

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abner A. Strange W25125 Mary S. Strange f32VA
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The State of Alabama Limestone County: SS

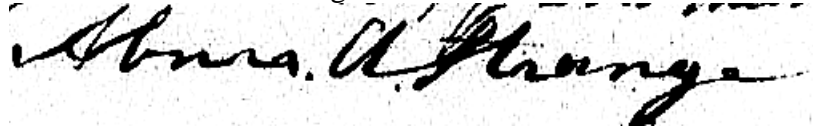
On this 10th day of December 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of the County of Limestone aforesaid, now sitting Abner A. Strange, a resident of the County of Limestone in the State of Alabama aged seventy-one years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United [States] under the following named officers, and served as herein stated –

That in the fall of the year 17_ he joined the company of the Virginia Militia commanded by Captain Joseph Haden which company belonged to the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Cabel [William Cabell] – That he joined said Troop as a Substitute for Miles Caney of the County of Albemarle Virginia. That he was marched under said officers to the Lower part of Virginia & stationed at Williamsburg until he served out the three months for which he had entered said service – That as well as he recollects Nicholas Cabell was the Major in said Regiment but he has now recollection of the name of any other officer who served with him on this tour. That sometime afterwards but can't recollect the date, was drafted into a company of militia of said state commanded by Captain Leonard Thompson, but has now forgotten the names of the regimental officers with whom he then served, & was marched under said Thompson to Cabbin [Cabin] Point on James River, that he was marched through Petersburg & up & down said James River to repel a threatened invasion of the enemy & that he served upwards of three months on this campaign. That he was afterwards again drafted into the company of the militia of said State of Virginia commanded by Captain Richard Nappier [Richard Napier] & was stationed three months at the Albemarle Barracks, to guard the prisoners taken at Burgoyne's defeat. That he served out the full term for which he was drafted as a guard at said Barracks. That afterwards as well as he recollects in the year 1781 he was again drafted into the company of the militia of said State commanded by Captain Anthony Haden & was with the main Army under the Marquis Lafayette while retreating before Cornwallis who was then ravaging the Country. That he served as well as he recollects three months on this campaign was discharged before the surrender of the enemy at little York [October 19, 1781]. That he recollects to have seen & known while in this campaign, Lafayette, General Wayne [Anthony Wayne], Colonel Richardson, Major Campbell & Major Armstrong. That he knows that he served in the Virginia Militia in the Revolutionary War largely upwards of twelve months but that from the infirmity of his memory is now unable to specify the particulars. That he never received a written discharge & has no documentary evidence of his service & knows of no one in the Western Country by whom he can prove them. I was born the 14th of March 1761 in the County of Albemarle State

of Virginia, I have no record of my age in my possession, but have frequently seen it in the possession of my oldest [brother?] Abraham Strange, now deceased. I lived in the County of Fluvanna State of Virginia at all the periods when called into service as aforesaid & continued to reside in the same County Fluvanna until the year 1825 when I removed to Limestone County State of Alabama where I have resided ever since & still reside. That the foregoing is as full a statement of all the facts & circumstances of his said service as his memory now enables him to make. He hereby relinquishes his every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. I am known to ___ who live in my neighborhood & who know my character for veracity and will testify as to their belief of the above services –

S/ Abner A. Strange



Subscribed & Sworn to in open Court 10th of December 1832

Test: S/ Robert Austin, Jr. Clk.

[John M Cherry, a clergyman, and Simpson B. Flannagan gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 8: on September one, 1836 in Limestone County Alabama, Mary Strange submitted evidence to the court that she is the widow of Abner A. Strange, a revolutionary war pensioner; that he died August 27, 1834 and that she seeks the pension due her husband from September 4, 1833 to the date of his death. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 12: On October 4, 1858 in Limestone County Alabama, Mary S. Strange, 77, made application under the 1838 act for a widow's pension as the widow of Abner A. Strange, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him December 10, 1805; that he died August 27, 1834; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 15: family record:

Abner & Polley A. Strange, his wife was married the 10th day of December 1805

Harriet Vanison Strange, Daughter of the above was born the 22nd of December in the year of our Lord 1806

Elizabeth, Michel, Strange, Daughter of the above was born the 2nd day of July in the year of our Lord 1808

Jemimia Vanison Strange daughter of the above was born the 12th day of July in the year of our Lord 1810

[compromised entry – partially illegible] was born the [illegible] day of June 1812

Archalies Michel Strange, Son of Abner & Polley A. Strange was born the 13th day of May 1814

George Strange son of Abner A. & Polley S. Strange was born 23rd day of July 1816

Barbara[?] Frances Strange Daughter of above 17th of February 1817

Edward Saunders Strange Son of the above was born 14 Day of March 1821

Sarah Jane Strange, Daughter of the above was born 4th Day of September 1825

Gideon M. Strange Eldest son of Abner A. & Elizabeth Strange was born 17th May 1783

Judith Strange daughter of the same

Thomas Strange

Abner Strange

Milley Strange

John Strange

Rebecca F[?] Strange

Ellen Strange

Ann M. Strange

Martha M. Strange Daughter of Abner A. & Eliz Strange was born Sept. 4th, 1799

John M. Flannagan son of Simpson and Martha M. Flannagan was born January 21st 1822

Abner Flanagan son of same was April 21st, 1827]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 12 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]