

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Armsted S12001

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State of Virginia }

County of Mathews }

On this 17 day of April 1834 personally appeared before me Houlter Hudgins a Justice of the court William Armsted aged seventy-six years who was 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 I entered the service latter part 1776 under Capt Robert Gayle by an order of Sir John Peyton Col'n. to enroll me and served a tower of duty of one month at point comfort in 1777 I was called out in like order under the same officers at the same place and served a tour of duty for two months in the same year called out in like order at the same place under the same officers and seved a tower of Duty for two months in 1778 I was called out in like order under the same officers at the same place and served a tower of duty for two months and a half in the same year called out in like order under the same officer to go to pepper Crick [sic: Pepper Creek] where the barges came up there and there we had a little engagement and marched from there to point comfort where we were generally stationed and served on that tower of duty for three months in 1779 I was called out in like order at the same place under the same officers and served a tower of duty for two months an a half in the same year called out in like order at the same place under the same officers and served tower of duty for two months in 1780 I was called out in like order under Capt [illegible word] Bennet Coln. Boswell had the command at that time and ordered Capt. Bennet to take some men and go to pepper Creek and Drive the barges off where we had a nother little engagement after they went away we marched again to point comfort I served on that tower of duty three months in the same year called out in like order at the same place under the same officers and served a tower of duty for two months whilst we were stationed at point comfort we had many engagements with the barges the number of the engagements I do not recollect now when I was attached to Capt Gayls company I was relived by Capt. Barnet's Company when I was attached to Capt Barnet's Company I was relived by Capt. Gayle's in 1781 I was called out to go to Williamsburg under Capt. John Billups by an order of Coln. Boswell when the British were up James River and marched to Gloscester [sic: Gloucester] Court House in hereing that the British had retreated we stopped there and returned back again I served on that tower of duty one month in the same year I was called out when all the Gloscester malitia were called out to go to Glocester town under the same officers and marched to Hubbard's Old field and there we was stationed a little while and then marched to Seawell's[?] Old field and then marched down to Glosester town where we had a very severe engagement on that tower of duty I served three months in 1782 I was called out under Capt. Peter Barnet to go to point comfort on the account of some British Vessels laying of in the bay by an order of Coln. Boswell on that tower of duty I served six weeks in the same year called out in like order at the same place under the same officers and served a tower of duty one month all those above towers of Duty I served as a private I hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of [any] state and for such services I claim a pension I was born in glosester County kingston parish the year 1758 I have no record of my age I was living in Glocester County Kingston parish when called in to service I have lived there ever since I was called in to service as a malitia-man I did not get acquainted with any of the regular officers as I served all my time in glocester County I knew Coln. Payton Coln. Boswell Coln. Thogmorton Coln. Cary and Coln. Baytop I never received no writen discharge I can prove my services by William Digges [pension application S8327] and Anthony Hudgins [signed Anthony Hudgen; S10883] who can also testify to my carracter

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid William hisXmark Armsted

NOTE: Armsted died 4 Feb 1836.