

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Richard Arthur W1122

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State of North Carolina, Carteret County

On this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting Richard Arthur Senior a resident of the County of Carteret & State aforesaid aged 72 years 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.

That he was [born] in Carteret County aforesaid some time in the year 1760, but has no record thereof. Has resided in said County through life except occasionally when on voyages or journeys.

He was drafted about the time the British were besieging Charleston and marched under the direction of Major William Dennis to Kinston North Carolina where he was placed under the command of Captain William Blanks. From Kinston marched with about 700 troops under the Command of General William Caswell for Charleston & arrived within 30 miles of that place when it surrendered. Was in company with a corps of Virginia Continentals<sup>1</sup> some time as they marched for Charlotte & the Carolina troops recrossed the Pedee [River]. The light horse from Charleston attacked the Virginians after their separation & the Colonel being a brave fellow held out till many were killed. The Carolina troops remained on this tour till relieved by General Caswell the elder. He was a private & served eight months. He has no documentary evidence & knows of no person who can testify to his services.

He received a discharge but has lost it – does not know by whom it was signed.

He is known to Elijah W. Pigott, Esqr. of Carteret County who can testify to his character for veracity & good behavior.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Richard Arthur, A his mark

[standard certificate of reputation for veracity and service given by Elijah Canaday and James Hart.]  
[Widow's name "Clarkey" who stated that she was 48 years old in 1853 when she applied for a widow's pension. She alleges she married Richard on March 16, 1827. She lived long enough to re-apply for her pension after the Civil War and the file contains interesting documents relating to the hurdles residents of former States of the Confederacy had to cross to regain their pensions.]

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<sup>1</sup> Applicant appears to be making reference to the troops under the command of Col. Abraham Buford which troops were engaged by the British Legion under Banastre Tarleton at the Waxhaws and defeated in the Battle commonly called "Buford's Defeat."