

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Studhem W3887¹

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State of North Carolina Iredell County

On this 20th day of May 1833 personally appeared before Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of said County John Studhem resident in said County and State aged eighty-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 provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot State precisely the length of time that he was in the Service of his Country but best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below.

That in the year 1786 he entered the service as a volunteer in the Militia in the Company Commanded by Ebenezer [illegible name overwritten and smeared through, but probably "Folsom"] under Colonel Martin and General Rutherford. This tour was performed in the neighborhood of Cross Creek where we remained a few weeks and then marched to the neighborhood of Newbern [New Bern] and was with a detachment of the Army but not in the engagement at the time McLeod was defeated by Caswell at Moore's bridge [Moore's Creek bridge] and returned to Chatham County where he first set out & was discharged. This service was in the foot. That the next year being 1776 or 1777, Captain Isaac Adkins raised a Company of Cavalry and he volunteered and joined said Company under Colonel Folsom the same who was Captain in his first tour. The Regiment had their rendezvous at Fayetteville and applicant with others was engaged in scouring the country and keeping under the Tories in the adjacent Counties Cumberland, Orange, Guilford, Chatham & Randolph, this tour Continued for six months and eighteen days when he was permitted to return home.

In the year 1779 as well as he now recollects he enlisted in the regular Service under Captain Nathan King in the Regiment commanded by Colonel James Armstrong in the 5th Regiment of the North Carolina Troops, General Ashe [John Ashe] commanded the whole of the division, we marched from Fayetteville to Elizabeth on Cape Fear [River] and thence to

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purysburg [Purrysburg] on Savannah River, and from thence to the flat Swamp and from thence crossing the River at Golphin's Mills, and through Augusta and traversed a part of Georgia crossed the Savannah at the Two Sisters [ferry] and from thence to Stono and was in the Battle at Stono, at Purrysburg General Lincoln took the command It till the battle of Stono, after the Battle marched to Ashley bridge where he staid to take care of the sick and marched thence to Moncks Corner where he was discharged having performed a Service of ___

In the year 1780 or 1781, He entered the service again as a Substitute for Samuel Booker in the horse and marched to Wake Court house under the command of Captain Hill, and guarded the General Assembly during its Session, and was afterwards engaged in collecting Cattle for the use of the Army.

For such service I claim a pension.

That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no persons except Reecy Oliver² whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his Service.

He was born in 1752 in Brunswick County Virginia.

He has no record of his age.

He was living in Chatham County at the time he entered the Service and continued to reside there until the end of the War. He then removed to Mecklenburg County & state one year, thence to Lincoln and within a year into Iredell where he now lives & has lived for 34 or 35 years.

He was called into Service in the manner above stated.

He has stated the name of the officers.

He received one or more discharges but has lost them long since, having taken no care of them supposing them to be useless.

He refers to Galbraith Neill and John McLaughlin

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.

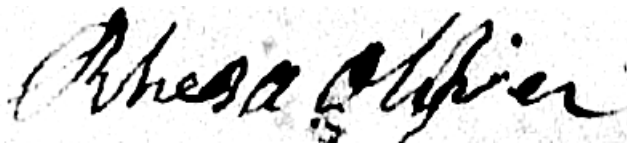
S/ John Studhem, X his mark

[Galbraith Neill and John McLaughlin each gave a separate standard supporting affidavit.]

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South Carolina Marion District: Personally appeared Ricy Oliver a Credible & respectable Citizen of said District before me Neil McCormick one of the Justices assigned to keep the peace in said District and after being duly sworn upon the holy evangelist of Almighty God upon oath saith that he was personally acquainted with Mr. John Studhem in the time of the Revolutionary War of the United States of America that he the said Ricy Oliver and the said John Studhem was 9 months together in the Continental Service of the United States of America the 5th Regiment of North Carolina commanded by Colonel James Armstrong and he the said Ricy Oliver saw the said Studhem received his discharge from said Regiment in the year 1780.

Sworn to before me this 14th of October 1825



S/ Neill McCormick, JP

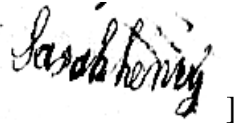
[fn p. 9: On March 30, 1843 in Iredell County North Carolina, Martha Studhem, 75, made

² [Rhesa \(Ricey\) Oliver S32420](#)

application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of John Studhem; that she married him in the year 1783; that her husband died March 12, 1834.]

[fn p. 14: On May 11, 1855 in Iredell County North Carolina, the widow, then stating her age as 96, applied for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary soldier; in this application she states that she married her husband in Cumberland County on October 8, 1782; that they were married by William Robeson a justice of the peace; that her name prior to her marriage was Martha Elkins; and that her husband died at his residence in Iredell County on March 12, 1834.]

[fn p. 53: On November 23, 1848 in Iredell County North Carolina, Sarah Henry gave testimony that she is the daughter and oldest child of John and Martha Studhem; that she was born as she has always understood and believed in Cumberland County North Carolina September 15, 1783; that she has no record of her age but recalls the ages of their several children as follows
Sarah, the present deponent was born September 15, 1783
Samuel was born June 26 1790
Mary Ann was born November 18 1792
Nancy was born October 16th 1795
William was born January 1, 1800

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[fn p. 57: On November 27, 1848 in Iredell County North Carolina, Joel Plyler, gave testimony that his present wife, Susannah, was formerly the wife and widow of Samuel Southen [sic, Studhem], the son of John Southin, a pensioner of the US for his service in the revolution; that when he (Joel Plyler) married Susannah Southin in the year 1832, she had in her possession an old family Bible which contained the births record of her deceased husband, Samuel Southin together with that of the balance of his brothers and sisters to wit, Sally, Samuel, Mary Ann, Nancy and William.]