

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Stroud W9675

Delilah Stroud

f36NC<sup>1</sup>

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State of North Carolina Orange County: SS

On this the 30th day of May 1839 personally appeared be [before] me, one of the Justices of the Courts of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the aforesaid County of Orange, Delilah Stroud, a resident of said County in the 77th year of her age, who being first duly sworn according to law, maketh oath that, from old age and infirmity of body she is unable to attend Court to make this Declaration, and therefore makes it at her own residence before Allen Edwards Justice as aforesaid, in order that she may obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th, 1836.

This Deponent, the said Delilah Stroud, further stateth upon her said oath that, she is the widow of John Stroud, Deceased of the aforesaid County, who during the war of the Revolution, as private of militia, served the United States as herein after set forth:

1. This Deponent has reason to believe and does believe, that in or about the 1st of July, 1780, her Deceased husband the aforesaid John Stroud, was drafted to serve a three months tour of duty in the United States Service, in the militia; was attached to Captain Farmer's [Thomas Farmer of Chatham County] Company and under General Butler [John Butler]— in this tour my deceased husband was in Gates defeat<sup>2</sup> – thence retreated to Hillsboro and was afterwards marched to Deep River, and there having served out his three months tour was discharged and returned home, that her husband had a discharge for this tour, but that it is lost or misplaced, so that she cannot now find it.
2. This Deponent further states that she has reason to believe and does believe, that on or about the middle of July 1781 her Deceased husband volunteered, as a private of Dragoons in Captain Allen's [Abraham Allen's] Company of Dragoons, which was of three months duration, in this tour my Deceased husband was in the battle of Kirks' Lane<sup>3</sup>, – and after this engagement, this Declarant's impression is that Captain Douglass [William Douglas] took command of said company, (in consequence of Captain Allen being wounded at Kirks' Lane), and under Douglass, said Company continued in the Service till the expiration of said three months tour, when he was discharged in the town of Hillsboro and returned home.

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<sup>1</sup> Thanks to Kim Riley for calling several errors to my attention.

<sup>2</sup> August 15-16, 1780. <http://battleofcamden.org/index.htm>

<sup>3</sup> September 12, 1781. [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_kirks\\_farm.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_kirks_farm.html)

This tour as well as the former this Deponent proves by Sarah King, who lives neighbors to this Declarant & has been intimately acquainted with her, since her earliest recollection. Her affidavit is hereto annexed.

3. This Declarant further States upon her said oath, that she has reason to believe and does believe that on or about the first of March 1782, her Deceased husband again volunteered into the United States Service for a period of three months, and was attached to Roger Griffith's Company of militia, O'Neal [William O'Neal] was Colonel: was stationed some time at "Luttrell's Barracks" in Chatham County, thence were marched to the Pedee River, and after being stationed there some time were marched to Deep River & thence to the town of Pittsboro, in Chatham County, & there discharged and returned home – that this tour her husband, this Declarant thinks had a discharge from Colonel O'Neal, but that it is now lost or misplaced, so that she cannot find it.

This tour is proved by the affidavit of S. Pearson whose affidavit is hereto annexed.

4. This affiant further sets forth upon her said oath that on or about the commencement of the fall of said year to wit 1782, there was a draft for three months militia men, when her husband the aforesaid John Stroud was drafted to serve the United [States] for three months, was attached to Captain Douglass' Company, O'Neal & General Butler the Superior officers, as well as this Declarant now remembers, Said troops rendezvoused in the Town of Hillsboro – thence were marched to the Sandy Creek, and were stationed there some time – thence to Pedee, thence to Cross Creek, where they were also stationed some time, thence to the late Barracks and were there discharged and returned home. This Declarant does not remember of hearing anything said about a discharge for this tour – but nevertheless remembers very distinctly that it was a three months tour and that it expired while at the Barracks.

That in all, her husband was a private of militia did serve the United States twelve months viz. four tours of three months each, and for which this Declarant claims a pension.

This Declarant further states upon her said oath, that, she and the aforesaid John Stroud, were married by the Reverend Elithan Davis, on the 8th day of August, 1779 – that her husband the aforesaid John Stroud died on the \_\_ day of \_\_ 1831; and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

This Declarant further states that she has a family record, in the handwriting of her Deceased husband and that it contains a true "family record" as it purports – and was written by him about 30 years ago.

That she takes it from the first volume of MacWhorter's Sermons, where it was entered for "Family Record" and attaches it to this Declaration.

