

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Armstrong S6534

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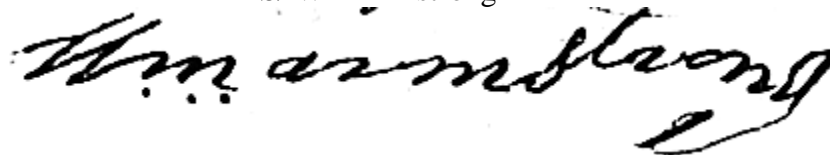
State of South Carolina, Anderson District

On this 6th day of March 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the count of Sessions & Common Pleas in the said State & for the said District now in session, William Armstrong residing in the State & District aforesaid who being duly sworn according to Law, doth on oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

This Deponent was born ~~about~~ⁱⁿ the year 1765 in Ireland and came to ~~Ninety Six~~^{Camden} now Fairfield District South Carolina where he was residing when he entered the service which he did as a volunteer in the year of the fall of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] under Capt. John McLure [sic, James McClure], [&] Gen. Sumter [Thomas Sumter] and was under him at the battle of Rocky Mount [July 31, 1780] at Col. William Bratton's [Williamson's Plantation, July 12, 1780] in York District and also at the battle of the Hanging Rock [August 6, 1780] —at which place he assisted in burying his Captain after having five balls shot through his clothes. He afterwards volunteered under Genl. Pickens [Andrew Pickens] and was under him at Tarlton's [sic, Banastre Tarleton's] defeat at the Cowpens [January 17, 1781] and was under ~~Genl. Sumter~~^{Captain John Mills} at the battle of King's Mountain [October 7, 1780] —he was under Genl. Pickens at the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] —he was under Genl. Sumter at his defeat in the fork of the Catawba River and Fishing Creek [August 18, 1780] —he was also at Charleston when the British left it [December 1782]. The Deponent was in service two years & six months. The only compensation he has received is a pension from the State of South Carolina for the last two years. He has never received ~~any~~ discharge. He has no documentary evidence, nor any but what is herewith submitted. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity whatever except the present and declares that his name is no longer on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & Subscribed in open court this Sixth day of March one thousand and eight hundred & thirty three.

S/ Wm Armstrong



In Open Court 6th Mar. 1833
S/ Van A. Lawhon, CC

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On this 6th day of March personally appeared in open Court James Brown¹ and being duly sworn according to law, declares that he was acquainted with William Armstrong, who has sworn to & subscribed to the above declaration, and that he was with him at the battle of the Hanging Rock and Rocky Mount, the two principal engagements which they were in together, the deponent further saith that he was acquainted with him for two years & better during the war and has been ever since acquainted with the said William Armstrong and believes him to have been a true Whig and that all he has stated is true to the best of his knowledge.

6th March 1833

S/ James Brown

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Brown". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

S/ Van A. Lawhon, CC

[Samuel Moore, a clergyman, and David Sadler gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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The State of South Carolina Anderson district

Personally appeared William Armstrong and being duly sworn makes the following declaration by way of amendment to his original declaration made in open Court on the 6th of March 1833 in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832 --

This Deponent had a record of his age taken from one made by his Father but which was burned up in a neighbor's house to whom the Book had been lent though he is satisfied that the record of his age stated his birthday to have been the 14th of August 1765 --

This Deponent never had a written discharge as he stated in his first declaration -- in the service which he has they are set forth of 2 years and 6 months was a continuous service having been in actual service during the whole time except for a few days when confined to a hospital from a sprained knee. He joined Captain John McClure on the 29th of July 1780 as it was the very day before the battle of the ~~Hanging Rock~~ Rocky Mount after the death of Captain McClure the company to which he belonged was commanded by Captain John Mills who was promoted to the command of a Regiment and was succeeded by Captain John McCool who was succeeded by Captain Ned Martin -- as before stated in this Company he was sometimes attached to the command of General Sumter and sometimes more immediately under the command of General Pickens when he went to Charleston at the time of its evacuation he was under the command of General Marion. The battles in which he was has been already stated -- answers to all the interrogatories have been given as far as in the power of this Deponent except that he will state he has made diligent inquiry for the officers & messmates with whom he served none of whom he can discover & most of whom he has been informed are dead. He recollects James Brown well whose proof has been furnished & whose credibility can be well tested. He is satisfied from conversations with David Sadler² whose certificate is connected with the clergyman that they were in the same engagements more than once but had no personal knowledge of each other but have since then resided in this District then close neighbors a great many years.

S/ Wm Armstrong

¹ [James Brown W25294](#)

² [David Sadler S9471](#)

Sworn to & subscribed April 15th 1834 before me
S/ Joseph N. Whitner, NP & QU

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 2 years service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts³ relating to William Armstrong
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 152B

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[p 16 copy & p 19 original of the following—copy easier to read]

To the Honorable President & other Members of the Senate & the Honorable Speaker & the Members of the House of Representatives of South Carolina

The humble Petition of William Armstrong respectfully Shews, that he served in this State in the war of the Revolution under General Andrew Pickens & General Sumter in companies commanded by Captain John McCool and Captain John McClure – was in the battles of Hanging Rock – Rocky Mount – at Colonel Bratton’s – at Tarleton’s defeat & others – all of which services are particularly set forth in his Petition originally presented to the Legislature when he was placed on the Pension List of the State and paid the sum of \$60 per annum, that after the passage of the act of Congress in the year 1832 through the agency of a friend he applied to the War Department for the benefit of its provisions and was allowed an annuity – that after the lapse of a few years his payment was suspended for further proof and a more minute account of the time of entering and leaving the service: setting forth the length of each tour was required with exactness from the character of the service, always having been a volunteer, from the lapse of time and the frailty of an advanced age, he could not comply and his payment has therefore been wholly suspended. Two or three of Sumter’s men who reside in the same District with your Petitioner have heretofore submitted to the War Department affidavits of their knowledge of this deponent’s service but neither could they give the length of time he served or the specific dates in compliance with the requisitions of the war Department.

He therefore prays your Honorable Body to restore him to the Pension Role of this state with the annual allowance of \$60, to save him in his old age from great hardships, and absolute want.

Signed William Armstrong/

[sworn to on November 8, 1836]

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The committee on Pensions to whom was referred the petition of William Armstrong have had the same under consideration and recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be granted and he be placed on the Pension Roll of the State

6 December 1836

S/ Thomas Evans, Chairman

[p 24: House concurred with the Senate’s action on the petition.]

³ The South Carolina Audited Accounts are available on microfilm at the South Carolina Department of Archives & History in Columbia, SC. They will eventually be available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>.