

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Armstrong S2925

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State of Tennessee Lincoln County: SS

On this 16th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting at the Court house in the town of Fayetteville and in the State aforesaid, Thomas Armstrong a resident of the State of Tennessee in the County of Lincoln aforesaid aged about Seventy Seven 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 is to say, he entered the service he believes in the year seventy-seven in the month of April under Captain John Davis who was afterwards cashiered and George Pearce the first Lieutenant in the Company was promoted to the command of Captain under whom he served till he quit the service – He was drafted for three months which he served out, did not return home till the month of September following in consequence of sickness – the company to which he belonged was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel McDowell whose Regiment was attached to the forces commanded by General Butler [John Butler], General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] being commander in chief of the whole North Carolina forces – He was drafted in the County of Guilford in the State of North Carolina immediately before he went into service – He was in the Battle of Stono ferry [June 20, 1779] (he believes in the State of South Carolina) though not in that battle being one of the guard of the baggage – said battle was fought between the American forces under General Lincoln & the British forces were commanded he believes by Provost [Augustine Prevost][sic, Lt. Col. John Maitland] – He served as a drafted militia man in the State of Pennsylvania a term of two months guarding the British prisoners taken at Burgoyne's defeat [Battle of Saratoga or Bemis Heights, October 7, 1777] which prisoners were kept about two miles below the town of Little York under Captain Arbison – John Aidy being Major then in command at that place. He does not recollect the year in which he rendered this service. He afterwards served as a volunteer in the State of Pennsylvania some considerable time in collecting and bringing into camp the British prisoners who had made their escape from the Americans. He does not recollect how long he was engaged in this service but he thinks 2 months or more – He afterwards served some time as a volunteer in the State of North Carolina in guarding the magazine at Guilford Courthouse. But he does not recollect the year nor the length of time he served, he believes about two weeks in this last tour – Captain Whitesell [Henry Whitesell] and Dent were at the magazine while he was guarding the same. He served at various times as a volunteer against the Tories in North Carolina through several years, attached to no particular Regiments or Companies But in scouting parties he believes in all more than a month – He has no documentary evidence and 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

S/ Thomas Armstrong, X his mark

[Albert G Gibson, a clergyman, and William Edmiston gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Thomas Armstrong the foregoing applicant for a pension further states that he was born in York County State of Pennsylvania on the 20th day of July 1755. He has no record of his age in his possession – it was recorded in his father's Bible – but he does not know where it is. He was living in Guilford County North Carolina when first entered the service – and in York County Pennsylvania when he entered the service a second time, and after this latter term of service expired he again went to Guilford County North Carolina – and there again entered the service as stated in his declaration after the close of the war – he moved with his father to York district State of South Carolina – where [he] married and lived some considerable length of time, the precise time not recollected – from there he moved to Pendleton district in the same state – and lived there eight or ten years and from there he moved to this County (Lincoln) where he has lived ever since and where he now lives =, The first term of service he received no discharge = owing to sickness – which he had about eight days before the time expired – he entered the service for, – and he never saw his Captain George Pearce until several years afterwards – He received a discharge from Captain Aberson – which he left with John McBride his Lieutenant in York County Pennsylvania expecting to return – but never did – & does not know what has become of it – this the only discharge he ever received – He is known in the neighborhood where he resides to Albert G Gibson, to William Edmiston, James Bright, James Higgins & to his neighbors generally = all of whom can testify to his character for veracity & to their belief of his services as a revolutionary soldier.

S/ Thomas Armstrong, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$28.21 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months and 24 days in the North Carolina and Pennsylvania service.]