

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Strother (Strawther)W9317      Jane/Janet Strother      f44SC  
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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

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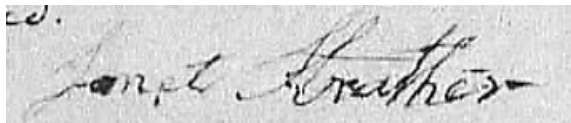
State of South Carolina, Chesterfield District

On the this seventeenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one, personally appeared before me Turner Bryan Esquire Judge of the Court of Ordinary in and for the District of Chesterfield in the State of South Carolina, Jane Strother (otherwise called Janet Strawther) a resident of the said District of Chesterfield, in the State aforesaid, aged seventy three years on the third day of March last, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath, make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress in such case made and provided: That she is the widow of George Strawther, who was born as appears by an entry in a family bible now in possession of this deponent which entry is in the hand writing of the said George, on the eleventh day of September in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and sixty three and who served in the war of the Revolution both as a Private and officer, as follows, to wit: The said George Strawther, as the deponent has been informed I believe was born in the city of Charleston, South Carolina, and resided there at the commencement of the Revolution, that he entered the service, as she has been informed and believes, as a Private and as a volunteer when the British began to gather about to threaten Charleston which must have been in January or February seventeen hundred and eighty (see 2 Ramsay's History, United States, 333) for she does not believe he could have been old enough to have taken up arms when Sir Peter Parker attacked Sullivan's Island in June seventeen hundred and seventy six, but at what precise time he entered the service or under what officers he served she is unable [these two words are obscured by a fold in the paper] to state, she has often heard her said husband say that he was taken prisoner when the British took possession of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] and was permitted to leave Charleston on Parole; she further saith that she has been informed and believes that her aforesaid husband, after leaving Charleston went to the District of Chesterfield where his brother William then lived, but on reaching Chesterfield he found that his brother had gone to Virginia; that the said George went to his brother in Virginia but whether he performed any service there she does not know; that he returned from Virginia a short time after the British left the place now called Cheraw which she thinks was about May or June seventeen hundred and eighty one (2 Ramsay's History US 432); she believes that very shortly after his return he again entered the service, as she believes, as a Private, under Captain Thomas Ellerbe [Thomas Ellerbee] the father of this deponent, but whether he was drafted or volunteered she can't say, nor can she name the other officers under whom he served nor the length of time he served in this tour, but she believes two months; she cannot say how many tours her said husband served as a private but believes he served two or three tours under her father the said Captain Thomas Ellerbee before he was promoted to a Lieutenant; she further saith that on the third day of March in the year

seventeen hundred and eighty two, the said George Strawther was commissioned by General F. Marion [Francis Marion] second Lieutenant of Captain Ellerbee's Company in Col. Benton's [Lemuel Benton's] Regiment as appears by the Commission itself herewith forwarded; she further saith that she has been informed and believes that her said husband served in the war of the Revolution as second Lieutenant in her father's company and that he served under the command of General Marion, but how long he served she does not know nor can she state the particulars of his service; she believes she can with safety say that he served half his time from the time he returned from Virginia as above stated until he was married to this deponent. She does not believe that he served after his marriage; she further declares that she was married to the said George Strawther on the twelfth day of December Seventeen hundred and eighty two at her father's house in Chesterfield District by the Rev. Joshua Lewis a Baptist preacher who then lived in what is now Marlborough District and who died there upwards of twenty years ago and whose wife shortly after his death moved to the western country - she has no record of her marriage except that entered in the Bible aforesaid by her aforesaid husband, but that the intended marriage was published in the Church previous to its solemnization nor has she any other documentary evidence to the service of her aforesaid husband than the Commission aforesaid; she further declares that her aforesaid husband George Strawther died on the sixteenth day of July in the year eighteen hundred and twelve and that she has remained a widow nor since that period as will more fully appear by the proof hereto annexed.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written before me

S/ Janet Strother

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S/ Turner Bryant, Ordinary of Chesterfield District

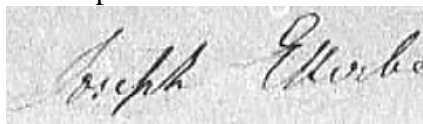
[p 36: Image of the commission appointed George Strawther a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in Capt. Ellerbe's Company of Benton's Regiment. The document is dated March 3, 1782.]

