

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Argubright (Argubrite) S12907

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State of Virginia, Monroe County

On this 15th day of October 1832 personally appeared for the Justices of the County Court of said County Jacob Argubrite a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged 72 years the 20th day of this Instant, 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 was born in Lancaster County in the State of Pennsylvania came to the County of Rockingham Virginia when a boy. That he volunteered in the Militia Service for six months in the month of May 1778 under Captain Cravens [sic, Robert Craven] who raised a volunteer company to March against the Indians. That he marched under the said Craven from the County of Rockingham to Vest fall Fort [sic, Westfall Fort] in Tigers Valley [Tygart Valley] at which Fort and Fort Hettan [probably Fort Hadden]¹ he was stationed during the Term of service except some two or three days at a time when he was called out to reconnoiter the Country at the end of the six months he agreed to volunteer under Captain Craven for three months longer after which he came home for the space of about two weeks and then was marched to Fort Pitt from thence to Tuscarora River [Tuscarawas River] at which place he assisted in building a Fort Lawrence [sic, Fort Laurens]. The troops were commanded by Major Nall [probably William Nalle] Colonel Crawford [probably William Crawford] and General McIntosh [Lachlan McIntosh] & sometimes by Col. Gibson [perhaps John Gibson]² that he was acquainted with Lieutenant Parks [James Parks]³ who was killed by the Indians between Fort McIntosh and Fort Laurens that he saw him after he was dead lying on the path Colonel Crawford on account of his murder wished to kill nine or ten Indians who had come to sue for peace but was prevailed upon by the other officers not to do so. After serving out his time he was marched on with the rest of his company under Captain Craven where he arrived in the month of February 1779. He was not in any battle during this service. That in the year of 1780 in the fall of said year he volunteered in the Cavalry for 12 months under Captain Sullivan who resided in the County of Berkeley State of Virginia and was marched to Staunton from thence to North Carolina and was at the battle of the Cowpens in January 1781 [January 17, 1781] that after the Battle he was stationed for some time at Salisbury and also at Guilford Court House and afterwards was marched back to Virginia to a place called the Bolingreen [sic, Bowling Green] not far from Richmond where they remained for some time for the purpose of recruiting their Horses and at which place his term of service expired in the latter part of the month of September 1781 – his Colonel or Major's name was Fruge he does not well recollect which. That at the same time and before he left

¹ C. Leon Harris notes that Fort Hadden was more commonly called Fort Warwick and was a strong fort on the point of high ground on the west side of Tygart Valley River at the mouth of Elkwater Creek, in Huttonsville District, Randolph County.

² [John Gibson S41578](#)

³ Leon notes that Lt. James Parks was killed on November 6, 1778.

Bowling Green he volunteered and Joined a Rifle company under Captain Coker to go to Yorktown without there being any time Specified as to the term of Service that he marched to Yorktown and was at the Siege and that he was in one or two skirmishes but not in any battle was present at the Surrender of Cornwallis and assisted or served as one of the Guard to convey some of the prisoners above Williamsburg where he was taken sick and discharged by Colonel Dark [William Darke] in the latter part of the month of October 1781 having been in the service from the time he left home to go to North Carolina about one year & two months. His discharge he has long since lost and knows nothing of it – after the war he moved to the County of Albemarle State of Virginia from thence to the County of Greenbrier and lastly to the County of [p 9] Monroe where he now resides he does not know of any person by whom he can prove certainly anything of his service during the war. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year first written.

S/ Jacob Argubright {Seal}

[Henry Alexander and John Hutchinson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Virginia, Monroe County

Jacob Argubright who is named in the foregoing Declaration personally appeared in Court and in addition to the declaration made on the 15th of October last past after being sworn according to law saith that in the year 1778 as before stated he served the full period of six months – that he volunteered under Captain Craven as before stated and served the full period of three months as stated in the first declaration. That in the year 1780 as stated in the foregoing declaration he volunteered for 12 months under Captain Sullivan which period he fully served and afterwards Volunteered without any time being stated as to the length of service and served two months and took sick and was discharged by Colonel Dark – but he cannot recollect the particular days he went into the service or was discharged but doth declare that he served in all the different Tours – 1 year and 11 months – and that the reason no clergyman's certificate was in his declaration of the 15th of October last was that none could be at that time procured.

Sworn to and subscribed this ___ day of June 1833.

S/ Jacob Argubright

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jacob Argubright". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with some flourishes. The signature is written over a faint, horizontal line.

[William Adair, a clergyman, and John Holsapple gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Virginia, Monroe County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the said County of Monroe Jacob Argubrite who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the particular day he entered the service or was discharged, but knows he served the full periods mentioned in his declaration bearing date of 15th of October 1832 and hereunto annexed. That he volunteered under Captain Craven in 1778 for six months and served that time fully and as stated in said declaration. That before he left Tigers Valley Fort he volunteered for three months more with an agreement that he would go home for two weeks and then go into service for the said three months, which he done. (Captain Craven went also home at the same time) and when the two weeks was up he marched with Captain Craven to Fort Pitt – and so on as stated in his declaration – and served out a three months – and got home in the month of February 1779. That he served afterwards under Captain Sulavan [sic, Sullivan?] as a Volunteered 12 months, in

Virginia & North Carolina was at the Battle of the Cowpens – as stated in his former Declaration. That he knows the militia was not continued in service longer than one Tour at the same time but he Volunteered and made it so by his own act. He knows he served not less than one year and 11 months in the whole four Tours – and for such service he claims a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26th day of July 1833.

