

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Isaac Artis S39943

VA

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Fayette County Ss

Pensylvania Before me one of the Judges of the Court of Common pleas in and for this County – Personally appeared Isaac Artis who being sworn agreeable to law Deposeth that in Berkly [sic: Berkeley] County Virginia (he believes in the year 1777) he enlisted in the 16th regiment of the Virginia line under Captain Francis Williss [sic: Francis Willis] under the command Colo. Grissom [sic: William Grayson] the enlistment for three years during which time he was at the Battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] – at the battle of Germanton [sic: Germantown, 4 Oct 1777] and at the takeing of Stoney point [sic: Stony Point NY, 16 Jul 1779] under General [Anthony] Wayne in the year 1779 also at the Battle of monmoth [sic: Monmouth, 28 Jun 1778] and was discharged by Francis Muire who was then Capt. of the company in which this deponent served he was discharged at Leesburgh [sic: Leesburg] Virginia he was not wounded in the service nor ever had any pension – he has been resident in this County about 23 years and is reduced in circumstances enough to entitle him to the assistance of his country for suport Sworn and subscribed this 13th day of July 1818 Isaac hisXmark Artis

[Another application with less detail was made on 8 July 1819.]

Fayette county in the State of Penn'a Ss Fourteenth Judicial district

On the fourth day of September 1820 Personally appeared in open court at a court of common pleas of the fourteenth district of the commonwealth of Penn'a. the county of Fayette Dunbar Township in said district who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declair that he served in the revolutionary war as follows. That he enlisted under Captain Francis Willis in May 1777 in Berkeley county Virginia in the regiment commanded by Colo. Grisem of the Virginia line. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed Viz one cow, one pot, one oven. That my wife Chloe is of the age of 64 years but no children living with him That the number of his certificate is 17566 dated the 22^d day of June 1820. And that his first application is dated the 13th day of July 1818

Value at \$14

Isaac hisXmark Artis

I Certify that Isaac Artes has apply'd to me for a Certificate that will shew that he had served in the army in the revolution war as a soldier in the Virginia line, 16th Regt on Continental establishment. I did not know the said Artes when in the Army, but he has satisfied me beyond any scruple that he did serve three years in the above mentioned regiment by recounting circumstances and transactions that took place in the army in the year 1777 and 1778 and his knowledg of the names of many of the officers of different Corps of the army, and their grades. He has satisfied me that he was in the battles of Brandywine and German Town, and many scirmishes which took place, which no one but a person serving or being with the army could have knowledge of. He has brought to my recolection many little occurences of minor importance which I had forgotten, such as soldiers are apt to bear in remembrance, for Instance he mentioned a great quarrel that took place in the winter of 1778 between the Virginia and Penn'a troops in consequence of throwing snow balls, which produced a Gen'l. Order forbiding on pain of severe punishment any person belonging to the army throwing snow balls at each other, and also he mentioned a circumstance which I

had forgotten until he mentioned it, Viz. that Gen'l. The Marques Lafayette [sic: Marquis de Lafayette] being ordered with a large detachment from camp at Vally Forge [sic: Valley Forge] in the spring of the same year [1778] I had not forgotten the detachment being sent out and of their being nearly cut off from a retreat, but when he mentioned that there was a number of Indians with them I the recolected there was a party of the Northern Indians on that command. these things and many others he brought to my recollection by asking me the questions whether I remembered such or such a thing. There is no doubt of my mind that his services entitle him to the benefit of the Act of Congress of 18th March 1818 as he is old and in very reduced circumstances

Ap'l. 22^d 1820

Uriah Springer [R10017] late a Capt of
the Virg'a line in the war of the revolution

[The following from the [Library of Virginia Legislative Petitions Digital Collection](#)/ Hampshire County is assumed to be by the same Isaac Artis. Parts of the petition indicated by * are illegible.]

To the Hon'ble The Speaker and Gentlemen of the House Of Delegates The petition of Isaac Artis Humbly sheweth, That your petitioner an Inhabitant of Hamshire County did Inlist Himself as a soldier in the Virginia Line, in May 1777 and Served the full Term of three years But as Application for a Settlement of his acct. your petitioner being unacquainted with the mode prescribed for that purpose, was Deficient in on Certificate, But before he could obtain that Cert'e, and send his papers again for Settlement, the time prescribed by Law for adjusting [*]ired, Your petitioner therefore w[*]m Settling his acct. and Conseq[*]ving any Compensation for hi[*]my, your petitioner therefore H[*] Hon'ble House to Consider hi[*] satisfactory proof being mar[*] grant him such relief as [*] to his Fellow Soldiers, [*]ty bound will Ever Pray [*][*] Claims like/ [several undeciphered words]

NOTE: [Bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed under Artes, Isaac include a copy of the above certificate by Uriah Springer.]