

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Bounty Land application of heirs of James Armstrong BLWt594-500

Transcribed by Will Graves

Washington April 14th, 1812

Dear Sir

Herewith you will receive the Comⁿ [Commission?] [tear in paper resulting in lost text] in the Continental Army in 1776. And I have always understood that he served to the end of the War but that I suppose the Records in the [tear in paper resulting in lost text] Office will more fully explain. I was young and my Father and elder Brother who knew the particulars are dead as are all the old Officers and Soldiers of this neighborhood who served with him, that it will give me much trouble to prove that he did serve to the end of the War. And believing that the Comⁿ & the Records will be sufficient I have enclosed a request to the Secretary that the Warrant may be delivered you and the affidavit of John Gray Blount of the Children left by my Father.

Since his death Thomas has died leaving four Children in Mary, James, Thomas & William, William has died and left one Child in Elizabeth, Patsey is dated without Issue, Mary intermarried with William [illegible last name] who is dead & she is now Mary Herritage, the rest live. You will much oblige me by acquiring the value of the Warrant and by sending me the same.

I am your most Obedient

S/ Caswell Armstrong

The present Heirs are

James Armstrong

Mary Herritage

Caswell Armstrong

Mary Armstrong

James Armstrong

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Children of Thomas Armstrong

Thomas Armstrong

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William Armstrong

Elizabeth Armstrong-----Child of William Armstrong

State of North Carolina, Pitt County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions May term 1812

John Anderson maketh oath that he was well acquainted with the late James Armstrong formerly of Pitt County – That the said James Armstrong was a Colonel in the North Carolina line of Continental troops, during the revolutionary war, and served in that capacity from about the commencement of the year 1777 as well as deponent is able to recollect, until the end of the War. Deponent was a soldier in the said line and served nearly 4 years.

Sworn to and subscribed by the said John Anderson in open Court this 5th of May 1812

Attest: S/ Alexander Evans, Clk

S/ John Anderson

Ambrose Jones maketh oath that Thomas, Mary, James, Caswell, William & Patsy Armstrong were the children and legitimate and only heirs of Colonel James Armstrong formerly of Pitt County all of whom survived the said James Armstrong. Thomas Armstrong has since died leaving Mary, James, Thomas & William Armstrong his children & legitimate and only heirs, all of whom are now infants under the age of 21 years. William Armstrong has since died leaving two children Betsey & Patsey of whom Betsey alone is now living, the only legitimate heir of the said William Armstrong. Patsy Armstrong died unmarried and without issue, leaving her brothers and sister, herein before named her legitimate and only heirs, Mary Armstrong is now living the widow of William Martin Horritage [sic] Esq. -- James & Caswell Armstrong are still living.

Sworn to and subscribed of the said Ambrose Jones in open Court the fifth day of May 1812.

Attest: S/ Alexander Evans, Clk

S/ A. Jones

[Enclosed in the file is a printed Commission signed by John Hancock, President of the Continental Congress appointed James Armstrong a Colonel in the Eighth NC Regiment. The commission is dated at Halifax the 26th Day of November Anno Dom. 1776. The commission is in tact and bears a perfect signature by John Hancock]