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Pension Application of Argelon Toone S41263

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To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Virginia Assembly

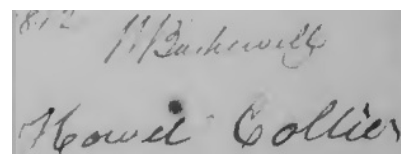
The Petition of Argelon Toone respectfully represents to your honourable body, that early in life and in the very commencement of the glorious revolutionary struggle, he entered the service of his Country; and remained in the war during its continuation – that he cannot now reconcile it to himself to enumerate to your honourable body the toils and hardships he underwent – all of which he most cheerfully encountered in his Country's cause – and did most cordially rejoice in the strength, nerve and constitution, with which it had been pleased a benignant Heaven to bless him; and which he so freely devoted to his native land – Your Petitioner takes a pride in acknowledging to your honourable body, that notwithstanding the innumerable dangers to which you must necessarily conclude he was exposed, when he states to you he was closely and actively employed in thirteen general engagement; to which fact he begs leave to refer you, to the annexed certificates; and that notwithstanding the circumstance of his having eleven bullet holes shot through one hunting shirt yet in the cause of liberty it pleased providence, that your Petitioner should not receive the smallest even the slightest wound and your petitioner returned to his former neighbourhood unhurt, except as to the injury sustained in his constitution which is now most sensibly felt –

Your Petitioner begs leave to state, that in consequence of a misplaced confidence he was defrauded of all it was in the power of his country to bestow as a reward for his services – that he selected as an avocation the calling of an overseer, – that shortly after he married a wife by whom he had many children – that with much difficulty he has been enabled by his calling to raise and support in a tollerable decent way his wife & children untill within a very few years when by an unfortunate fall and the effect of old age your petitioner has been compleatly disabled – and now drags out a poor, misserable and hard pinched life, with a wife and five daughters and a lesser son, all of whom except one are the spectres of disease and utterly unable to render the smallest aid in the support of the family – with these misfortunes your Petitioner is entirely destitute of a house in which to poke his head, except in a small log hovel which it has been pleased a benevolent neighbour to offer and afford to him, and which is held only at his will, and without even the smallest field to cultivate or any other mode of subsistance. It is not the wish of your Petitioner to harrow up his feelings of your honourable body, by a full description of his truly lamentable situation; by a comparison of what he once was; and what he now is in point of person and with the daily depressions of his mind: – but now begs leave to congratulate your honourable body in the full enjoyment of that freedom, which has been and will be his latest consolation to know, he rendered all; his best exertions to effect. – In tender consideration whereof your Petitioner prays your honourable body to take into view his unfortunate situation and render to him such relief as in your better judgements you shall deem right

And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray &c

Argelon Toone

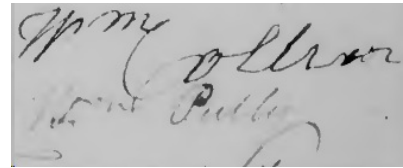
Mr. Argelon Toone was in the engagement at Guilford C H [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] in the year 1781 Given under our hands this 11th day of Nov'r. 1812
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Trentown [Trenton, 26 Dec 1776]
Princetown [Princeton, 3 Jan 1777]
Percattaway [Piscataway, 10 May 1777]
Brunswick [1 Dec 1776 or 20 Oct 1779]
Mallecheuline [?]
Strawberry Hill [Amboy NJ, 8 Mar 1777]
Brandywine [11 Sep 1777]
White Horse [16 Sep 1777]
Summerset House [Somerset Courthouse NJ – Battle of Millstone, 20 Jan 1777]
Germantown [4 Oct 1777]
Mud Island [Siege of Fort Mifflin, 10 Oct - 15 Nov 1777]
Redden firms [?]

I do hereby certify that Argeloon Toone was in the battles fought at the above stated places. Given under my hand this 11th day of Nov 1812
[William Collier pension application S39334]
[William Pully S38318]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wm Collier".

Dec'r 11th 1812 ref'd to Claims/ Reasonable Dec'r 18th/ Reported Dec'r 19th/ Bill drawn 22 Dec'r. 1812

[The following are from the federal pension file.]

Commonwealth of Virginia }
Mecklenburg County }

on this 15th day of June 1818, before us, the subscribers, sitting as justices of the County Court of Mecklenburg, personally appeared before us Argeloon Toone, aged 65 years, resident in the said County and state, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled, "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and Naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war." That he enlisted in the continental army, under Capt Sam'l. Hopkins [Samuel Hopkins, company raised in Mecklenburg County] on or about the 4th March 1776, of the 6th Virginia Continental Reg't. That he served in said corps two years, and was in the battles of Trenton, Princeton, Germantown, Mud Island Fort, & Brandywine; That he then inlisted under Capt. Wills who was attached to the 3rd. continental Reg't. of the Virginia line, and went to Guilford Courthouse and was in that battle; That he was then transfered to a Rifle corps commanded by Capt. John Brown who was attached to Gen'l. Lee's Partisan corps to the South [see endnote], and when in that service he was in various skirmishes and inferior conflicts; That he was ordered to march to Yorktown against Lord Cornwallis under the command of Ensign Perkins but when he reached there the whole British army [in the South] had surrendered to Gen'l. Washington. That he served during the whole war as above and was discharged regularly but has lost it. And that his reduced circumstances makes him stand in need of assistance from his country for support. and that the only evidence of his service is the following testimony of Wm Pully and Wm Collier

Wm Pully being first sworn says that the above Argeloon Toone did serve in the revolutionary war under Cap't. Sam'l. Hopkins for two years as he has above stated
[William Collins's similar deposition is lined through.]

Virginia, Mecklenburg County Court, August Term 1820

On this 22nd day of August 1820, personally appeared in open court being a court of Record, according to the principles & proceedings of the Common law, having Jurisdiction unlimited in amount, & made a

court of Record by the statutes of the state, Argelon Toone, aged 66 years, resident in the said County of Mecklenburg, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: In the 6th Reg't. of the Virginia line, in the Continental service, & in the company of said Reg't. commanded by Capt. Samuel Hopkins, that the date of his original declaration from the certificate now his possession appears to be 15th day of June 1820, which certificate is numbered 12,596. 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: To wit.

a few articles of wearing apparel

He also declares & states that his occupation is that of a farmer or planter, that he is unable, from having his left leg broken, to pursue his said Occupation, that the number of his family are five, residing with him, & that their ages are from 26 to 40 years & all females & unable to contribute to his support in any material degree

Sworn to & declared the 22nd day of Aug't. 1820.

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NOTE: Capt. John Brown was in fact attached to the partisan corps of Gen. Francis Marion, which often served with Lt. Col. Henry Lee's Legion of the Continental Line.