Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

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Pension application of Seth Stratton S37473 Transcribed by Will Graves

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The Commonwealth of Kentucky Shelby County to wit

Be it remembered that this 20th day of June in the year of our Lord 18 8 personally appeared before me the undersigned one of the Circuit Judges in and for said Commonwealth Seth Stratton and made oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that he entered as a regular Soldier in the United States service in the revolutionary War in the year 1781 just before the Battle at Campden [the Battle of Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781] in the 3rd Regiment of light dragoons under Colonel William Washington and was in the Battle at Camden and continued in the service till the Close of the War and was honorably discharged at Winchester in Virginia after the war ended: that he is now in the fifty eighth [?] year of his age and is in reduced Circumstances in need of the aid of his Country and has never received any pension for his services he is a resident of Shelby County in the State of Kentucky.

S/ Seth Stratton

Sett Stratton

Also on the same day and at the same place came Peter Brumback¹ before me one of the Circuit Judges for the State of Kentucky and made oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that he was acquainted with the above named Seth Stratton shortly after the battle of Guilford Courthouse [March 15, 1781] and from that time till the end of the war he knew him as a faithful soldier in the service of the United States till the end of the War.

8 peter Brumbach

I Seth Stratton of Shelbyville in the County of Shelby and State of Kentucky do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution for and during the war and continued in service until its termination at which period I was a private in Captain William Parson's Company in the 3rd Regiment Light Dragoons commanded by Colonel William Washington, and I also declare that I was not on the 15th day of March 1828 on the Pension list of the United States.

Signed in the Presents of me Geo P. Miller

¹ Peter Brumback S31576

[Note: The documents in the file do not show any evidence that this veteran's filed the schedule of his property as required under the fall of May 1, 1820. Failing to file such a schedule would have resulted in the veteran's name being stricken from the pension list at sometime after May 1, 1820. That is the reason, I assume, that he filed another claim under the 1828 act which did not require a Continental soldier to file a schedule of his property in order to qualify under that act. There is nothing in the file, however, that indicates that he was granted a pension under the 1828 act.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 20, 1818, for service as a private for two years in the Virginia Continental line.]

The <u>Virginia State Library</u> online digital collection of bounty land documents contains the following documents relating to this veteran:

I do Certify that Seth Stratton of 3 Troop [?] enlisted for the war in Colonel Baylor's Dragoons April 10th, 1781 & served the full Term of his Enlistment.

S/ Wm Barrett late Capt. Baylor's Dragoons September 23, 1785

S/A. Crump Command the Arotan of 3 Jos April 10 2 1921

Gentlemen Auditors be so Good as to give Captain N. Ashby [?] my pay and Land Warrant and you'll Oblege you Aprl 3 1785 Setth Stratton

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