S/ Henry Alexander, JP

S/ Jacob Argubrite, X his mark

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Monroe County, to wit

This day Jacob Argubright came before me Henry Alexander a Justice of the peace and made oath in due form of law (which is intended as an answer to a letter received from the War department bearing date the 21st of October last past in relation to his Pension, which states that the name of Captain Sullivan does not appear upon the Virginia State or Continental line rolls). The said Argubright declares that it was under Captain Sullivan he volunteered as stated in his first Declaration and served as therein stated and that Major Fruze went from Staunton Virginia to near Guilford C. H. in North Carolina at which place the Company joined the Army, that he does not know whether the company was enrolled in Virginia or North Carolina Troops but believes that some mistake of that kind is the reason that Captain Sullivan's name cannot be found as he does not know whether they were called after they joined the Main body of the Troops Virginia or N.C. troops – but that Sullivan was the man he volunteered & marched under to North Carolina and that he was his Captain (or passed for a Captain) during the term until they got to Bowling Green after they left N. C. at the Bowling Green the term of service was out and he saw no more of Captain Sullivan he declares that if he is paid in stopped that injustice will be done to him as he knows of no person at present that was in the service with him. That Jesse Bland [sic, Jesse Blan]⁴ who was a Pensioner and who departed this life last spring could if living declare to his service but as he is dead there is no other known to him at present – Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of December 1835.

S/ Henry Alexander, JP

S/ Jacob Argubright, X his mark

[p 35: the following document appears to me to be in the handwriting of G. W. Singleton: See [David W. Sleeth S6111](#) for C. Leon Harris' excellent analysis of the fraud investigation conducted by Singleton.]

Jacob Argubrite – (Served 1 year & 10 months Virginia Militia)

I the undersigned Jacob Argubrite in pursuance of the requisition of the Secretary of War make the following redeclaration of the Services I performed as a Soldier in the War of the Revolution. I am in my Seventy fifth year of age, and a native of Lancaster County Pennsylvania but resided in Rockingham County Virginia during the War. In the year 1778 I volunteered for six months Joined Captain Robert Cravens company, we marched across the Allegheny mountains to Tygart's Valley, was stationed at Hatter's Fort: we remained there about three months all the time in actual service guarding the Fort and defending the settlement. I returned home with Captain Cravens & a part of the company he raised an additional number of men and we marched directly to Fort McIntosh Joined their General McIntosh's Army, Colonel Harrison of Rockingham went out with one company. We went from Fort McIntosh to Fort Laurens, returned to Fort McIntosh and from there our company marched home in a body. Was at least 6 months in actual service in the two preceding campaigns.

I think it was in the year 1780 I volunteered for one year Joined Captain Sullivan's Company of Cavalry. We went from Rockingham to Guilford and the Cowpens. I was in the engagement at the latter place and not in that at the former. We went from Guilford to Bowling Green, remained there until my 12 months expired when I got a discharge – immediately thereafter I volunteered in a rifle

4 [Jesse Blan S8073](#)

company commanded by Captain Conyer or Cooker Joined the company at Williamsburg and marched to York town. Was then at the Siege & surrender of the British Army, marched with the prisoners above Williamsburg, was taken sick and got leave to go home in a wagon. I think I was in this last mentioned service at least 2 months. – I don't know [one or more indecipherable words] I alleged in my original Declaration to have served but I do know that I was at least 20 months in actual service – Colonel Crawford & Colonel Gibson was with us in McIntosh's campaign, Henry Alexander wrote my Declaration. The substance of the statement now given (to the best of my recollection) is the same as I gave to Mister Alexander, he charged me nothing. – I am informed by W. G. Singleton that the statement of the length of service here given fall short 2 months of the original statement. – I can't account for the discrepancy unless it be from loss of memory. – I think we started for Taggart's Valley on the first of May we returned home as before stated, and remained at home only long enough to make ready for McIntosh's campaign. We were discharged at Fort McIntosh a day or 2 after Christmas. In witness of all which I hereunto subscribed my name September 9, 1835

S/ Jacob Argubrite, X his mark

Witness J. W. Kelly

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Monroe Virginia February 29th 1836

This day Jacob Argubrite (in order to answer a letter from the Department of War relating to his Claim as a pensioner bearing date the 26th of January 1836 came before me a Justice of the peace for said County and made oath that he does not know of any person by whom he can prove his service that he does not know at this day in what line he served. He understood that Captain Sullivan was authorized to raise a volunteer Company of Cavalry their service to be 12 months and he volunteered under the said Captain Sullivan and served the time as stated in his former statements. He now recollects that about 10 days before the Battle of the Cowpens all the Cavalry was placed under the command of Colonel Washington [William Washington] and during the Battle he commanded all the Cavalry. Soon after Captain Sullivan's Company marched for Virginia leaving Colonel Washington behind he therefore cannot say whether he was attached to the Continental or State line or whether he was called in the Militia service but that Captain Sullivan commanded his company the 12 months and came to the Bowling Green in Virginia where the service expired. He further says that if he is not allowed the service he will not receive that which is due him for the most severe & hard times he ever experienced and that he will be allowed for the other which there is no objections 2. Sworn to and subscribed this day.

S/ Henry Alexander, JP

S/ Jacob Argubright, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing September 4th, 1839 reduced from \$73.33 commencing on March 4th, 1831 for service as a private for 10 months in the Virginia service.]