minute men were held in constant readiness & with short intervals constantly engaged and that but for the Service of the minute men that this Section of North Carolina would have been overrun by the Tories.

Lot Stricklin further states that his Captain Stephen Cole now living in the State of Tennessee, is at this time drawing a Pension for the Same service performed at the same time & under the same authority and he does distinctly swear that let the time the long or short – he served with his Captain the whole time his Captain was in service that he knows Stephen Cole to be a man of undoubted veracity & he refers to his Captain's declaration for his on services for he is now old & infirm of bad memory.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 1835.

S/ E. Love, JP

S/ Lot Stricklin

State of North Carolina, Richmond County

Lot Stricklin of said County of a Pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$40 per annum, knowing that he actually served his country faithfully in the Revolutionary war more than two years, and wishing to satisfy the War Department of this fact, & thus have justice done him, this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June A.D. 1836, personally appeared before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace in & for said County and being duly sworn upon the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, deposeth & saith: That in the year 1776 he served four months last four days, under Captain Hoye, Rutherford General, in an expedition against the Indians in the Western part of North Carolina; that in the winter of '77 – '78 he served under Captain Hunter a tour of three months against the Tories in the Counties of Anson, Cumberland & Robeson North Carolina, that sometime after this, not liking the movements of said Hunter, many of his men concluded to form a Volunteer Company to serve during the war, which was accordingly done & Stephen Cole was commissioned Captain thereof, by his Excellency, Governor Caswell, which he thinks was in the latter part of 78 or early in 79, and for this service he furnished at his only expense, his horse, bridle, saddle, sword & gun, that short time after organizing &c Captain Cole's Company, under General Harrington, marched from Pedee River to Cross Creek (now Fayetteville N. C.) and after going some distance down the Cape Fear River in the direction of Wilmington N. C. said Stricklin & John Cole, a brother of Captain Cole, were sent with dispatches to Colonel Donaldson & Captain Fair, of the Whig service, whom they found in South Carolina, & returned, joined their company & marched back to Pedee, being engaged in this service three months or more: that they marched to Cakey's [?] Bridge on Drowning Creek, where they had understood was stationed a party of Tories, & finding none, proceeded down said Creek into the County of Robeson & scouring the Country pretty thoroughly returned to the Pedee, making one months service at least; that immediately upon reaching Pedee they were informed that a small party of Tories under Colonel Fanning, availing themselves of the absence of Captain Cole's Company, had made a descent upon that section and were then a few miles above them; upon which they pushed up the River, but Fanning, as he supposes, by some means being informed of their return and approach, fled: pursuit was made & continued near to their stronghold on Deep River, when it was abandoned, & said Stricklin & Cole's Company returned circuitously through the counties above Moore & Cumberland, being out this time about three weeks. After this Captain Cole, upon some business, went over into East Tennessee upon Nolichucky, placing his men under the command of said Stricklin & was gone as said Stricklin believes about two months, during which time he was engaged in routing & chasing the Tories taking some prisoners & making good Whigs of many of them, among whom he begs to name a certain Hugh

McDonald,<sup>4</sup> now dead, but for many years a Pensioner of the United States for services afterwards rendered. After Captain Cole's return, he resumed the command and they scoured the counties of Anson, Robeson, Moore & Cumberland & Bladen N. C. & Marlborough & Chesterfield District S. C. sometimes joining & going under the Command of Colonels Donaldson, Wade and Crawford until the summer of 80, making at least four months of actual service during these different routes, which is, he feels confident, placing it under the real time. In the summer of 80 he was engaged as heretofore stated against the Tories sometimes touching at home for a day or two, until he was made prisoner by the Tories under Captain Abner Williams & compelled to take Protection under the British at Mount Pleasant, Anson County, but in a short time he absorbed himself from such obligation & again shouldered his gun in defense of his Country. He was on his way with a drove of Beef Cattle to the Army of General Gates at the time of his Defeat at Camden S. C. He made several excursions against the Tories into the Counties of Cumberland, Robeson & what is now Richmond County and was engaged in getting beeves &c for General Greene's Army in which time, making this relation to extend down to the spring of 81, he is certain he must have been constantly engaged including the short time of his capture, 5 or 6 months: he afterwards (he thinks afterwards perhaps sometime) made two trips with, perhaps, a month or two intervening (in which time he was engaged as heretofore stated against the Tories &c to a place called "Ninety Six" in S. C., one of which was about six weeks, and the other one month. He was afterwards engaged in procuring provisions for Greene's Army conveying intelligence, excursions against the Tories &c, until the Battle at Eutaw Springs S. C., which he feels assured embraces in actual service of five months. After this he served as heretofore, until the close of the War, which lasted in this section long after the surrender of Cornwallis & the evacuation of Wilmington N. C. but from old age & the loss of memory he cannot give a detailed account of the different tours &c He could, however, mention several others of two & three weeks service, but he could not give them in the order of their occurrence, and is not as certain as he would like to be that those already named are precisely in that order. He feels confident that he served his country constantly, more than two years, he could safely say, than three, and he trusts that the Department really in connection with this examine the Declaration of Stephen Cole, of Robertson County, Tennessee, with whom he generally was in arms; and refers to the evidence of service he has heretofore produced, on file in the Department, under the testimony of said Captain Cole, John McAlister, Walter Leak, Mrs. Martha Wall & Mrs. Nancy Covington; and hopes he will be reinstated at the rates originally allowed him: in which event, he relinquishes his present claim of \$40 per annum, & declares, that with that exception, that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

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

S/ J. Macalister

S/ Lot Stricklin

[veteran gave yet another 3-page application dated February 3, 1836, without adding any new facts]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for one-year's service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

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4 [Hugh McDonald S41837](#)