

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Arwood S6535

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State of North Carolina, Burke County

On this 23rd day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions now sitting John Arwood Senior – a resident of said County & State, aged 70 years the first day of March next, 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 7th June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated (Viz.) He entered the Service in Rowan County North Carolina under Captain Elijah Lyons in the year(don't recollect) and was marched to the Cherokee Nation against that Nation of Indians under General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford], Colonel Lock [probably Matthew Locke, but could be Francis Locke] commanded his Regiment (he believes his Christian name was Matthew) he was in that service about three months I was in then discharged & returned to Rowan I next volunteered under Captain Richmond Pearson & was transferred to Captain Douglas Hayden I believe that Lock continued to command the Regiment – General Rutherford was the commanding General and marched us down to Wilmington there was no fighting done in this expedition. I was discharged on the little forks of Pedee River in North Carolina after serving three months – more.

I then volunteered as a minute man on Rangers. This was a kind of service which required us to be always ready I remained on that duty for eighteen month[s] sometimes in service & sometimes out, during this time I was under different officers (viz.) Captain Benjamin Harden Colonel Joseph Harden Captain Chronicle etc.. We frequently were called on to range the country & breakup nests of Tories & prevent them from committing depredations etc. & were frequently sent to range the frontier part of North Carolina to prevent the incursions of the Indians. I was never in any battle, but was in one little skirmish with the Indians. My first discharge was signed by Captain Elijah Lyons & my second by Captain Douglas Hayden one of which discharges (the one from Lyons) I put with my Father's papers which I have never seen since the other one is lost or mislaid in some way I cannot tell how.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the old Pension roll of the Agency of any State or of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the 23rd day of October 1832. S/ John Arwood

Attest: S/ J. Erwin, Clerk



[Samuel Davis, Joseph Pitman, Sr., gave the standard supporting affidavit and Zachariah Arwood, applicant's brother also gave a supporting affidavit.]

Further proof & explanation in the case of John Arwood applicant for a pension
State of North Carolina, Burke County: May 20th, 1833

Personally appeared before me David Glass an acting Justice of the peace for said County, John Arood Senior who being duly sworn deposed & sayeth that by reason of old age & consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the periods of the war or the particular years in which he served the history of the Expeditions in which he served will show that. His first service as stated in his deposition was a three months tour under General Rutherford, Colonel Lock commanded the Regiment, Elijah Lyon was my Captain. This was called "Rutherford's Expedition" against the Cherokees. We started on the expedition in the latter part of the summer I believe the 6th day of August I served out my three months and was discharged on our return march at Sherrill's Ford on the Catawba River Lincoln County North Carolina some time in the month of November. The year I cannot recollect. My next service was as set forth in my declaration, a three months tour as a volunteer under Captain R. Pearson but transferred to Captain Douglas Hayden's Company – Colonel Lock again commanded my Regiment & General Rutherford commanded the whole. We marched from Salisbury North Carolina I cannot recollect the year nor the month but it was cool weather when we started & when we returned the Citizens on the Yadkin River were preparing to catch the shad fish which usually runs up that River in the last of February & first March. This was the expedition to Wilmington. I was discharged at the end of my time on the little forks of Pedee River. This made six months I had been in actual service as a Private Soldier. I next volunteered in Lincoln County N. C. for 18 months as a minute man – this was a disjointed service. The longest time I was out at any one time during the 18 months was between six & seven weeks or upwards of a month and a half. There were various other trips some four weeks some three weeks two weeks & some for short times. I think I was out in actual service during the 18 months over half the time, but I can say confidently combining all the Scouting parties served in & trips after Tories &c – I was in actual service for at least nine months of the time, I believe more, but will only positively swear to that time, my memory will not enable me to state dates so that I can swear to them positively but I know that all my services amounted to over 15 months. The reason why I recalled the dates of my first service as stated above is that a song was made upon the Cherokee Expedition which states the time we started (I think, to be the 6th of August – my whole service was as a private soldier – and for said service I claim a pension.

Sworn to & subscribed before me date above written.

S/ D. Glass, JP

S/ John Arwood

[fn p. 12: On May 25, 1833 in Burke County North Carolina, Zachariah Arwood, about 65 years of age, gave testimony that he was old enough to be placed on the muster roll just prior to the end of the revolutionary war. That he saw his brother entered a 3 months service under Captain Lyons; saw his brother returned from that tour;; his brother served a 2nd tour as a volunteer under Captain Richard Person but was transferred to the company of Captain "Hadens"; both the first 2 tours were served while his brother lived in Rowan County; his brother then moved to Lincoln County where the affiant understands his brother volunteered for another tour against the Tories.

Zachariah Arwood

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for 15 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]