Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Thaddeus Armistead (Armstead) R244 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

Tennessee	}	Nov. Term of County Court for 1832 —
Smith County	}	

On this 4^{th} day of November 1832 appeared in open Court Thaddeus Armstead before John Chambers, and Isaac Goodall & Exum [illegible] the Court of pleas & Qr. Sessions for Smith County, now sitting a resident of Smith County Tennesse aged 77 years the 3 day of Nov. 1832 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 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officer — About 1777 as he cannot recollect the year he resided in Cumberland County Virginia - he was drafted in the militia in the company of Capt Joseph Carrington, he hired as a substitute for him a man by the name of Johnson who served for him a tour of either 3 or 6 mos. Aplicat canot say which — He when called on the second time he hired as a substitute by the name of Caldwell who also served 3 or 6 mos and was discharged When again drafted he hired a substitute named Josiah Caferwood[?] who served 3 or 6 mos & was discharged. Wm. Berry[?], Robt. Anderson [Robert Anderson] & Dick Allen [Richard Allen] were captains during these terms of service. When again called into service Applicant went himself in person under Capt. Carrington who was afterwards promoted to Colonel. Nat Carrington [Nathaniel Carrington] was then made Capt. He was stationed to which place he at first marched at Roberts old field in one mile of Petersburg where he was discharged after serving 3 or 6 months. he was never in a battle — Joseph Carrington was Col. when he was discharged. He does not now recollect whether he rec'd. a written discharge. If he did it is since lost.

He was born in Cumberland County Virginia on 3 day of November 1755 as appears from his fathers family Register now in his possession. He lived in s'd. county 50 years & moved then to Smith County Tennesse where he has lived ever since.

He can in part prove his services by Maurice Brown a respectable citizen of Smith County. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any state. [signed] Thaddeus Armstead

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In the time of the Revolutionary War deponent lived in the neighbourhood of Thadeus Armstead who makes the above Application – he then resided in Virginia, Cumberland County. Deponent lived 8 or ten miles fro s'd. Armstead at was at his house often when it was said he had gone in the Army. While in the Army deponents father hired a substitute to serve for s'd. Armstead & started with him but when he had gone as far as Armsteads house Armstead had on that day returned from the service. Deponent recollects that Armstead hired a substitute to serve for him as often as twice & at one time gave a hore called stockings to his substitute. Deponent is 63 or 4 years old & has known Armstead from his early life & believes him to have been a Revolutionary soldier & to be a man of truth.

[signed] Maurice Brown

The amended declaration of Thadeus Armstead, an applicant for a pension, under the act of the 7th June 1832 [2 May 1833]

He was stationed at place called Bookers old field, in stead of Roberts old field, as stated in his declaration. this misnomer was an error in his draftsman. The Regiment to which he belonged, was commanded by Col. Ned Carrington [Edward Carrington]. He was discharged at Booker's old field, near

Petersburgh in the State of Virginia. He knows of no other living testimony he can procure (owing to his great age and infirmities) to prove his service – applicant says that by Reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, that he cannot state precisely the length of time he served in the army of the Revolution. But according to the best of his recollection and belief, he served not less than 3 nor more than six months in person – in the capacity of a private soldier. He entered the service one or two years before Cornwallis was taken [19 Oct 1781], the precise date, he cannot Recollect, nor the date of his discharge, and for this service he claims a pension.

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NOTE: The pension act of 1832 required proof of at least six months of service. On 7 Mar 1853 John Armistead, 55, deposed that he understood that his father, Thaddeus Armistead, had served three tours of three months each, that his father's pension agent died before his father received a pension, and that his father therefore never knew whether he had obtained a pension. John Armistead stated that his father died on 12 Dec 1848, and he applied for the pension for himself and the other surviving child, Thaddeus F. Armistead.