

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Isaac Armstrong S16312

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State of Tennessee, Anderson County: County Court October sessions 1832.<sup>1</sup>

On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court at a Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now setting for said County, a Court of record, and having a Clerk and private seal, Isaac Armstrong a resident of said county aged seventy years who having been duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declination in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of an act of congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 --- That he was born in the State of Maryland sometime in July 1762, where he lived eight years, when he moved into Loudoun County Virginia, where he lived about 7 years, when he moved to Augusta County, Virginia where he was living when sometime in the winter of 1777 or '78 he entered the army of the United States as a private volunteer for the term of three months, and was enrolled in Augusta County Virginia, into a company commanded by Captain Robert Craven and marched with his said company under the command of his said Captain through the wilderness, out at the south branch of the Potomac, and on to Wilson's and Warrack's [?] Forts,<sup>2</sup> both situated in Tyger valley [Tygart Valley] on the west fork of the Monongahela river, where applicant and his company were stationed until the three months for which he had volunteered had expired when the whole company were marched home by their said Captain and discharged -- applicant states that a few days after he got home there was a draft made of the militia of the said Augusta County, and a certain John Hooper was drafted for a three months tour - he states that the said John Hooper offered him a riffle gun and some clothes to go to the said campaign as his substitute - applicant acceded to the proposal of the said John and enrolled himself as a substitute for the said John Hooper into a company commanded by the said Captain Robert Craven and Ensign Joseph Cictum [? could be Cictum or something else altogether]<sup>3</sup> - under this Captain applicant marched with his company over the same country and were stationed at the same Forts mentioned above until the three months for which they had been drafted, had expired, when applicant and his company were marched home by their said captain and there discharged - applicant states that the object of these two campaigns was to keep up a defense of the said Forts so as to keep the Indians in awe - he states that during the campaigns they went out in frequent scouting parties after the Indians but were never able to overtake any of them - applicant states that shortly after his return home from this second campaign he moved to Botetourt County Virginia where he lived until --- sometime in the summer or fall of 1781, he recollects it was but a short time before Cornwallis was taken, there was a draft made of the militia of said county, for a term of two months after reaching head quarters, in this draft a certain Ezekiel Trotter was drafted, who

<sup>1</sup> Along the side of the first page of this application, the following note appears: "The certificate to this applicant or these papers—if sent back will be addressed to Knoxville Tennessee."

<sup>2</sup> Fort Wilson built by Benjamin Wilson about a half mile above the junction of Chenoweth Creek on the E side of Tygart Valley River in present Randolph County. Fort Warwick in present Randolph County WV

<sup>3</sup> *Joseph Cictum*

proposed to applicant to give him a horse and some other articles of property if he would perform the tour in his place - applicant acceded to his proposals and entered the army and was enrolled as the substitute of the said Ezekiel Trotter in said county of Botetourt, into a company commanded by Captain \_ Looney - under his command applicant and his company marched directly across the Blue Ridge to headquarters somewhere on this side of old James town - here applicants company joined the main body of the Virginia Militia under Genl Campbell, and the continental troops under Genl Wayne [Anthony Wayne] - applicant states that the army marched and countermarched through the country for some time and he cannot now distinctly recollect where, but he well recollects that he belonged to a scouting party of about three hundred who were detached from the main army and sent after the British, and encountered them at a place called Hot Water - here there was a pretty warm conflict [June 26, 1781] for an hour or two, and some were killed and wounded on both sides, but owing to the superiority of the British in numbers, the Americans were forced to retreat to the main army - His party of three hundred were under the command of Col. McCleary -- applicant states that after joining the main army it marched about through the country and came to old Jamestown, at the time when the British Army were in the act of crossing the river - the militia under General Campbell attacked the rear of the British while we were embarking in boats, upon which those who were on board the boats disembarked and drove the militia back, and their retreat was covered by the continentals under Genl. Wayne - applicant states that he gave several fires and fought bravely in the affair at Jamestown, after which the American army marched he thinks to a place called Goode's Bridge - and from there to a place called Bottoms Bridge and there the three months after which applicant had reached headquarters, having expired, he was discharged and returned home - applicant states that sometime between the termination of the second campaign above mentioned and the one last mentioned while he was yet living in Augusta County, he was drafted for a three months tour, and was enrolled in a company commanded by some person who lived in another county, and whose name is not now recollected - he marched and with several other companies of militia reached Richmond directly after the British had burned Manchester and the ware houses in Richmond - applicant states that he with the militia were stationed a short distance below Richmond, upwards of six weeks when he was discharged and went home - applicant cannot recollect a single officer who was in command in this campaign - they all being strangers to him - he states that he has as above stated served in the Revolutionary Army eleven or twelve months - he states that after the war he moved from Botetourt to Greenbrier County Virginia then to Powel's Valley, Tennessee, from where he moved to Kentucky, where he lived a few months when he moved to Anderson County where he now lives, and has lived for the last twenty years - he states that he has no record of his age, but believes from the best information he has that he is seventy years old - he states that Henry Farmer, George Hoskins, John Tuggle and William McKarny are his neighbors and have known him long - he states that to the best of his knowledge he received a discharge at the termination of each of his campaigns, but he has long since lost them - he states that he has no documentary evidence whatever of his services nor does he know of any person whatever whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services - he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

S/ Isaac Armstrong, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed in open court this 9<sup>th</sup> Oct 1832

S/ James McCann, D Clk.

We George Hoskins an acting Justice of the Peace for Anderson County and Henry Farmer do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Isaac Armstrong who has sworn to and subscribed the foregoing declaration, and have been so acquainted for twenty years - that we believe him to be seventy years of age - that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn & signed in Open Court this 9th Oct 1832

S/ George Hoskins  
S/ Hennery Farmer

State of Tennessee, Anderson County

On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 1833 Personally appeared before me Arthur Crozier an acting Justice of the court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for said County Isaac Armstrong a resident of the said County and state in the said County of Anderson and State of Tennessee who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following amendment to his Pension declaration which declaration was made in the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for said County; and bears date October 9<sup>th</sup> 1832 and was numbered in the War Department No 15536 and sent back for amendment. He was born in the forks of Gunn Powder creek [could be Gum Powder Creek, Gun Powder Creek] twenty five miles above Baltimore in the State of Maryland sometime in July 1762 has he was informed by his parents. He has no record of his age. He lived in Augusta County when first called into the service he then moved into Botetourt County Virginia as stated in his original declaration and lived there about twelve years after the war was over; he then moved onto Powells River into Bath County Virginia lived there eight or nine years he then moved into the barrans of Kentucky lived there one year he then move to Anderson County Tennessee and has lived there ever since and still lives there. He is acquainted in his present neighbourhood with George Hoskins Esqr Richard Oliver Charles Y. Oliver and Henry Farmer all of whom he believes would testify that he is a man of veracity and that they believe he served as a soldier of the revolution. There is no clergyman living in his neighbourhood nor none that he could procure who could testify to the report of his service sworn to and subscribed this day in the year aforesaid before me.

S/ Isaac Armstrong, X his mark

S/ A. Crozier

A Justice of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for said County and State

[p 16: On June 17, 1837 in Putnam County Indiana, the veteran describing himself as the same person who formerly belonged to the company commanded by Captain Looney in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Nilson, made application for a transfer of his pension benefit to the Indiana agency saying that he now resided in Indiana; he stated the reasons for his moving from Tennessee to Indiana was that he was old and the family with whom he lived and had taking care of him for a number of years were removing to Indiana so he came along with them. He signed this document with his mark. His application was supported by an affidavit given by James Roland.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.66 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 11 months in the Virginia service.]