

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Strother W6210

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Virginia

At a court continued and held for Russell County the 4th day of September 1811.

James Strother of the said County came into court and made oath in due form of law, that about the year 1777 he enlisted and served as a Sergeant in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Haine Morgan [Haynes Morgan] part of the Virginia Troops on State Establishment and served under the said Morgan and under Colonel William Brent who succeeded him and from whom he obtained his discharge, three years. He further made oath That he has since lost the Certificate of his discharge, and that he has never before proved or claimed his right to any lands for the said services.

S/ James Strother

The above affidavit of James Strother was taken in court on the day above mentioned, he wishing to establish his claim to lands for the services therein stated.

Teste: S/ Henry Dickenson Clerk Russell County Court

I Certify that I was well acquainted with the before mentioned James Strother of the County of Russell – he moved some years ago, from the County of Fauquier, to the aforesaid County of Russell, and I further Certify that I have been long acquainted with the said Strother & do know that he was in the service of the United States during the revolutionary war. I think he served either three or five years, but to what Regiment he belonged I am not Certain, but recollect to have heard him say, that a part of the time he belong to the Regiment of Colonel William Brent of Stafford, from the foregoing Certificate, I believe him to be the same man & from my knowledge of him & family, I can have no doubt of the Fact.

S/ Benjn. Ficklin [Benjamin Ficklin]

The above affidavit of Benjamin Ficklin was taken and sworn to before me in the City of Richmond this 29 January 1819

S/ Wm H. Fitzwhylsonn, Alderman

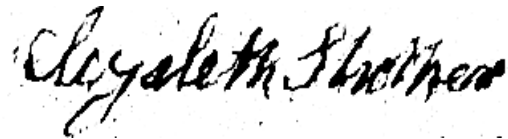
State of Virginia, SS

On this 24th day of June in the year of our Lord 1842 personally appeared in the County Court of the County of Smyth, Elizabeth B Strother, a resident of Marion in the County of Smyth aged about seventy-five years (precise age not known) who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed July 7th 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows:" That she is the widow of James Strother who to the best of her knowledge and belief was a Sergeant in the __ Regiment commanded by Colonel Haines Morgan

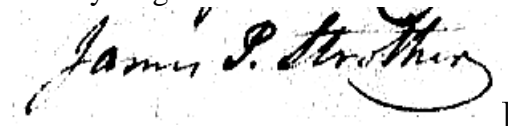
part of the Virginia Troops on State establishment, which Regiment was afterwards commanded by Colonel William Brent, that the said James Strother enlisted into said service about the year 1777; that he served therein the period of three years, and was then discharged, that she has heard her said husband speak of those things, and it is from what she has heard him say that she founds the belief as to his enlistment & service, and also from the fact that he received bounty land from the Commonwealth of Virginia, that she has no documentary evidence other than an official copy of the said James Strother's affidavit made before the County Court of Russell on the 4th day of September 1811 and the certificate of Benjamin Ficklin given in Richmond who was a citizen of Stafford County Virginia sworn to in Richmond on the 29th day of January 1819, which documentary evidence is all that she has and is referred to and marked (A.)

She further declares that she was married to the said James Strother about the year 1788 on the 8th day of May, that the family record has been lost in the year of her marriage has escaped her recollection, that her husband, the aforesaid James Strother died the 31st day of October in the year 1819; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the 1st of January 1794, viz. at the time above stated – that she is still the widow of the said James Strother.

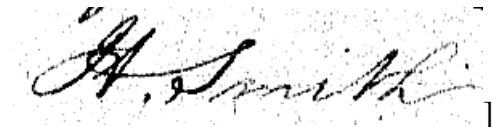
S/ Elizabeth Strother



[f p. 9: On January 24, 1845 in Smyth County Virginia, James P Strother, one of the children and sole executor of the last will and testament of Elizabeth Strother filed an affidavit stating that his mother was about 77 years old when she died; that he claims on the half of her estate the funds due her as the widow of James Strother; that his mother departed this life in Smyth County April 27, 1844 leaving 3 children, Jane Ewell of Russell County Virginia, Nancy Witten of Tazewell County Virginia and the affiant.



[f p. 14: On July 9, 1842 in Russell County Virginia, Henry Smith, 68, of Russell County Virginia gave testimony that he is the half-brother of James Strother who was a Sergeant in the revolutionary war; that his father (not named) removed when the affiant was a child from the east in Virginia to what is now Russell County Western part of Virginia leaving his half-brother James Strother in the Eastern part of Virginia; that after the war in the year 1787 or 8 James Strother married Miss Elizabeth Morton daughter of Parson Morton; that Strother moved his family from Eastern Virginia 37 or 8 years ago to Russell County Virginia where his family still lives; that Strother died in the fall of 1819 and that Elizabeth Strother remains his widow.



[f p. 15: On July 9, 1842 in Russell County Virginia, Peggy Smith, 66, gave testimony that she is the half-sister of James Strother; that she visited her brother and his family in the year 1796 in

the Eastern part of Virginia at which time her brother and his wife had 4 children living and one who had died. She did not give the names of any of the children.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peggy Smith". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background. The name "Peggy" is written in a larger, more prominent hand than "Smith".

Peggy Smith]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$120 per annum commencing March 4th, 1843 for her husband's service as a Sergeant in the Virginia Continental line.]