

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Alexander Armstrong S31525

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State of Indiana }
Monroe County }

On this ninth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open Court before Amory Kinny president Judge of the Seventh Judicial Circuit of said state and Abram Buskirk and Stephen P. Seall Associate Judges of the Circuit Court of said County of Monroe now sitting Alexander Armstrong a resident of said County in said state aged eighty 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 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 to wit. He was born as well as he recollects (the record of his age being in Kentucky in the possession of a member of the family) in the year seventeen hundred and fifty two in Bedford County Virginia.

In the year seventeen hundred and seventy six when about 23 or 24 years of age then living in the said County of Bedford Virginia he volunteered in the Virginia Militia and entered the service of the United States in the Company of & commanded by Captain James Bluford [sic: James Buford]. At the time said company was raised and he enrolled therein as said Volunteer he does not recollect that his engagement was to serve any precise period. His enlistment was in the month of September. Said Company were all volunteers. This applicant was well as said company engaged to serve in an expedition against the Cherokee Indians for the purpose of facing them to submission and peace, or destroying their property and weakening their force by extirpation. He was marched in said company & did not form with or join any other troops untill their arrival at the Long Island on Holstein River [sic: Holston River, at present Kingsport TN], previously crossed New River. At long Iseland said Company was arranged under the command of Colonel Charles Lewis. Thence they were marched across the French Broad River to Tennessee River to the Indian Towns [early Oct 1776]. They (including this applicant) remained stationed at the said Indian Towns being the first they found for several weeks the Indians had previously disappeared. They were marched next to another Indian Town about nine miles higher up the Tennessee River where they remained about one week. After destroying the Towns and crops of the Indians they (this applicant & the troops to which he belonged) were marched back to Virginia by the same route which they had travelled to the Indian Country. He was employed in said service from the time he volunteered untill disbanded three months, which time he served faithfully and to the acceptance of his Officers. He was with said Company dismissed without any discharge in writing. He was dismissed in December of the said year in which he enlisted in Bedford County Virginia or before he reached so far. Said corps was infantry

In the Spring of the Year after the close of the said first campaign he volunteered in the service of the United States (a second time) in the Militia of Virginia living at the said County of Bedford and enlisted for the period of six months in the company commanded by Captain Henry Bluford [sic: Henry Buford] (brother to the Captain under whom he served his said first tour) in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Shelby. This was in the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven. He was marched to Long Island on Holstein River to a Fort at that place the name of which he has forgotten [Fort Patrick Henry]. He was at Holstein at said Fort nearly three months when he was marched homeward to said County of Bedford in Virginia and discharged. He enterd said service in said Campaign the first day of May 1777 and was discharged near the end of August afterwards next having been on service in said tour at least three months and two (or three) weeks. He received no written discharge. he was dismissed on his way home to Bedford County Virginia at what place he can not state by name. He served said time faithfully and to the acceptance of his Officers. Said corps was infantry

In the next year being the year seventeen hundred and seventy eight he volunteered (a third time) in the Virginia Militia in the service of the United States living at the county aforesaid. About the first of June in said year he volunteered as above in the Company commanded by Samuel Campbell for the period of six months. Said Company was marched by itself to the County of Green Bryer [sic: Greenbrier] and the River of that name in Virginia. The Shawnee Indians having attacked that country (the Green Brier Country) said Company was designed for its defence against said Indians. They the Indians had previous to said Company's arrival attacked a Fort called "Donlys Fort" [sic: Fort Donnally near present Frankford WV, attacked 29 May 1778] & being defeated did not infest that part of the country again during said summer of 1778. After being stationed six months at said Fort he was march back to Bedford County Virginia where he was dismissed. Immediately after going into the service in said Company he was appointed First Serjeant and served as such during the whole of said six months except a few days five or six at most prior to his appointment. He received no written Discharge nor did any of said company. He served said six months faithfully and to the acceptance of his officers said Corps was infantry He can not recollect any further names of officers and places, nor circumstances & being weak in body & his memory weak on that account.

