

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Strange W6163

Elizabeth

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### State of Virginia

At a Court had for Albemarle County the 2nd day of October 1832

On this 2nd day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Albemarle now sitting – David Strange of the County of Albemarle and State aforesaid aged sixty-eight 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 was born in the County of Albemarle State of Virginia he does not now recollect the month or year as he is very infirm and has lost the register of his birth. He has lived in the said County of Albemarle except when absent in the Army – That he was drafted in the Militia from said County the year that Cornwallis surrendered [October 19, 1781], he thinks in the winter of that year. He marched under Captain John Harris, the Colonel's name not remembered. He marched first to Richmond thence to Williamsburg, thence to the half way house between that place and Norfolk, and stayed there about one month when he returned to Williamsburg thence he marched to the Mowen Hills [Malvern Hills] at which place he was verbally discharged and returned home having served a tour of two months.

About two months afterwards he was again drafted & marched pretty nearly the same route as before to Williamsburg under Captain Mark Leake, the Regiment commanded by Colonel Reuben Lindsay, he staid but a short time at Williamsburg when he returned to Richmond, thence he marched on what was called the wild Goose chase to Fredericksburg, thence he was with the Army under Lafayette which marched through the upper Counties as far as the lower end of Albemarle again thence to Columbia in Fluvanna into Richmond again thence to the Mowen Hills where he was again discharged – having served another tour of 2 months – within about 2 months or less after he returned home He was again drafted in the militia from the same County and marched under Captain Robert Sharpe Colonel's name not recollected through Richmond to Williamsburg on to Yorktown. Shortly after he arrived in that place the siege commenced; He remained during the siege of Cornwallis at York, and after the surrender he was sent with others to guard prisoners to Noland's ferry on the Potomac [River] under Captain Robert Sharpe, and from thence being discharged he came home: He does not remember the precise time he was absent the last tour, but thinks it was at least 2 months as he served out the time for which he was drafted, and the tours were 2 months in the militia. He has no documents or papers. He can prove by the affidavit of a few who served of his old neighbors that he was in the service as stated. He refers to the affidavit of Benjn. Sowell annexed. He can procure one or 2 others but they are very infirm. 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.

S/ David Strange<sup>1</sup>

Thereupon the Court propounded to the applicant the following Interrogatories

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

A. I was born in Albemarle County State of Virginia, the year not recollected

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

A. I have none.

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?

A. When called into service I lived in the County of Albemarle Virginia where I have continued to live ever since.

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?

A. I was drafted

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.

A. Captain John Harris, Captain Mark Leake, Colonel Reuben Lindsey, Captain Robert Sharpe

Benjamin Sowell being also sworn in open Court says that he has known the applicant David Strange all his life and he can recollect they were raised in the same neighborhood and went to school together & have always lived near each other. He perfectly recollects that during the Revolution, the year not recollected positively, the said Strange served several tours he thinks there in the Militia, the Affiant remembers he was drafted, also the last time said Strange served and was excused on account of sickness, it was a short time before the surrender of Cornwallis, he remembers that while said Strange was absent in the Service the last tour Cornwallis surrendered.

John Newcom being also sworn says that he served with the Applicant David Strange the 2 last tours mentioned in the foregoing declaration in the Virginia Militia.

David Strange who heretofore made his declaration for a pension under the Act of Congress of the June last, having seen the objections from the Department of war, to his claims, in order to obviate the same as far as he can, makes the following additional statement –

It is impossible for him to state with any precision the exact dates when he entered or left the Service – he can only say about the periods of his service, & is enabled to do this very much by his recollection of events which happened while he was in service or about the time. He remembers distinctly that he served a tour of two months during the winter before Cornwallis surrender at York. He is informed that this was in the year 1781 and month of October – though he could not remember either of his own recollection. The event alluded to however fixes the

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<sup>1</sup> The handwriting of the signature is identical to the handwriting of the document itself, consequently I do not think it is the actual signature of the veteran.

time beyond [indecipherable word or words]<sup>2</sup> –

The second tour commenced about two months after the close of the first, and must have been of course in the spring of 1781. He cannot conscientiously swear to the months precisely – though he believes the first tour was during January and February 1781 and the second was in May & June of the same year. He remembers distinctly that there was an interval of two months between each of the tours he served – so that the third tour must have commenced in October 1781. He was at York-town during the whole siege and continued in the service after the surrender of Cornwallis till the expiration of his tour. He distinctly remembers that the militia tours were for two months each – but it is impossible for him to state on what day either tour begun or ended – He is unwilling therefore to hazard any statement of which he is not perfectly certain.

He served altogether as a private soldier –  
Albemarle County Sct.

Personally appeared before made a Justice of the Peace for said County David Strange who being duly sworn deposed and saith that the foregoing statement is strictly true to the best of his knowledge & belief and that by reason of old age, infirmity & consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear precisely as to the length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below & in the following grades

For the year 1781 – he thinks in the months of January & February he served one tour – in the same year and in the months of June & July he served two months – and in the same year in the months either of September and October or October & November (he thinks the latter) he served a tour of two months – all as a private – for which service he claims a pension.

Given under my hand & seal this 6th day of April 1833

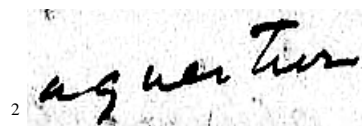
S/ James R Watson, JP

[f p. 10: On February 14, 1843, Mrs. Elizabeth Strange of Albemarle County Virginia gave testimony that she is the widow of David Strange, deceased, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him in or about the year 1787 having no register of her marriage; that they were married by Parson Irvins; that her husband died July 2, 1841; that she is now 76 years old having been born July 10th, 1767. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[f p. 11: affidavit of the Albemarle County Clerk stating that records in his office show the following: "David Strange and Elizabeth Eubanks Albemarle 16th of November 1786" returned by William Irvin.]

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

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'James R. Watson', written in dark ink on a light-colored background.