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Pension Application of John Arthur W5635 Elizabeth Arthur VA
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This is to certify that I John Arthur of the County of Bedford, was drafted in the Bedford militia, I was called into service under Captin Thos. Leftwick [sic: Thomas Leftwich] and was marched immediately to join Gen'l. [Horatio] Gates near campden South Carolina. I was engaged in the Battle at Gateses defeat [Battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780], the time I was engaged under that call was five months, after which time I was regularly discharged. the date I do not recollect. In the course of about three months afterwards I was again called out under Capt'n. John Trigg of Bedford and was marched directly to Pourtsmouth [sic: Portsmouth] in Virginia and was attached to Magar M. Claman's [probably Christian Charles de Klauman's] Ridgmt I was engaged for the space of three months, after which time I was discharged, that being the time for which I was call'd out. I returned home & remained But a few days before I was again ordered out & was marched by Captn Isaac Clemmans [sic: Isaac Clements] to the fort at Ninty six [sic: siege of Ninety Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781]; at which time I served three months & was discharged. I remained at home But a few days Before I was called out & was march'd by Capt'n John Trigg to Yorktown, where we Join'd Col [St. George] Tucker's Redgmt under General [Robert] Lawson. I was there engaged in the battle at the taking of Corn Wallis [Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781] at which time I received four several wounds to wit both of my knees, my right arm and my under Jaw, from which wounds I have suffered more or less ever since. I am of late much disabled from labouring, which is the only means I have to support myself & a helpless family, and am entirely Destitute of any kind of property. All of the above nam'd discharges I have lost except one, and for all of which time I have never received any sort of compensation except one four-pound bill.
Given under my hand this tenth day of July 1824. John Arthur

Bedford County to wit

This day Benjamin Mitchum [sic: Benjamin Mitchen, R7284] and Thomas Hackworth [S31115] came before me John Headen a Justice of the peace and was duly Sworn as the law directs. That John Arthur served two tours in the Service of the State of virginia in the time of the revolutionary war. One tour under Capt. Thomas Leftwich, and one other under Capt John Trigg and that he was at the taking of Corn Wallice

given under my hand this 12th day of November 1824 John Headen

Bedford County Virginia

Thomas Dixon [pension application S30387] came before me John Headon a Justice of the peace and was duly Qualified that himself and John Arthur was Soldiers together in the revolutionary war and at the taking of Lord Cornwallis at york town in Virginia, a cannon ball struck John Arthur on the head as it pased through the breast works and laid him senceless for some length of time and caused him to loose a great quantity of Blood, this deponant saith to his knowledg John Arthur served three or four Tours in the war, and the last Tour under Capt. John Trigg, John Arther is now an Oald Man Verrey poor and infirm and Prays some relief from his country

given under my hand this 23rd Decmb. 1824 John Headen

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malitia to which he belonged was discharged about the last of August making three months that he served at the Seige of 96. which was after the Battle at Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781].

That the 4th tour that declarant served, was under Cap. Jno Trigg of the Bedford Malitia. That he was at home only a week or two from the tour at 96 before he was again called out to go to Yorktown, to take Cornwallis. that they met at N. London again and marched under said Cap. Jno. Trigg about the middle of Sept. or earlier down to Yorktown where entrenchments were thrown up, and the place besieged [page torn] fighting from day to day until Lord Cornwallis surrendered on the 19th day of Oct'r 1781. that during said Battle, declarant was wounded by a cannon ball from the enemies guns – for which wound so rec'd. at said place he was allowed a pension by the state of Virginia of \$60 per An [annum], which he is now, and has been receiving something like 18 years. That he served about two months on said occasion at the capture of Cornwallis.

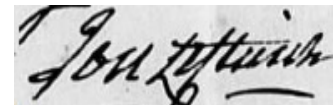
That the reason why declarant has not applied sooner for a pension under the Act of June 7th 1832, is that he understood that he was not entitled to receive a pension under the law, and his Invalid too, at the same time, but that by a subsequent act to 1832 he is entitled to receive both, and do accordingly claim, in addition to the Invalid pension, which he is now receiving from the State of Virginia a further pension from the Gen'l. Gov't. under the Act of June 7, 1832. in consideration of his Revo'y. services recited above, which services was proven, either in whole or in part when he obtained his Invalid pension That Thos. Dixons testimony was filed in the Executive departments of Va which alone prove three tours that declarant served – to wit, at 96, at Portsmouth, and at Yorktown– besides the Aff'ts of others– he thinks also Wm. Arthurs [William Arthur, S6528] - which he wishes the commissioner of pensions to obtain a copy of – as evidence to be filed with the declarants papers. And further he saith not.

John his Xmark Arthur

[Certified by Rev. William Leftwich, who stated that John Arthur “is a man of slender statue – about 5 feet 8 Inches high.” John Hudnall (W25806) certified that he had served with Arthur.]

Bedford County Sct

On this 30th day of March 1843 personally appeared Gen'l. Joel Leftwich [S8830] aged 82 years A Revolutionary Pensioner & made Oath that John Arthur a small man about five feet eight inches high was attached to a Company of militia in the servise of the United States commanded by Capt Thomas Leftwich to which he himself was attached as Orderly Serjeant & rendesvoued at New London Bedford County that said Company commenced their march for Hilsborough North Carolina the Gen'l. Rendesvous of the Virginia Militia in that Company about the last of May or first of June 1780 where the Troops were organized into Reg'ts which formed a Brigade which commenced its march for the Southern Army sometime in August & joined Gen'l Gates about two days before Gate's defeat near Camden on the 15th of August since which this Deponent knows of no further actual service rendered by said Arther



[Punctuation partly corrected.]

