Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Armstrong R252
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Janet Armstrong

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State of North Carolina Cumberland County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions March Term 1846

Be it remembered that on this 5th day of March 1846 personally appeared in open Court Farquhard C. Armstrong a resident of the aforesaid County and State aged Fifty Two years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the act of Congress passed on the 7th July 1838 for the benefit of certain widows of Revolutionary Soldiers.

That he is a son of Thomas Armstrong deceased of the said County, who was as this declarant has reason to believe and does believe served the United States in the war of the Revolution as a Captain in the Cavalry of the North Carolina Militia.

That he this declarant is unable to specify the different tours of his Father which were rendered in the said War, but from the best of this declarant's information and belief, his Father the said Thomas Armstrong Served through the said War of the Revolution as a Captain. That his Father the said Thomas Armstrong deceased died in the year 1801 and left Janet Armstrong his widow surviving who also died on the 27th day of April 1842 and left surviving her two children, to wit, William Armstrong and this Declarant Farguhard C. Armstrong only surviving heirs of the said Thomas Armstrong and Janet Armstrong.

The Declarant also declares that from the best of his information his Father and Mother the said Thomas and Janet Armstrong were married together about the date of 1784 in the County of Cumberland State of North Carolina. The Declarant further States that he makes this declaration in behalf of himself and his Brother William Armstrong for the Pension that was due their Mother the said Janet Armstrong deceased, and that he and the said William Armstrong are the only Surviving heirs of the said Thomas and Janet Armstrong deceased.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court on this 5th day of March 1846

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State of North Carolina Cumberland County

On this the 27th day of October 1845 came before me John T Honrine one of the acting Justices of the peace for the said County of Cumberland Sherwood Fort a resident of the

aforesaid County and State aged eighty-six years (a pensioner of the United States) who being first sworn according to law deposeth and saith

Question first were you acquainted with Thomas Armstrong of Cumberland County North Carolina in the days of the revolution

Yes I was well acquainted with him

question second did you serve with the said Thomas Armstrong

No I did not but I saw him several times in the horse company in the war of the revolution and I recollect to have heard him called Captain

question third have you any knowledge how long the said Armstrong served

No but my impression and belief is that he served the United States through the war faithfully.

Sworn to and subscribed on this the 27th of October 1845 before me

Sherwood For

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State of North Carolina Cumberland County

On this 31st day of October 1845 personally appeared before me Henry Elliott one of the acting justices of the peace for the aforesaid County Duncan Munroe a Resident of the aforesaid County & state aged 80 years who being first duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith

Question 1st Were you acquainted with Thomas Armstrong of the aforesaid County & State in the War of the Revolution?

Answer. Yes I was well acquainted with him –

Q. 2nd Do you remember to have seen the said Thomas Armstrong in the War of the Revolution?

A. Yes I saw him frequently serving in the horse company.

O. 3rd Do you know whether he served as an officer or common soldier?

A. I do not, but was always of the impression that he served as an officer. Sworn to & subscribed on the 31st day of October 1845

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State of North Carolina Cumberland County

On this the 29th day of October 1845 came before me James McKeithan one of the acting Justices of the peace and a member of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the said County of Cumberland Daniel McLellan² a resident of the aforesaid County & state (a Pensioner) aged Eighty-Six years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following statement viz.: That he this deponent was acquainted with Thomas Armstrong of the said County of Cumberland North Carolina. That this deponent remembers to have seen the said

Daniel McLellan S7208

Sherwood Fort S8499

Thomas Armstrong in the service of the United States in the war of the Revolution at Fayetteville North Carolina.

Sworn to & subscribed on this the 29th day of October 1845 before me S/ Daniel McLellan

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[p 21: On October 28, 1845 in Cumberland County North Carolina, Isabella McPhail gave testimony that she was well acquainted with Thomas and Janet Armstrong; that she was not present at their wedding but that she, the deponent, was married July 14, 1789 and that Thomas and Janet were married and had 2 children at the time the deponent was married; that Thomas died about 40 years ago leaving Janet his widow; that Janet died in April 1842 leaving 2 children William and Farquhard C. Armstrong.

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Raleigh North Carolina Comptroller's Office

I William F Collins Comptroller of Public Accounts in and for the State of North Carolina do hereby certify that the name of Captain Thomas Armstrong appears of record in this office as having had issued in his favor for military Service a Specie Certificate for Twenty-nine Pounds fourteen Shillings and four pence (£29.14.4) See Book G. No. 17 page 45. I further certify that Thomas Armstrong had the following Certificates issued in his favor for military service (viz.) one for Fifty Pounds (£50) See Book A. M No. 15 page 46 also another for Twenty-five Pounds fifteen Shillings (£25.15) See Book L. No. 2 page 21 Also another for Forty Six pounds eleven shillings and four pence (£46.11.4) see Book No. 180 marked Militia

Given under my hand and seal this 31st day of August 1846 S/ Wm F. Collins, Comptr.

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Raleigh North Carolina Comptroller's Office

I William F Collins Comptroller of the Public Accounts in and for the State of North Carolina do hereby certify that the name of Captain Thomas Armstrong appears of Record in this Office in the Register of Settlements of Army Accounts at Halifax as having been paid by the State the sum of \$2700.11 the record showing the commencement of Account to be the first January 1777 and the period of account 1 January 1782. Given under my hand and seal this 7th March A.D. 1846

S/Wm F. Collins, Comptr.