

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of William Armistead R12155

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Pension Office

February 22^d 1845

I certify that I have examined the claim of the administrator of William Armistead, deceased, who was a Captain of Cavalry in the State Troops of Virginia, and I find that under the act of July 5, 1832, entitled "an act to provide for liquidating and paying certain claims of the State of Virginia," half-pay was allowed from the third of September seventeen hundred and eighty three to the day of his death. The administrator now claims half pay from the eighth of February seventeen hundred and eighty three to the 3^d of September 1783. It is my opinion that the claim should be allowed. I therefore certify that there is due to the administrator half-pay at the rate of Three Hundred Dollars per annum for the period claimed, and that it is payable to Henry Northup, attorney of John Jones, administrator of William Armistead, deceased.

Approved

Secretary of War

Commissioner of Pensions

Pension Office

June 25 1850

I certify that I have examined the claim of the administrator of William Armistead, deceased, who asks for half-pay, under the act of July 5, 1832, for the service of said Armistead as Paymaster of Nelson's [Major-Commandant John Nelson W5414] Corps of Cavalry, Virginia State line, and I find that half-pay as a Captain has already been allowed, and that half-pay as Paymaster is yet due. I therefore certify that the claim should be allowed at the rate of one hundred and eighty Dollars per annum, from the eighteenth of January seventeen hundred and eighty two, when Nelson's Corps was disbanded, to the twenty third of November eighteen hundred and twenty two, when the said Armistead died; and that the amount is payable to Joseph Segar, of Virginia, attorney of Samuel S. Howard, administrator of said Armistead, deceased.

Approved

Secretary of the Interior.

Commissioner of Pensions

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). The online image of one document is illegible.]

I hereby certify that it appears from a List of Officers names who have received Certificates for one and two years advanced pay, agreeable to Act of Assembly passed November Session 1781 That a certificate issued on the 6th February 1782 for £216.0.0. in the name of William Armistead a Capt of Cavalry in the State Line which certificate appears to have been delivered to himself

Given under my hand at the Auditors Office Richmond this 28th day of February 1851.

Ro. Johnston/ First Auditor

Council chamber 1st November 1783.

I do certify that Wm. Armistead is entitled to the proportion of land allowed a Captain of

the state line for three years service.
Thomas Meriwether

Benjamin Harrison

A Warrant for 4000 acres issued a Captain Wm Armisted 3^d Feby 1784 No. 2375
A Copy from the Records of the Virginia Land Office
Teste/ S. H. Parker Reg. L. Office

The petition of the heirs of Wm. Armistead respectfully represents that the said Armistead served 3[?] years as Captain and paymaster of the Army and has received his land bounty as Captain, but not as paymaster, which last allowance they now ask.

Allowed for a service of three years as Paymaster/ J B Floyd [Governor]
1851 March 1. Cert[ificat]e issued

[From Virginia Half-Pay pension records on fold3.com.]

June 22^d 1780

Recd of Col Porterfield [Charles Porterfield BLWt1145-450] one thousand one hundred & four pounds Ten shill pay due the Corps of Cavalry comd'd. by Major Nelson for the month of May agreeable to the within abstract for which I have signed a duplicate Receipt.

W Armistead P. Master

An abstract of the pay due the Virginia State Cavalry commanded by Major Nelson for the months of May & June 1780 [for the complete document see Nathaniel L. Savage R17665]

Names	Rank	Lawful money		
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John Nelson	Majr	176		
Thomas Carter [R12974]	Surgn	210		
W Armistead [William Armistead R12155]	Lieut	72		
H Nicholson [Henry W. Nicholson1 R16768]	Corn[et]	69	12	
W Armistead [William Armistead VAS1894]	Cloth[ier]	69		
Nath'l L. Savage [R17665]				

W Armistead P.M.L.D.

J. Nelson Maj Com V.D.

Friday January 18, 1782

Present His Excellency [Gov. Benjamin Harrison]

David Jameson Jaquelin Ambler &

George Webb Sampson Matthews

Esquires

The Board took under consideration the act of the last Session for regulating the Military and Naval arrangements of this State and are of opinion that the State regiment, Major Nelson's Corps of Cavalry, Captain Roger's company of dismounted dragoons and part of a company of Artillery under command of Captain Kean should be consolidated and made a legionary corps, under the command of Colo. Dabney as Lieutenant Colonel Commandant, and one Major, consisting of three companies of infantry, two troops of Cavalry and one Company of artillery, with their proper officers. That Colo. Dabney be desired to call a meeting of the officers of the

several corps above mentioned, in order to determine among themselves upon the principles of accommodation and mutual convenience, who of them should retire, and who continue, and if they cannot agree, that they shall then take place according to their seniority. That the six months men be considered as annexed to the three companies of infantry, and that proper officers be retained to command them while they continue in service.

Executive Department/ Richmond June 21, 1850

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is truly copied from the Journal of Council of the date prefixed preserved in this department Wm Richardson

I hereby Certify that it appears from a Roll of Col Charles Dabney's Legion, that sundry Officers belonging thereto was Deranged in the 8th February 1783. That amongst them was William Armistead a Capt of Cavalry

Given under my hand at the Auditors Office Richmond this 6th day of January 1845.

Jas E Heath/ Aud Va

NOTE: A document in the half-pay record gives the date of William Armistead's death as 23 November 1822. Another document indicates that Armistead's estate was administered in the County of Elizabeth City.