

**Pension Application for Gilbert Strang**

W.16426 (Widow: Esther) Gilbert died January 3, 1825.

State of New York

County of Westchester SS.

On this twenty fifth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven personally appeared before the undersigned, Albert Lockwood, a Commissioner of the Supreme Court of Judicature of the people of the State of New York, in and for said County authorized to perform the duties of a Justice of said Court at Chambers, Esther Strang aged eighty two years on the fourteenth day of October last past 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 act of Congress passed July 4<sup>th</sup> 1836. That she is the widow of Gilbert Strang who was an ensign in the Army of the Revolution, and who entered the said army at the beginning of the revolutionary war in the Regiment of Colonel Livingston of the New York line of Continental troops and served therein as an Ensign until after the taking of General Burgoyne and his arm. That she has frequently heard her husband the said Gilbert Strang talk of having been in the Battle at Monmouth and also in the Battles fought at the taking of said Burgoyne and his army, but she cannot state in what company he served in said Regiment. And the declarant further saith that after he marriage to the said Gilbert Strang that is to say in the years 1779, 1780, 1781 and 1782 he was frequently in the service of the United States in the militia of the said County of Westchester and served she believes, as a volunteer, on the lines in said County, and was in several expeditions against the enemy then stationed in the southern part of said County and also served on occasions of alarm, and attacks of the enemy.

And the declarant further said that she well recollects that her husband the aforesaid Gilbert Strang was in the service of the United States at the time the British dragoons attacked the American troops stationed at Crompond in said County of Westchester which she thinks was in the month of June 1779, but she cannot state the names of all the Captains he served under but she believes he served in the militia of said county during some part of the years above specified, under Captain Daniel Williams and Captain John Hyatt and Captain Boyd, in the Regiment of Col. Samuel Drake and she believes that the records of the army of the revolution to which she begs leave to refer will show the services of her said husband.

She further declares that she was married to the said Gilbert Strang on the fifth day of February one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine at the town of South Salem in the said County of Westchester by the Reverend Mr. Mead and that her maiden name was Haviland and that Margaret Tompkins whose affidavit is hereto annexed was present at her marriage at the time and place aforesaid, that her husband died on the third day of January one thousand eight hundred and twenty five at the town of New Castle in said County, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. (Signed with her mark) Esther Strang

Sworn to and subscribed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of December 1837 before me. Albert Lockwood, Supreme Court Commissioner.

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Thomas Strang of the town of Yorktown in said County being duly sworn on his oath saith that he was well acquainted with Gilbert Strang late of said County, now deceased; that said Strang enlisted at the commencement of the revolutionary war for the term of nine months in a company of troops commanded by Captain Benedict of which company Samuel Sacket was Lieutenant and the said Strang was Ensign; that they were in the expedition against Canada under General Montgomery and marched for the Canadas. That the said Strang was, after his discharge from the regular service a good deal in the service of the United States until the close of the war. That the deponent well recollects that the said

Gilbert Strang was in the service of the United States in the militia of the County of Westchester at the time the church at Crompond in said County was burnt, and was then in actual service and stationed at said Crompond at that time, when the troops stationed at Crompond were attacked by the British troops, and the Deponent thinks that was in the summer of the year 1779, and the deponent further saith that the said Strang after his return from the regular service, served in the militia of the County of Westchester at different times when called upon, until the close of the revolutionary war, and that his service on the lines in said county in said militia would amount to at least one year of actual service, and the deponent saith that the said Gilbert Strang was married to Esther Haviland during the Revolutionary War and that he saw said Strang in said service after his said marriage on the lines in said county, and the deponent saith that he is now seventy four years of age, that he cannot now state the particular terms of service rendered by said Gilbert Strang but that the said Strang was in active service in the said county of Westchester after the expiration of his regular service as above stated by him. (Signed) Thomas Strang

Sworn to and subscribed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December 1837 before me. Albert Lockwood, Supreme Court Commissioner.

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Samuel Sheeler of the town of Cortlandt in the County of Westchester aforesaid being duly sworn on his oath saith that he is now seventy six years of age; that in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty three he the deponent was a sergeant in the company of Continental troops commanded by Captain John Hastings known as the 3d Company 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Massachusetts line which regiment was commanded by Colonel Henry Jackson; that in the winter of seventeen hundred and eighty three the American Army was in winter quarters in and about the Highlands in the County of Putnam [Putnam], then Dutchess in the State of New York and that this deponent with the said Regiment was then stationed in the Highlands aforesaid; that in the beginning of the month of March (1783) one thousand seven hundred and eighty three a detachment a detachment [sic] of about one hundred and fifty men was detached from the American army then stationed at the place aforesaid and was put under the command of Major Lemuel Trescott and marched into the County of Westchester then adjoining said County of Dutchess on the south and were stationed on the lines in said County of Westchester along the Croton River; that this deponent was then a sergeant as aforesaid and was marched with said detachment into the County of Westchester aforesaid; and that he the deponent was stationed a Pinesbridge in said County of Westchester on the Croton River and had command of a guard of twelve or thirteen men of the regular army, that the deponent had command of said post at Pinesbridge aforesaid about one month and was then relieved by the militia by the militia of said County of Westchester, and marched back to the head quarters of the American Army at the Highlands aforesaid; that this deponent recollects that when he left the said Fort at Pinesbridge aforesaid as above set forth he was relieved by a detachment of militia Col. Samuel Drake's Regiment consisting of about twenty men under the command of Gilbert Strang then of the said County of Westchester; that the said Gilbert Strang then had the command of said detachment of militia and took the command of said post at Pinesbridge aforesaid upon the deponent's leaving with his command as aforesaid; that this was in the month of March in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty three, and that the deponent then left the said Gilbert Strang in command of Pinebridge aforesaid.

And the deponent further saith that during the winter of seventeen hundred and eighty three detachments of regular troops were frequently sent from the army, then in the Highlands aforesaid, into the County of Westchester aforesaid to guard the lines; that such detachments generally remained on the said lines one month and were then relieved by

another or detachment of regular troops or by the militia of said County of Westchester; that in the month of March aforesaid the regular troops were relieved by the militia, and further deponent saith not. (Signed) Samuel Wheeler

Sworn to and subscribed this 23d day of February 1833 before me, John S. Mattocks,  
Justice of the Peace