State of Virginia

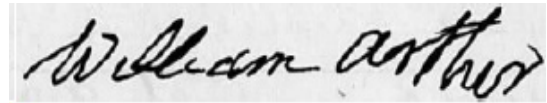
Bedford County S. S.

On this 15th day of June 1843, before me Lewis C. Arthur a Justice of the peace, in and for said county personally appeared Mr. William Arthur, a respectable resident of the County of Henry – who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath say –

That he is 80 years old – that he served a tour of service in the Revo'y. war of 3 or 3½ months duration under Cpts. Jno. Trigg of the Bedford Malitia – that Jno. Arthur, now an Invalid pensioner from said county, was in the same company with dep. under said Trigg and which rendesvoued at N. London in Jan'y. 1781 – leaving said place the 15th of Jan'y. 1781 – marching through Petersburg and Smithfield down to Portsmouth – was at Smithfield when news came that [Gen. Daniel] Morgan had defeated

Tarlton [sic: Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton at Cowpens SC, 17 Jan 1781]. That said company remained in service until the 15th day April 1781 and was discharged on that day at Prince George Ct. House; a deep snow falling the same evening and Night. Deponant also knows the fact, that the said Jno. Arthur served another tour of duty of duty in and during the Revo'y. war, under Capt. Thos. Leftwich of the Bedford Malitia at Campden S.D. – Gates defeat so called in the Summer of 1780 – dep. recollects distinctly when said Jno. Arthur left home and when he returned from said tour at Gates defeat – for he returned home in company with Thos. Arthur and Thos. Dixon – he passed by deponants fathers house with his knapsack on his back. That he served 3 months or more on said occasion – leaving home the last of May or 1st of June 1780 and returnd about the early part of Sep'r – dep. being at the time engaged in beating peaches to make Brandy – said Jno. Arthur, Thos. Arthur, and Thos. Dixon called and got dinner before they passed on home. Dep. has also some recollection of said Jno. Arthur having served a tour of duty at 96 in S.C. in 1781 – thinks it was in the Spring and Summer of that year. Thos. Dixon was with him there also, of the particulars of said tour he cannot speak positively. That the last tour that said Jno. Arthur performed was at Yorktown in Virginia at the Capture of Lord Cornwallis in Oct'r. 1781 at which place he was wounded by a Cannon Ball and for which wound he is now receiving a pension from the State of Virginia as an Invalid.

That on said Occasion the said Thos. [sic] Arthur served Two months or more leaving home the last of August or 1st of Sep't. 1781 and returning the early part of Nov'r. 1781 – it being pulling-fodder time when he left and cold weather when he returned. That the said Jno. Arthur – as dep. understands – was not aware of his right to receive a pension under the law of 1832 and his Invalid pension at the same time until very lately or else he would have put in his claim sooner. That the said Jno. Arthur must have served 11 months or more in and during the Revo'y. war in his four several tours of service. and further dep. saith not.



State of Virginia

Bedford County S . S .

On this 20th day of July 1843, before me Lewis C. Arthur a Justice of the peace, in and for said county, personally appeared Mrs Isabella Mitchern, a respectable resident of said County who being first duly sworn according to law; doth on her oath say – That she is 85 years old and [undeciphered word] well acquainted with John Arthur during the Revo'y. war – the same man that was wounded by a cannon ball, at the capture of Lord Cornwallis – and for which wound the said Arthur obtained a pension from the Gen'l. Govt at \$60. per. An. or rather, State of Va. as a Invalid. That said Jno. Arthur, served two or three tours in the Revo'y. war – if not more – one tour she thinks he performed with her husband Benj. Mitchern and another tour, he the said Jno Arthur served as a substitute for her husband the aforesaid Benj Mitchern – she having been married to him before or in the early part of the Revo'y war. It has been so long ago that she has forgot most all about it – but thinks one tour was under Capt. Thos. Leftwich. Thos Arthur [Thomas Arthur, W5636], that married Sally Dixon also served 2 or 3 tours, but she cannot recollect the places he served at this time, but is satisfied of the fact – both Jno and Thos. Arthur were small men – and brothers.

Isabella herXmark Mitchern

Test Ro. U Gray

Sworn to and subscribed, on the day and year above written – Before me [signed] Lewis C. Arthur J.P.
In presence of Silas hisXmark Mitchern Rhoda herXmark Mitchern

NOTES:

This John Arthur is probably the same as John Arthur VAS1179.

On 10 April 1851 Elizabeth Arthur, “maiden name Adams,” age 81, applied for a pension stating that she married John Arthur in Bedford County in Oct 1784, and that he died 24 Aug 1850. She submitted as evidence of the marriage an original family record transcribed as follows:

Elizabeth Adams Daughter of John A and Sarah his wife was born September 18th 1769

Thomas A Arther son to the above name was born January 3^d 1787

Dosia Arther was born November 23^d 1789

Willis Arther was born February 27th 1791

Larkin Arther was born February 5th 1793

Lilly Ann Arther was born March 12th 1795

John Arther was born September 15th 1797

Sally Arther was born April 27th 1800

Calep Arther was born July 27 1802

Winnefred Arther was born January 8 1804

Lenat[?] Arther was born March 21th 1807

Melindah Arther was born January the 17th 1814

Emley Jane Arther January 3^d 1816

Elizabeth Arther was September the 1816

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