

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Strader W6203

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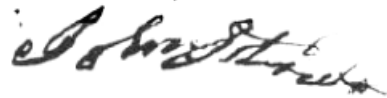
State of North Carolina Orange County: SS

On this the 30th day of August A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions, now sitting, John Strader, of the County & State aforesaid aged 74 years on the 19th day of February 1832, 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 7 of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers, and served as herein stated. –

He was drafted into the service about the 20th of July 1781, in the County of Orange and State aforesaid, & was placed under the Command of Colonel William O'Neil and Major Eli McDaniel, Field Officers – Captain Edward Gwin [Edward Gwinn]; William Gwin [William Gwinn], Lieutenant; Chamberlain Hutson [Chamberlain Hudson], Ensign, and William Harper, first Sergeant – company Officers: he was drafted for the term of 3 months: he was marched first to Lindley's Mills, on Cain Creek [Cane Creek], Orange County and thence to Chatham, more, Randolph, Guilford and Orange Counties – reconnoitering the Tories under the command of the Tory Colonel Fanning [David Fanning]. He was not engaged in battle with the Tories this tour, except in the skirmish at Lindley's Mills aforesaid. His service was arduous, particularly so on account of the predatory warfare waged throughout the section of Country aforesaid, by the Tory Colonel Fanning. At the end of the said term of service, he was discharged at the dwelling house of Colonel O'Neil in Orange County – About two or three weeks afterwards, as well as he recollects, he volunteered, in the County of Orange aforesaid, in a troop of Light Horse, commanded by the same Officers under whom he served as a foot soldier as above described – it being ascertained by experience that foot soldiers were inadequate to contend as successfully with the enemy, as mounted men. During this term of service, he was employed in ranging the section of Country in North Carolina, most infested by the Tory Colonel Fanning & as follows. He ranged in Orange, Guilford, Randolph, Montgomery, Moore, Chatham, Cumberland and Bladen Counties – and was in active employment the whole of the term of service, but was

engaged in no battle except to make an assault on the Tory Colonel Fanning & his men, at the "Brown Marsh" in Bladen County or the upper part of New Hanover [County] in this State. At the end of this term of service, or 11 days thereafter, he was discharged. He has lost his discharges. He hath no documentary evidence & that he knows of no person or persons, except Israel & George Holt, whose affidavits accompany this declaration, who can testify to his service. He was born February 19th 1758, in the County of Orange in the State of North Carolina, where he hath ever since resided. He hath a record of his age at home. He is known to Benjamin A. Rainey, Colonel James Moore, & Israel Holt and his County & neighborhood. – 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 any agency of any State, so far as he hath knowledge.

S/ John Strader



S/ J. Taylor, CC North Carolina Orange County: Amended declaration of John Strader of the County & State aforesaid

On this the 1st day of June 1833, personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid now sitting, John Strader, who after first having been duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, by way of amendment to the declaration made by him at August Term A.D. 1832 of the Court aforesaid in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That the first term of service mentioned in his former declaration was three months – for which he was drafted as a private in the militia of North Carolina.

That the second tour of duty, which is mentioned in his said former that as having been performed by declarant in the Revolutionary War was for three months: that he was drafted as a private in the militia of North Carolina for that time, & that he served out the said tour, and eleven days more, as is mentioned in said declaration. The declarant hath a distinct recollection of this service above set forth.

The deponent hath not been able to procure the certificate of a clergyman, as to his character, but expects to be able to do so hereafter.

Sworn to & subscribed.

S/ Jn. Strader

[Joseph Murray, a clergyman, and Israel Holt & James Sutton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

North Carolina Orange County

Israel Holt, after having been duly sworn according to law, maketh oath, before me, one of the Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid – that he lived in the neighborhood of John Strader in the time of the War of the Revolution – that he has heard Captain Gwin, who was an officer in the militia in the year 1781 in the County & State aforesaid – say that said John Strader had served under him as a soldier, against the Tories under the command of Colonel Fanning & he has heard divers person say the same thing in those days – and that it is common reputation in the neighborhood among old people, that the said John Strader was a Whig in the revolutionary War.

S/ Israel Holt

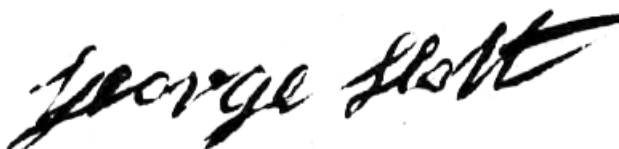


Sworn to & subscribed before made this 30th day of August 1832
S/ H. Parker, JP

North Carolina Orange County

George Holt,¹ after having been duly sworn according to law, maketh oath, before me one of the Justices of the peace for said County, that he recollects that he saw John Strader of the County and State aforesaid in the Troop of Colonel William O'Neil, in the County of Orange aforesaid and that afterwards he saw the said John Strader in a Troop of horse under the command of the said Officer – engaged in counteracting the efforts of the Tories under the command of the Tory Colonel Fanning in the year 1781.

S/ George Holt



Sworn to & subscribed before made this 30th day of August 1832.
S/ H. Parker, JP

[fn p. 15: On June 6, 1853 in Alamance County North Carolina, Elizabeth Strader, 97, filed for a widow's pension as the widow of John Strader, a pensioner for his service in the revolution; that she married him November 13, 1784; that he died July 15, 1849.]

[fn p. 17: On June 6, 1853 in Alamance County, North Carolina, Jacob May gave testimony that he was well acquainted with John Strader and his wife Elizabeth; that they lived together as man and wife within 2 miles of him; that while married they had 8 children, to wit Henry who is Marion as a family of 12 children; Susan, William, Daniel, Eunice &c all of whom are married and have children

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$21.10 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months & 10 days service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

¹ FPA S7024