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Pension Application of Alexander Strickland (Strickling) W6174

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Highland County }

This day [24 Apr 1824] personally came into open Court of Common pleas now sitting (a court of record) at Hillsboro in and for the County of Highland Alexander Strickling in the seventy first year of his age now residing in said County and State, and first being duly sworn according to law, doth make the following declaration to obtain the provisions of the Statute of Congress, relative to pensions for revolutionary service that he the said declarant enlisted for during the war in march AD. 1776 in the state of Virginia under captain Peter Bryan Bruin and transferred to company of Captain [Gabriel] Long (as in declaration made in the Court of Common pleas of Ross County 28th August 1820 returned by War Department rejected, which this declaration is designed to amend) in the regiment of Colonel Dan'l. Morgan [Daniel Morgan] commandant of the eleventh Virginia regiment on continental establishment Lieutenant Colonel Feebecker [sic: Christian Febiger], William Heath [sic: William Heth] major in brigade of Gen'l. [William] Woodford, and that he served as a soldier in said corps untill the close of the war and received a discharge at Little York Pennsylvania which has been lost by time and accident, that he is now poor and in indigent circumstances and now have less property than in declaration of 1820 and that he has neither acquired or transfered property at any time during his life to evade just debts or procure benefits and that he has neither directly or indirectly made way or transfered in any manner property since law of Congress on this subject to procure the benefits of provisions or any time before and that the statement in declaration 1820 hereto attached is strictly true on this subject, and as to the subject of whether he now possesses less property than at that time and same number of children and that property now possessed or that he has a right to anywhere is of less value than fifty dollars. Alexander hisXmark Strickling

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On this twenty seventh day of July Anno Domini eighteen hundred and twenty four personally appeared in open Court of Common pleas for said County of Highland (a Court of record, made such and adjudged such, doing business in the manner, and having the powers in the four points designated in intruction) Alexander Strickling resident of said County aged seventy two – who being first duly sworn according to law doth, on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st May 1820. that he the said Alexander Strickling enlisted for the time of during the war in the month of March 1776 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Peter Bryan Bruin and transferred to Company of Captain Long (as in declaration made 28th August 1820, and amendment 7 April 1824) in the regiment commanded by Colonel Daniel Morgan of eleventh regiment in the line of the State of Virginia on the continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said corps except as below untill the close of the war when he was discharged from the said service in the town of Little York in the State of Pennsylvania at the close of the war, which discharge he has lost, that he was in the battle in said corps at Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], white plains [28 Oct 1776], Germantown [4 Oct 1777], at Saratoga & still water when Burgoine was taken [battles of Freeman's Farm, 19 Sep 1777, and Bemis Heights, 7 Oct 1777, resulting in the surrender of Gen. John Burgoyne on 17 Oct 1777], and after the lapse of about four years after enlistment he was transfered to the Brigade under Gen'l. [Anthony] Wayne, under the command of Captain Smith Colonel's name not recollected, and in that corps was in the battles of stoney point, or storming of it [Stony Point NY, 16 Jul 1779], and then went to Paulus's hook, & gave it up after taking[?] to the militia, and then went by orders in said corps to Carolina, and was in the battle of Guilford

[Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], at Camden South Carolina [Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden, 25 Apr 1781], and in many sorties or skirmishes and was in Charlestown when evacuated [by the British, 14 Dec 1782], and that same winter lay at Salisbury [sic: Salisbury NC], thence returned to Pennsylvania where discharged, and discharge lost, and he has no other evidence in his power of said services, or possession, (except the evidence of two old soldiers, which he hopes to accompany this) And in pursuance of the act of the first day of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed, to wit two cows and two hogs, two beds, of feather, and two [two illegible words], and one big kettle, one stew kettle, one duck oven, one skillet, and also one griddle & little pot, half dozen of dishes, and some of plates, some of knives and forks, and about some of tea cups, three chairs, and table & a few benches, worth in all not exceeding fifty dollars. Alexander hisXmark Strickling

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The depositions of Witnesses taken before me the subscriber an Associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county aforesaid

Henry Aldred [pension application S44291] of the age of 69 years being produced before me the subscriber and being duly sworn deposed and saith that he is & has been for a long time intimately acquainted with Alexander Strickling, who is now present and whom now recognizes That the said Alexander Strickling enlisted in the year 1776 in Captain Peter Bryan Bruin's Company of the eleventh Virginia Regiment commanded by Colo. Daniel Morgan; that the said Regiment belonged to Gen'l. Woodford's Brigade That this deponent saw the said Alexander Strickling several times in the Army, that in the fall of the year 1778 he obtained a furlow and this deponent travelled in company with him part of the way to Virginia; that this deponent was with the said Strickling in the Battle of Stony point that the said Strickling during this deponents acquaintance with him always behaved as a good soldier and further this deponent saith not [signed] Henry Aldred

William Flood [pension application S42728] of the age of eighty four years next March being also produced as a Witness and being first duly sworn deposed and saith that the said Alexander Strickling enlisted for three years in the Company commanded by Peter Bryan Bruin of the eleventh Virginia Regiment of Gen'l. Woodford's Brigade That this deponent was acquainted with the said Strickling while he was in the army and saw him at different times & places during the three years for which he had enlisted until they had expired That in the year 1788 [1778?] this deponent saw him in Captain John Smiths Company of Infantry and in that company he was when this deponent afterwards saw him honorably discharged and further saith not William hisXmark Flood

NOTE: On 19 Oct 1842 Jane Strickland applied for a pension stating that she was born about 5 miles from Winchester VA about 73 years previously, and that her father was Joseph Bowman. She stated that had known Alexander Strickland for about three years before 17 Oct 1788, when they were accompanied by Thomas Brunfield and Polly Stonebridge from the home of her uncle, William Davidson, to the home of Rev. Billmain, where they were married. A copy of the marriage record states that the marriage occurred on 27 Nov 1788. She stated that they lived in Frederick County until they had four children, then moved to the South Branch of Potomac River for two years, then to Washington PA for seven years, then to Ross and Adams counties in OH, and that they lived in Adams County for six years before Alexander Strickland died on 3 Feb 1842. Of her 11 children, the six surviving were Elizabeth Buzzard, about 52 in

Mar 1842, wife of Henry Buzzard; Sarah Curry, about 45 or 46, wife of William Curry; Jane Faran, about 40, wife of James Faran; Nancy Burrows, about 38, wife of Miles Burrows; Matilda Bigley, about 35 or 36, wife of John Bigley; and Jacob Strickland, who would be 32 on 13 Nov 1842. She also stated that she had frequently heard her husband speak of the battle of Brandywine, Cowpens (17 Jan 1781), Guilford Courthouse, and Trenton (26 Dec 1776), but she could not remember whether he was in all those battles. Jane Strickland's application was supported by Rachel Douglass, formerly Rachel Perkins, who stated that she was the stepdaughter of William Davidson, and that she married her first husband, Joel Bailey, in Frederick County on 3 May 1788. In another pension application dated 19 Sep 1845 Jane Strickland gave her age as 77 and stated that Alexander Strickland died on 22 Feb 1842. On 28 Aug 1848 she deposed that she was still the widow of Alexander Strickland.