Said Record is as follows to wit:

"John Stroud was born in the year of our Lord 1758 on the 1 day of October.

Delilah Stroud, was born August 14th 1762. Married 8 August 1779

and their childrens' names are as follows & birth days

1. William Stroud, their first child, on Friday the 15 September 15 1780
2. Bryant, Bo. [on] Tuesday 18 January 1782
3. Betsy Bo. on Thursday 18 May 1784
4. Peggy Bo. on Wednesday 16 April 1787
5. Fieldin Bo. on Wednesday 16 April 1789
6. Tabitha Bo. on Saturday 18 June 1791
7. Halertt Bo. On Sunday 6 October 1793
8. Delila Bo. on Saturday 5 September 1795

9. Patsey Bo. on Monday 20 August 1798
10. Nancy Bo. on Tuesday 13 January 1801
11. John Sumner Bo. on Friday morning 5 October 1804

That when her Deceased husband Served in each of the foregoing tours, it was after their marriage as will appear more fully by the proof hereto annexed.

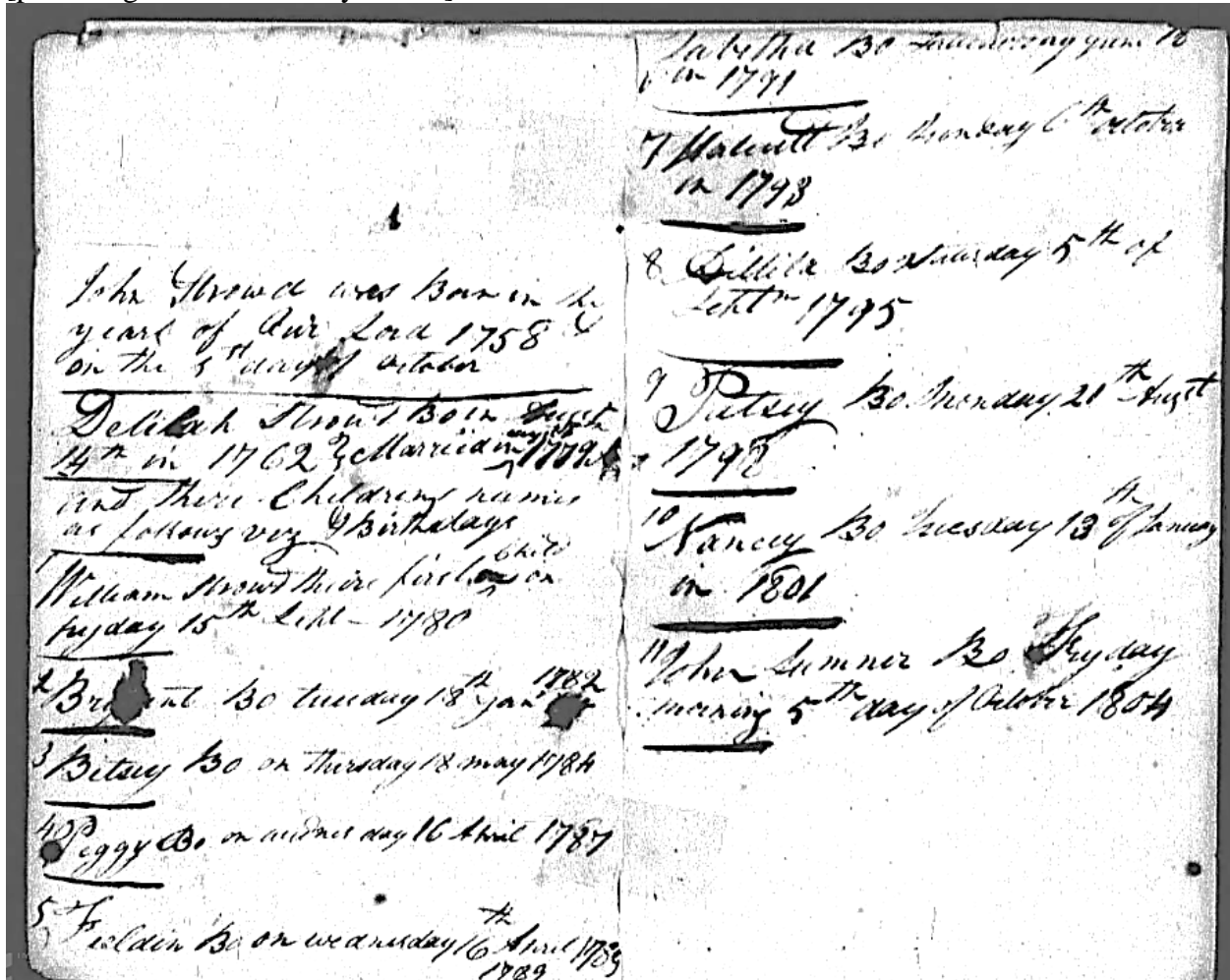
Sworn & subscribed the day and date first above written before me