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Joseph Ellerbe personally came before me and being first duly sworn saith that he is the brother of the above deponent, that he was born in April the thirteenth day seventeen hundred and seventy seven; that though very young at the time he recollects distinctly that George Strawther (otherwise called George Strother) served in the War of the Revolution in the Company of Captain Thomas Ellerbe the father of this deponent; that he believes that his sister the aforesaid declarant is of the age stated in her declaration; this deponent dose not recollect to have been present when his said sister was married to the aforesaid George Strawther but he knows that they were always received in the family regarded as husband and wife.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this seventeenth day of February eighteen hundred and forty one

S/ Joseph Ellerbe

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S/ Turner Bryan, Ordinary for Chesterfield District

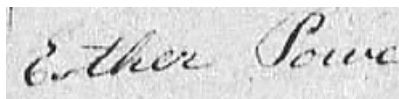
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Mrs. Esther Powe personally came before me and being duly sworn saith that she is related to

Mrs. Jane Strawther who has made the forgoing declaration; that she was present when said Mrs. Strawther and George Strawther were married, she thinks they were married by Rev. Joshua Lewis but can't say positively; they were married at the house of Captain Thomas Ellerbe the uncle of this deponent and father of the said Mrs. Strawther; this deponent cannot state the precise time when the said marriage took place; this deponent was then small and she was born July the nineteenth seventeen hundred and seventy two.

Sworn to before me this seventeenth day of February eighteen hundred and forty one

S/ Ester Powe



S/ Turner Bryan, Ordinary of Chesterfield District

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Thomas Davis<sup>1</sup> personally came before me and being duly sworn saith that he knew George Strawther the husband of the aforesaid Janet Strawther (otherwise Shotter) in the war of the Revolution; this deponent was himself taken prisoner when Charleston was taken by the British; this deponent was paroled and he first became acquainted with the said George Strother one third way from Charleston to the District of Chesterfield where this deponent then and still lives; this deponent afterwards knew said George Strawther in General Marion's Camp. Strawther was then serving as a Lieutenant in Captain Ellerbe's Company, Co. Benton's Regiment, but whether as first or second Lieutenant this deponent does not recollect, nor can he state where or how long the said Strawther served as Lieutenant as aforesaid; this deponent was on one occasion put under the command of Captain Nelson and said Lieutenant Strawther for two or three weeks; this deponent is a Revolutionary Pensioner.

S/ Thomas Davis, X his mark

Sworn to before me this eighteenth day of February eighteen hundred and forty one

S/ Turner Bryan Ordinary of Chesterfield District

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The State of South Carolina Darlington District

Captain Peter Dubose<sup>2</sup> personally came before me and being duly sworn saith on oath That he was well acquainted with Mr. George Strother who was a Lieutenant in the War of the Revolution that he was an active, useful and brave Officer of good standing in the service; that the said Strother was a Lieutenant in Captain Ellerbe's Company and served under General Marion.

This deponent further saith that said Strother served at least 2 years in the war of the Revolution in tours of one and two months at a time. That he believes said Strother held the commission of Lieutenant about twelve months. This deponent cannot recollect the dates of the several tours of service of the said Strother. He recollects that he and said Strother were frequently in the service together from a few months after Gates Defeat [the Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] to the end of the War. That they were together in Camp at Wambaw Bridge on Santee River near Leneud's ferry not long before the close of the War. Strother was there at the time the Camp was surprised,<sup>3</sup> but this deponent was not, having left three days before his Term of service having expired. He believes said Strother was in a skirmish at or near Moncks Corner about three months after the surprise at Wambaw. This deponent recollects that he and

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<sup>1</sup> [Thomas Davis W8655](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Peter Dubose \(DuBose\) S21163](#)

<sup>3</sup> February 24, 1782, [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_wambaw\\_bridge.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_wambaw_bridge.html)

said Strother served several tours of duty in the service , under the command of Colonels Benson, Kolb & Murphy.

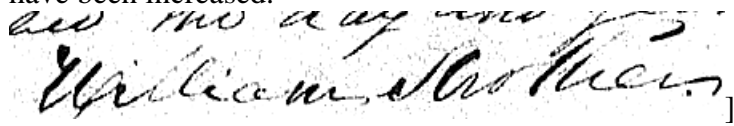
Sworn to before me this 20 December 1841

S/ Middleton Dubose

S/ Peter Dubose

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter Dubose". The signature is written in dark ink and is underlined with a thick, dark horizontal stroke.

[p 9: On May 21, 1853 in Chesterfield District South Carolina, William Strother gave testimony that he is the son of Jane Strother and that he has been informed his mother's pension should have been increased.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Strother". The signature is written in dark ink and is enclosed in a small rectangular box at the end.

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$160 per annum commencing March 4, 1836, for her husband service as a Lieutenant in the militia.]