

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Aaron Arnold S21051

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State of Tennessee, Perry County

On this 22nd day of October 1834 personally appeared before me Francis Dogherty [Francis Dougherty] an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid Aaron Arnold a resident of the County of Perry and State of Tennessee aged about Eighty-six years, who being first duly Sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 – That he enlisted in the Army of the United States about the year 1782 and served in the Regiment (the number of the Regiment he cannot remember) of the North Carolina line. Under the following named officers – Declarant was marched into service from Hillsborough in the County of Orange where he enlisted, by Captain Fanner (or Fenner) [Robert Fenner] who proceeded with the troops enlisted at that place to Bacons Bridge on Ashley River. After our arrival at the Bridge we were placed under the command of Captain Hall [Clement Hall]. At this place Colonel Archibald Lytle took command of us. While I was at the Bridge I was confined some part of my time to my Bed with indisposition. The time we remained there I do not remember precisely. I think however I remained there six months or perhaps longer. The troops that were stationed at this place were kept there for the purpose of being ready to march against the British as their movements should render it necessary but Cornwallis having Surrendered [October 19, 1781 at Yorktown Virginia] it checked the British so that they were not so hostile and terrible in their attacks upon the Americans.

After I was enlisted at Hillsboro in the County of Orange by one Dickson we remained there three or four weeks before we marched to get Bacon's Bridge under Captain Fenner-- General Greene [Nathanael Greene] was our commander in chief in the Southern Army he was with us a short time at Bacons Bridge but was passing from place to place so that he was not with us long at a time. We were in no battles during my Term of service which was Seven months.

I entered the Service in the month of May and retired about Christmas following 1782. The troops that was stationed at Bacons Bridge marched to Wilmington, and I was unable to march with them being still sick and Colonel Lytle gave me directions to return to Hillsboro as I was unable to march with the Army to Wilmington. I did so & set out for Hillsboro and could only travel 5 & 6 miles per day. I never received any written discharge because I could not proceed with the Army to the place where they were disbanded. The Eighteen months men were ordered out about this time – I have no record of my age, my Father had one but it got lost.

I hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll or agency of any State.

S/ Aaron Arnold, X his mark

State of North Carolina, Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do certify that it appears from the

muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Aaron Arnold a private in Captain Hall's company of the 10th Regiment entered the service on the first day of April 1782, for the term of 12 months. That nothing more is said of him on said rolls.

Given under my hand this sixth day of March 1835.

S/ Wm Hill