Test: S/ A. Edwards, JP

S/ Delilah Stroud, X her mark

[pp 8-9: Sarah King, 74, gave a supporting affidavit which she signed with her mark.]

[p 12: original of the family record]



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Mrs. Delilah Stroud widow of the above named John Stroud Deceased states that her maiden name was Delilah Bryant before her Intermarriage with John Stroud and that she was born the 14th day of August in the year 1762 and that she was born in the County of Brunswick State of Virginia on Meherrin River [sic, Meherrin River] and that she is now in the 77th year of her age and that she was married to the above named John Stroud on the 8th day of August 1779 at the

house of John Karrington [?] <sup>4</sup> by the Reverend Elathan Davis Minister of the Baptist Church and that she has seven children now living whose ages are as follows first my son William was born September 15th 1780, my son Bryant was born the January 18th 1782, my daughter Elizabeth was born May 18<sup>th</sup>, 1784, my son fielding was born April 16<sup>th</sup>, 1789, my Daughter Martha was born August 20<sup>th</sup>, 1798, my son Hawkins was born in the year 1793 my daughter Nancy was born in 1803 and the aforesaid Delilah Stroud states that the above dates is agreeable to the family records.

S/ Delilah Stroud, X her mark

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State of North Carolina Orange County SS

On this the 16th day of April, 1839, personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Sterling Pearson<sup>5</sup> a resident of the aforesaid County aged 84 years, who being first duly qualified according to law maketh oath, that in the war of the revolution he was acquainted with the late John Stroud of Orange aforesaid and knew him intimately till his death. This deponent in the Spring of 1782 served a 3 months tour of duty in the militia in the United States service as a private of Infantry and Captain Roger Griffith's Company and this Deponent further states that upon his said oath that in the spring of the said year of 1782 he was at Luttrell's Barracks in Chatham County and saw John Stroud as a private soldier in said Griffith's Company guarding said Barracks the tour was of 3 months and commenced about the first of March 1782 and this deponent also states that in a short time said company was marched from said Barracks and stationed at Grassy Island on Pedee – thence back to Deep River and thence to Pittsboro in Chatham County where our 3 months tour expired and we were discharged by Colonel O'Neal, and returned home, in all of which tour, said John Stroud as a private in said company did serve all of said 3 months. This Deponent further states upon his said oath that he lived neighbor to the said John Stroud and his wife Delilah Stroud and that he said deponent was well acquainted with the said John Stroud and Delilah Stroud before and ever since the revolutionary war and that they always were man and wife until the death of the said John Stroud which was about 8 years ago, and the said Delilah Stroud widow of the said John Stroud who is now applying for a pension has never married since the death of her said husband the aforesaid John Stroud but still remains his widow.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and date first above written before me

Test: S/ A. Edwards, JP

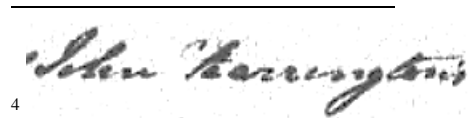
S/Sterling Pearson, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Orange County: SS

On this the 9th Day of September 1839, personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, James Dollar<sup>6</sup> (an United States pensioner of Chatham County) who being first duly qualified according to law maketh oath, that

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Could be Farrington or Harrington. Kim Riley cites *Saga of Strouds & Strodes* by Octavia Jordan Perry in stating the person named is John Harrington.

<sup>5</sup> [Sterling Pearson R8041](#)

<sup>6</sup> [James Dollar W25535](#)

in the War of the Revolution, he served the United States a three months tour of duty as private of militia in the year 1780,

and was in Gates defeat; and in all of which tour he remembers of John Stroud Deceased of the aforesaid County of orange who was a private of militia in all of said three months tour.

Sworn and subscribed this day and year first above written before me

S/ Richard Nichols, JP

S/ James Dollar, X his mark

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for her husband's 6 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]