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Pension Application of Joseph Archer BLWt2120-200  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

Dec'r 13 1782 I certify that Lieutenant Joseph Archer was appointed an officer in the Virginia Continental Line in 1776 and continued asuch till his death  
Benjamin Manison  
allowance for 266 & 2/3 acres of Land issued to John Archer Heir at Law to Lt. Joseph Archer Dec'r 14 1782

a copy from the records of the Land office of Virginia: as witness my hand and Seal of office hereto affixed the 16 June 1834

Edward Eggleston of the County of Amelia & State of Virginia being duly sworn, states that he was born & resided in the said County about seventy years, & that he is now seventy four years old; that he knew Joseph Archer who belonged to the Continental line, & entered as this Affiant understood as a Lieutenant in the said line; that he this Affiant understood that he was mortally wounded at the battle of Brandiwine [sic: Brandywine PA, 11 Sep 1777] & was carried off the field by the late Capt John Worsham & shortly after died of his wounds. These circumstances he thinks he heard the said Capt. John Worsham relate, but it is impossible at this distant day to distinguish between what he heard him relate, & what he heard from others that he did relate, but this affiant distinctly remembers that he frequently heard the late Maj'r. Henry Moss (who delighted to narrate the incidents of his revolutionary services, & who lived to an advanced age) state that he the said Moss was a Capt. in the Virginia line & commanded a platoon at the Battle of Brandiwine, & stated that Lieutenant Joseph Archer had a command in the same line, & spoke highly of Lieutent Archer gallantry & stated that as the British advanced to the attack Archer encouraged his men & that he the said Archer received a mortal wound & was taken off the field by the said Capt. John Worsham & shortly after died, that the said Worsham, Moss, & Archer resided in the same County & the same neighbourhood, and that this affiant knew all three of them, and this affiant further states that the late Maj'r. John Archer was the Eldest Brother of the aforesaid Lieutenant Joseph Archer; & that he the said John Archer left at his Death four children a son & three Daughters all at this time single to wit. William S. Archer [Member of Congress], Elisabeth, Martha, & Ann Archer, who are the sole Heirs of the aforesaid John Archer, & that this affiant has known them from their Childhood up to this date

[signed 28 May 1835] Edward Eggleston

The Deposition of Judith C Eggleston of lawful age taken this 7th day of August 1835, at the house of Chastain Cocke in the County of Powhatan and State of Virginia; This deponent being first duly sworn saith: "I was raised and resided in the County of Amelia, until within a few years past – lived in the neighbourhood of Majr John Archer Maj Peter F Archer [Peter Field Archer, BLWt300-200] and Mr Richard Archer, sons of Col William Archer, & brothers of Mr. Joseph Archer – with the brothers and sisters of Mr. Jos Archer I was intimately acquainted – and have very often heard them & other acquaintances speak of Mr Joseph Archer having received a wound at the battle of Brandywine of which he soon after died.

I also distinctly remember to have heard Mr. John Worsham say that he was in the battle of Brandywine with Mr. Jos. Archer, that Mr. Jos Archer rec'd a wound in his breast, was borne from the field on his Worsham's back – and shortly after died of said wound – the s'd Worsham thought Mr. Archer might have recovered, if he had been attended by a skilful surgeon. That Mr. Joseph Archer died in consequence of the wound he rec'd at the battle of Brandywine is a fact which I have heard from a short time after its occurrence to the present day and never heard it doubted by any one.

[signed] Judith C Eggleston

The Deposition of Benj'm A Winston of lawful age, taken at the house of William A Cocke in the County of Powhatan & State of Virginia, this 7th day of August 1835; this deponent, being first duly sworn saith – I was well acquainted with the late Hudson Martin Esqr [pension application W7394], of Nelson County, formerly of Albemarle County Va, and have heard him say that he was engaged in the Battle of Brandywine, and that Joseph Archer of Amelia County Va was engaged in the same battle; was wounded in the breast by a ball, & being carried from the field to a church, shortly after died of that wound.

[signed] B. A. Winston

The deposition of William A Cocke of lawful age taken in the County of Powhatan and State of Virginia this 7th day of August 1835. this deponent being first duly sworn saith.

I was acquainted with Joseph Archer Esqr of Amelia County – also with his Father Colo Wm Archer and his brother Maj John, Maj Peter F, and Mr Richard Archer & other members of his family – Soon after the Battle of Brandywine, I heard that Mr. Joseph Archer had died of a wound received in his breast at that battle. I have heard this fact often mentioned by his Father, Brothers & other relatives during a period of forty years.

I have also heard the late Colo. Wm Bentley [William Bentley] a Brother in law of Mr. Joseph Archer, say that he was in the tent with Mr. Archer when the alarm guns were fired, which called them to Brandywine the morning of the battle – that Mr. Archer and himself hastened to the action together – that Mr. Archer, whilst waiving his hat in the air and cheering his Companions in battle received a wound in his breast by a musket ball – was borne from the field of Brandywine to a Church, where he died of s'd wound –

[signed] W A. Cocke

Amelia County Va. August 7<sup>th</sup> 1835

I Betty B Robertson do hereby certify That I have heard my Brother John Worsham say that he bore Joseph Archer off the field of battle at Brandywine after being wounded, of which wound the said Archer died as she has often heard, and moreover That I have seen the ball which my brother said killd him and The waistcoat he wore at the time –

Given under my hand & seal the day and date above

[signed] Betty B Robertson