Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Virginia Rejected Claim of John Arthur VAS1179
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

[The following are among rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.]

To his Excellency the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia
The memorial of Isabel Mitchen the heir and legal representative of John Arthur deceased late a private in the Virginia Continental line in the war of the Revolution.

Respectfully sheweth that the said John Arthur Dec'd in the year [blank] enlisted under Captain [blank] in the Virginia Continental line to serve for the term of [blank] years and was attached to the [blank] Virginia Regiment commanded by Col [blank]; that he served the said term faithfully to his death, which was before the expiration of the said term and in service.
all of which will more readily appear by reference to Army Register of the continental line and the accompanying certificate of a respectable soldier who served with him in the Revolution.

You Memorialist further states that in his lifetime he never applied or drew the land bounty promised by the State of Virginia nor have his heirs since his death applied for or drew the same.

Your Memorialist therefore humbly prays that your excellency will grant them the usual quantity of Land allowed to a Soldier of the Virginia Continental line pursuant to the laws of Virginia in such cases, made and provided as in duty bound shall ever pray &c Iszabel herXmark Mitchen

State of Virginia Bedford County to wit
On this 21st day of March 1844 personally appeared before Lewis C. Arthur justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid; John Arthur and made oath that he was personally acquainted with John Arthur deceased who served in the Revolutionary War for the term of about twelve months and in the service of the United States in the regular Army he died a regular soldier; I know he did enlist as a soldier in the Revolutionary war – the time of his enlistment and term of it I can not now recollect given under my hand and seal this day & year above written Lewis C. Arthur J.P.B