

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Arbuckle S16609

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State of Indiana } Sct

Washington County } In the Washington Circuit Court April Term 1833 ~

On this 5th day of April 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of said Court it being a Court of Record, now sitting, Thomas Arbuckle a resident of the said County of Washington and State of Indiana aged 86 years 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 7th 1832, That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, that he entered said service at Bottetourt [sic: Botetourt] County in the State of Virginia, in the year [blank] about the month of [blank] as a Lieutenant in a company of militia commanded by Capt. George Givens, said company rendezvoused at Fincastle & marched in pursuance of orders from Genl [Andrew] Lewis on an Expedition against the Indians, to Big Island on the waters of Holstein River [sic: Long Island of Holston River at present Kingsport TN], at which place the Indians were routed on a battle that took place about 2 days before he arrived [Battle of Long Island Flats, 20 July 1776] – this declarant remained at Big Island one day, and was then discharged by Col. [Evan] Shelby – he states that he served in said company as Lieutenant upon this expedition not less than fifteen days –

That about the month of April 1780 at Whitley's Station (Ky) [now in Lincoln County] he was drafted as a private into a militia Company under Capt [John] Bowles which company was attached to the Regiment under Col. B. Logan [sic: Benjamin Logan], which served under the command of Genl. [George Rogers] Clark – that he served as a private in this said Company during the succeeding campaign which was not less according to his best recollection & belief than six months –

In the fall of 1782 at the same place (Whitley's Station) he was again drafted as a private soldier, into the same company and served under the same officers, during the campaign which followed. – his services in this last campaign according to his best recollection and belief was not less than six months –

In the campaign first mentioned he marched with his company to an Indian Town called Pickana and was in the battle with the Indians which was fought at that place [probably Piqua on Great Miami River OH, 8 Aug 1780] –

In the second campaign mentioned he marched with his company to an Indian Town on the Big Miami (the name of which he does not recollect) and there had another skirmish with the Indians, after which he was ordered by Col Logan to Aston's station, and placed there with 19 others as a guard –

He states that he served in the Revolution, in the manner, and in the Campaigns as above stated, not less than fifteen days as a Lieutenant, and not less than one year as a private soldier.

He rec'd discharges at the times he left the service, but they are lost. he states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service – 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 ~

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Thomas hisXmark Arbuckle

NOTE: On 27 Dec 1838 Arbuckle applied for a new pension certificate from Jefferson County IN, with Frances L. Arbuckle as witness and John Arbuckle certifying.