

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to William Arnold VAS2295
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

To the Executive of Virginia

Your Memorialist William H. Graves begs leave respectfully to represent, That his ancestor, William Arnold, entered the military service of Virginia early in the Revolutionary War, say in the 1776 or earlier, as he is informed in the 5th Va Reg't having enlisted under Capt. George Stubblefield [VAS1818] of Spotsylvania County. And your Memorialist further states that he is informed & now believes that the said William Arnold afterwards enlisted in the Reg't. of Cavalry Commanded by Col. Bland [Theodrick Bland VAS1859], in which Reg't he was promoted to the rank of a noncommissioned officer at least, & that he served in said rank until the end of the war

Your Memorialist resides in the County of Spotsylvania and state of Virginia. He respectfully asks that his claim to the Bounty Land which is usually allowed to solders of the Rank of the said William Arnold may be allowed to him according to the Laws & Customs of the State of Virginia; and that such evidence as he has been able to procure may be received and considered And also that such evidence of the service of the said William Arnold as the Revolutionary Documents in the possession of the Government may show, may also be refered to and Considered in support of the said claim. And that such other proof as may be hereafter obtained may also be received and considered, provided that hereinbefore referred to should not be deemed sufficient. And your Memorialist will ever pray &c

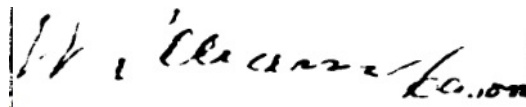
Wm. H. Graves

The Affidavit of William Cason [S9157] of Spotsylvania County and state of Virginia

This Affiant being of lawful age and being first duly sworn saith That he was raised near to William Arnold also of Spotsylvania County Virginia, and was intimately acquainted with him throught his advanced life. He further saith that the said William Arnold enlisted under Capt. Stubblefield in Spotsylvania County under whom he served during two years after which he the said Arnold re-enlisted under Colo. Bland where he served until the Termination of the Revolutionary War being regularly in the Continental Sevice from the Commencement until the Termination of the War and was a non-commissioned Officer from and after the time of enlisting in the Cavalry under Colo. Bland. He further saith that he was not in any Battle with the said William but saw him in Sevice in the town of Petersburg as this Affiant marched South some time previous to Gates's defeat [defeat of Gen. Horatio Gates, Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] – and that both he and said Arnold were in sevice together in the North

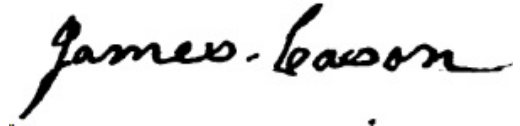
And further this affiant saith not

[4 Nov 1834]



State of Tennessee } This day personally appeared before me Sampson W. Cassetty, an acting Justice
Jackson County } of the Peace in and for said County James Cason [S3124] a Citizen of the County
and State aforesaid with whom am Personally acquainted who being duly qualified Deposeth and Saith
That in the years 1775 and 1776 he resided in the County of Spotsylvania and State of Virginia. That he
was well acquainted with William Arnold about that time Deponent States that William Arnold enlisted in
the Continel Army under Capt George Stubblefield and he thinks, but is not certain, that he was in the fifth
Virginia Regiment. Deponent thinks that it was in the year 1776 or before that William Arnold enlisted
Deponent entered the army himself in the Second Virginia State commanded at first by Col. Gregory
Smith in March 1777 and he is Certain that William Arnold enlisted before he deponent did Deponent
cannot state for what time William Arnold enlisted but is certain that it was for at least three years if not

during the war as the said William Arnold did not return home until after the Surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown in Virginia in [19 Oct] 1781 and further this Deponent saith not Sworn & subscribed to before this 25th day of November 1834
James Cason



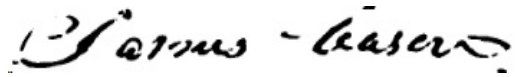
Jackson County Ten Nov'r 25th 1834

Dear Nephew [Robert J. Wigglesworth, Mount Pleasant, Spotsylvania County VA]

Your Favour of the 1st Inst is received [undeciphered word] on the first page you will find my affidavit in relation to the services of William Arnold. I have had the Certificate of the Clerk of the County Court attached to it thinking it might probably be necessary, and at any rate it would do no harm I do not know anything of my own knowledge in relation to the Services of Lindsey Arnold [W3750] and have therefore said nothing about him in my affidavit
My Family are all as well as usual

Give my Respects to all my Friends and Acquaintances – write to me [one or two undeciphered words] ever it is convenient

I Remain your
Friend & Relation
James Cason



1835 June 24 Rejected

NOTES:

Note that the signature on the letter to James Cason's nephew does not match that on the affidavit, which appears to match the signature on the pension application of James Cason S3124.

The application appears to have been rejected because there were two others named William Arnold (VAS2293 and VAS2294) who had already received bounty land. The above William Arnold may have been the same person as one of those two.