

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

Pension Application of Hezekiah Arnold S8034

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State of North Carolina

Stokes County

On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 1834 personally appeared before me John Vaughn an acting justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Hezekiah Arnold a resident of the County and state aforesaid aged 70 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832

He first entered the service of the United States in Spotsylvania County Virginia where he then resided as a substitute for George Arnold, under Capt Thomas Towles, Col. [William] McWilliams & Genl Weden [sic: George Weedon] of Fredericksburg. From Spotsylvania he marched through Hanover & Caroline Counties to Fredericksburg (taking a circuitous route in order to join other companies) he remained some time guarding the military stores at Fredericksburg & Falmouth while here his term of service expired having served two months. He thinks this was in 1788 or 1789 [sic] He next substituted in the same County for the same man for two months, under Capt Leg [sic: John Legg]. He then marched thence to Fredericksburg and thence across the Rapid Dan at the Rackoon ford [sic: the Rapidan River at Raccoon Ford] Thence through Loueza Googeland [sic: Louisa, Goochland] & Hanover Counties where his term again expired having served two months as was the custom at that time in Virginia [sic: see endnote] He was shortly afterwards drafted in the same County under Capt Nicholas Payne for two months and marched through Hanover & King & Queen & James City counties to Williamsburg where he was relieved his term expiring

He afterwards substituted for George Arnold in Spotsylvania County he thinks in 1780 under Capt Payne and marched again to Fredericksburg. from thence to Caroline & by the Boling Green [sic: Bowling Green] to Hanover Courthouse, though King & Queen by Ruffins Ferry [on the Pamunkey River near Sweet Hall] to Williamsburg where he was again relieved having served two months. He again entered the service in Spotsylvania for two months under Lieutenant Pool & ensign Winston and marched through Hanover Caroline Loueza Googeland and Fluvannah [sic: Fluvanna] & joined Lafayette at Bottom's bridge's [Bottoms Bridge] thence across the Chickahominy river to Williamsburg in pursuit of Cornwallace [sic: Cornwallis] where his company was joined by Genl Washington [14 Sep 1781] & the French army when Genl. Washington reviewed the army here his term expired having served two months this was in 1781. He was then drafted in Spotsylvania he does not recollect his officers and was marched & marched to Winchester to guard some sick prisoners, this was in the winter of 1781 & 1782 when after having served two months he returned home He has no documentary evidence of his service nor does he know of any one by whom he can prove his service unless it be by Jno. Stewart of Virginia

To 1<sup>st</sup> interagatory he answers he was born in King George County 1764

To 2<sup>nd</sup> He has now in his possession [a record of his age]

To 3<sup>rd</sup> [when called into service he lived] in Spotsylvania since the revolution he has lived in Spotsylvania Hanover Louisa Virginia Madison & Franklin Counties Georgia & Stokes County N Carolina where he now resides

To 4<sup>th</sup> do he substituted 3 terms for George Arnold & was drafted 3

To 5. Answr [Regular troops where he served were] Col Meriwether & Maj'r. Hardiman Genl. [Anthony] Wayne Gens. Washington and Lafayette

To 6<sup>th</sup>. Answer He re'd. discharges but does not recollect from whom that they are lost

To 7<sup>th</sup>. Answer [People in his neighborhood who can testify to his character for veracity and belief in his revolutionary services] Joseph Vaughn & Wm. Carter

That he is unable from great bodily infirmity to attend Court He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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 that there is no clergyman living in his neighbourhood whose services he can procure

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

[signed] Hezekiah Arnold

NOTE: Virginia militiamen were by law usually drafted for tours of three months each.