Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Virginia Bounty Land Claim of James Armstrong VAS1181
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

[From bounty-warrant papers in the Library of Virginia:]

I do certifie that James Armstrong was a Serj't. in my company in the 3^d Virginia Regiment in the year 1779 &[?] to the best of my knowledge enlisted on the [two or three illegible words]

Rob't Powell [Robert Powell; illegible date]

I certifie that the above James Armstrong served until the Defeat at Waxhaws 28 May 1780 [sic: defeat of Col. Abraham Buford at Waxhaws SC, 29 May 1780]

Authenticated from [?]st [illegible] 77 to 28th May 1780

Cha. Jones Com'r.

[From rejected claims in the Library of Virginia:]

State of Virg'a. King George County to wit

This day personally came before me a justice of the peace in & for the County afors'd. James Jones a citizen of s'd. County aged about 70 years & being duly sworn accordingly to law saith That James Armstrong was a private soldier in the regular army from Virg'a. & went to the South under Gen'l. [William] Woodford & then placed under the command of Colo. Buford a attached to his rg't. and was killed at s'd. Buford's defeat. Affiant thinks that s'd. James Armstrong entered the service before 1780 and is under the impression that he entered for the War. The aff't. was a cousin of s'd. Armstrong & s'd. Armstrong left a son & he thinks an only child living in the County of Stafford by name of Joseph Armstrong

Given under my hand & seal this 18th day June 1834 Edward Oldham J.P.

To the Executive of Virginia [Certified 8 June 1835.]

Your memorialists Joseph Armstrong – James N. Garrison – Mary A. Garrison formerly Armstrong – Daniel Armstrong – Ann Br[?] formerly Armstrong and J. N. Garrison Guardian of Wm. Armstrong a Minor, heirs at Law of James Armstrong dec'd a soldier of the Revolutionary Army beg leave respectfully to represent that their ancestor enlisted in the service of the State of Virginia, as your Memorialists have been informed and do believe for the term of during the War – the time of his enlistment they do not know, nor the officer under whom he enlisted; but they are informed and do believe that he served at the South in the Brigade of Gen'l. Woodford, and in the Reg't. or Detachment of Col. Buford, and was killed in the disastrous defeat of that officer, on the 29th of May 1780. Your Memorialist Joseph Armstrong as the oldest son of the said James Armstrong has already rec'd. from the State the Bounty Land to which soldiers of the rank of James Armstrong being that of a Sergeant, were entitled, according to Law - and your Memorialists, above named, all residents of Stafford County, Va. now respectfully ask that such other Bounty or other remuneration, as was promised, or is usually allowed to soldiers (or their heirs) who have performed such services as those rendered by the said James Armstrong, may be allowed to your Memorialists according to the Laws and Customs, of the State of Virginia. – And that such evidence as they have been able to procure to establish their claim may be rec'd. and considered. - And also that such evidence of the service of the said Jas. Armstrong as the Revolutionary documents in the possession of the Government may show, may be referred to and duly considered in support of their claim. And that such other proofs as they may hereafter obtain, may also be rec'd. and considered provided that that already referred to should not be deemed sufficient. And your Memorialists as in duty bound, will ever pray &c. Jos. Armstrong

Ann Brenul[?] by Jno. Brenull[?] her agent/ James N Garrison J P Garrison guardian for s'd. armstrong