## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Reuben Stout S14574

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Shelby County and }
State of Kentucky }

on this 19 day of November in the year 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of Shelby County now sitting Reuben

Stout a resident Citizen of the County and State aforsaid, aged 71 years and last June months 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 June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. Saith that he was born in the state of New Jersey on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year 1761. When about ten years old his father moved to Prince William County in the state of Virginia, where I lived when I entered the military service, which I did some time in the month of September in the year 1780, as a private soldier in the 1st Virginia Regiment commanded by Col. [Richard] Campbell. My captain was named Sanson [sic: Philip Sansum] from my present recollection. The Lieutenants name I can't remember. The Ensign of my company was named Robert Green [pension application W8866]. The Regiment to which I belonged was raised for a service of 18 months. The place of Rendevous was Dumfries from which place we marched to Chesterfield Courthouse about fifteen miles from Richmond where we took up winter quarters. - about the 25 of February 1781 we marched out to North Carolina to reinforce Genl Green [sic: Nathanael Greene]. Not long after we joined Genl. Green the Battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] took place in which battle I fought. After the Battle we retired [pursued Cornwallis] to Ramseys Mills, and afterwards marched near to Campden [sic: Camden SC] where there some little skirmishing with the British and Tories [and Battle of Hobkirk Hill, 25 apr 1781]. From this place we moved to various places, until we were marched to the reduction of Ninety Six in South Carolina where we arrived in the month of June I think. We besieged the fort for some time [22 May - 19 Jun 1781], and after repeated sallies and efforts to take the Fort & Garrison we were compelled to withdraw. The army retired and encamped at the High hills of Santee. The next general engagement which took place between our Army and the British was the Battle of the Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781] I was not in that battle being confined from sickness in the Hospital during the fight. Coln Campbell was killed in that Battle. I received my discharge at Salsbury [sic: Salisbury NC] having been regularly discharged, but not considering it of any importance to me, I suppose I took no care of it. I have not got it now and must have lost it. I was discharged in the month of January 1782, after having been engaged eighteen months in actual service. About two months before our term of service was to expire there were [blank] men out of each company in our Regiment detailed to join the Light Infantry. After our time was out we were ordered to join our respective companies and we were discharged as I before stated. I know of no surviving witness by whom I can prove the said service to have been done by me except Seth Stratton [pension application S37473] of this County, and a man named Newman [Edmund Newman W9214] who was a serjeant in my company and who I am informed lived some time ago in Daviss County in this state about one hundred & twenty miles from this place, which is too far for me to ride, if I was certain he is living there, and of that I am by no means certain. He states that he has no documentary evidence of the facts upon which he rests his claims for a pension under the aforsaid act. He refers to Peter Vandyke and Seth Stratten who can testify as to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. He states that since the Revolutionary war he lived for twenty years in the County of Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] in the State of Virginia and that he has lived for the last 37 years in this State.

He states that he was called into service in the same manner with the rest of the  $1^{st}$  Virginia Regiment which was raised for 18 months service

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that

his named is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any state or of the United States.

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year afors'd. Reuben X [his mark] Stout [Note in margin: "The applicant states that Coln Richard Campbell was wounded the Regiment. Edmundson was Major.]

The following interrogatories were propounded by the Court to the said Applicant for a pension the answers to which are embodied in the preceding Declaration [Questions omitted here.] He states that he no record of his age, but that his father always told him that his age is as he states. I remember Coln Hawes, Coln Green who were both in the battle of Guildford. I received my discharge from Captn Sansum.

Also personally appeared before the said Court the aforsaid Seth Stratton who is refered to by the said applicant Reuben Stout, who being of Lawful age and first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath state he was seventy years the 15<sup>th</sup> day of last October, that he is now on the Pension Roll of the united states. That he knew the said Stout in the 1781 at the Battle of Guildford, that they both then belonged to the same Company called Sansum's Company but Sansum was acting as adjutant during the Battle. That this affiant and the said Stout belonged to the same Company and Regiment. That this affiant enlisted out of the 18 months service into the 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment Light Horse commanded by Coln [William] Washington and that he frequently saw said Stout in the service from the time of the Battle of Guildford until the Battle of the Eutaw Springs, and states that said Stout did serve as he has stated in his said Declaration.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforsaid. [signed] Seth Stratton

NOTE: A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse after 1 Sep 1780 includes the following: Reubin Stout/ age 19/ height 6' ½"/ planter/ born in "Ammel," Jersey/ residing in Prince William County/ darkbrown hair/ hazel eyes/ fair complexion/ enlisted 23 Sep 1780 for 18 months.