In the year seventeen hundred and eighty he removed to Kentucky that part of it then called Lincoln & in the month of November. At said county of Lincoln living On the twenty first day of February 1781 he volunteered in the Kentucky Militia to serve in an expedition to Bryants Station [sic: Bryan's Station] in Kentucky about five miles from what is now the City of Lexington Kentucky. He enrolled in the company commanded by John Allison in the detachment under the command of Colonel John Logan. He with said Troops these being infantry were employed in ranging and scouting the country about Licking River & about said Fort. He served one month in said tour faithfully & to the acceptance of his officers and was dismissed at Lexington. He received no written discharge nor did any of said company as he knows. He was dismissed on the twenty first or second day of March (1781) in the year seventeen hundred and eighty one.

June about the first day 1781 he volunteered living at said county in said Kentucky Militia to serve in an expedition to the mouth of Big Benson Creek below Frankfort & under the officers last aforesaid to dig canoes preparatory to another contemplated expedition down the Ohio and up the Wabash in Canoes. He was employed at said place on fatigue & otherwise in making Canoes & otherwise in the said service fifteen days when he was dismissed without any written discharge. Having served faithfully and to the acceptance of his officers during said time. He was of the company of footmen.

A few days after his return from the above tour last mentioned he volunteered in the Kentucky Militia as a Spy at said county under an engagement with Col. John Bowman. He served as such Spy in company with Robert McAfee and was employed principally in the country about Salt River; on both sides of it. He commenced said spying in the latter part of June and served faithfully untill the latter part of October next thereafter, being four months at least as near as he can state. He received a certificate for said services which he put in the care of another person by whom it was lost as was said by said person. Said services were as footmen. He entered the service when living in the same aforesaid County.

Afterwards in the year seventeen hundred and eighty three he volunteered in the Militia of Kentucky as a Spy under an engagement with Col. Logan at said County living. He served as such Spy principally in company with John Arnold. He commenced said spying service about the first of June in the above year and quit the said service about the last of August next thereafter He ranged principally the country about Salt River and Benson. Being engaged in said last spying at least three months. He received a Certificate which was lost in the manner of the last mentioned certificate and at the same time by the same person. He was on foot during this tour.

He immediately after ceasing this service as a spy as above mentioned volunteered in the Militia of Kentucky being about the latter part of August or first of September 1783. He rendesvouzed at Herodsburgh [sic: Harrodsburg] in Kentucky on the 4th day of September in 1783 in the Company of

infantry commanded by Stephen Arnold, in the Regiment commanded by James Ray in the Brigade commanded by General [George Rogers] Clark. He engaged to serve in an expedition against the Indian Towns on the White River in now Indiana. He was marched across the Ohio & across the Wabash at Vincennes After marching up the Wabash crossed to the east side and marched about fifty miles above Vincennes. Without meeting with any hostile Indians we returned to Vincennes & thence home to Kentucky. He was in said service in said expedition & served faithfully forty days. He was dismissed at Vincennes, then called the "Opost" He received a written Discharge which he thinks is amongst the papers of some of his family & which he may be able to find & send to the Department, but is not now able to lay his hands on it. Said Discharge is this moment luckily found & brought to him by his son hereto attached & is sent. Under all the officers herein mentioned and in all the said United States service & several tours campaigns & expeditions he served faithfully as herein stated, and in all said services together he served in the service of the United States in the War of the Revolution twenty one months and about and at least twenty five days. He has never received one cent of pay for any of said services. He has no documentary evidence of any part of said services except said Certificate of discharge nor does he know of any person or persons whose testimony of his services he can procure. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court of record.

Alexander hisXmark Armstrong

We hereby certify that Alexander Armstrong is intitled to two pounds five shillings & one penny specie for his services as a soldier on the late expedition against the Wabash Indians, under the command of Gen'l George Rogers Clark. given under our hands this 10th day of August 1787.

District of Kentucky

[signed] Edmund Lyne

[signed] Rich'd. Taylor [Richard Taylor]

[signed] Isaac Shelby