

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Armistead Culley S8270 VA  
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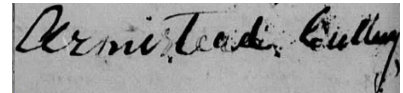
Jno. Ogden Portsmouth Va. Sepr the 16<sup>th</sup> 1828

Honoured Sir, I received yours of the 10<sup>th</sup> inst. requesting me to inform you what line of the Revolutionary Army I was attached to. Sir I enlisted in a minute Company in Feby 1776, & was stationed at Gloucester Town until we had orders to march down to Guinns Island [sic: Gwynn Island] where we remained on duty until Lord Dunmore removed his shipping from our waters; which was late in the Fall [sic: 7 Aug 1776]. The latter part of Feby 1777 I enlisted as a Continental Soldier for the term of 3 years, and rec'd. a bounty of 20\$ at the expiration of the three years, I got my regular discharge, and travelled from Philadelphia in Company with two others to our native County where our stay was but of short duration. For we volunteered ourselves, and served until the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at little York [19 Oct 1781] – Now Sir, I have never received one cent of Pension money and all the rest has received theirs, ever since it was levied. I think Sir, I merit mine as any man who ever shouldered a musket from 76 until 81 – If this will not give you satisfaction, you will confer on me a favour, by letting me know. If my personal appearance should be wanting I will use my best efforts to get to Washington I am dear Sir,/ Your most Ob't. Serv't. Armistead Culley

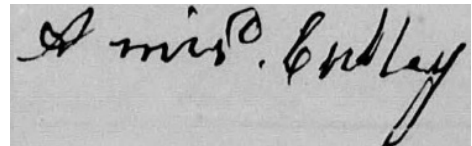
State of virginia County of Mathews to wit

On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 1836 Personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County of Mathews now sitting Armstead Culley now a resident of the State of Maryland formerly a resident of this County and State age 78 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 that he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated I entered the service in 1776 under Capt William Smith Sir John Payton [sic: Sir John Peyton] Coln and went to Crickett hill [sic: Cricket Hill] to stand guard on account of lord dunmore coming to gwyns island [9 Dec 1775] and served a tower of duty for three months, in the latter part of the same year I was called out under the same officers to go to new point to stand guard on account of some British vessels lying of in the bay and served a tower of duty for two months, in 1777 in February I inlisted under Capt William Smith for a period of three years and started to go to the north and got to Williams Burg [sic: Williamsburg] and there we stoped and Capt Smith returned home and whilst there he was taken sick and died and the Company was discharged by Coln. Syms [sic: Charles Simms] who had charge of us while Capt Smith was absent I think I served about six months at that time and I was Sergant, I came home and was [illegible word] by Capt Robird gayle [probably Robert Gayle] by order of Sir John Payton to do so and went to point Comfort and served a tower of duty for three months in 1778 I was call out in like order under the same officers to go to the same place and served another tower of duty for three month there was steady guard kept at that place constintly in 1779 I was call out in like order under the same officers and went to the same place and served a tower of duty for three months, in the same year [sic] I was call out for to go to Richmond and started and marched to the Count of new Kent and hearing that arnold was coming down from Richmond [Gen. Benedict Arnold, early Jan 1781] we retreated and went to Williams Burg and stoped there some time until arnold got down into hampton Roads and then we came on home on that tower of duty I served three months in 1780 I was called out in like order to go to new pist[?; probably New Point] under the same officers and served a tower of duty for two months in the same year I was called out in like order under the same officers to go to the same place and served a tower of duty for three months in 1781 I was call out when all the gloucester Militia was called out to go to gloscester town on account of Conwallis having possion

of yorktown [after 1 Aug] and marched to ware church and then to the court house and then to Tuerls[?] ould field [possibly Seawell's Old Field near Gloucester] where we was stationed for some time and then marched down to gloscester town where we had a very severe battle I was attached to Capt Peter Barnet Company on this tower duty. I served three months we was discharged at gloscester town and I never did any duty after that time and they did not give me any written discharge. we had many little engagements with the Enemy whilst stationed at point comfort but the number of them I do not now recollect for some time we wold have to fire on the Barges every day to keep them of the shores from taken a way the propety and some times they would not trouble us for a month and so it was all through the war. I served all the time as a private except the six months above stated and for such service I claim a pension I hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that my name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state I was born in 1758 in gloucester county Kingston parish and lived there until 1818 at which time I moved to Maryland where I now reside I have a record of my age I was called in to service as a militia man I was acquainted with Coln Syms Coln Parker Coln [William] Daingerfield Coln Cary I can prove my services by Isaac Smith William Diggs Josiah Pugh William Morgan and many others who served with me in the Revolutionary war they can also testify to my character



[29 Sep 1836] I Armistead Culley do upon oath testify and declare that I entered the service of the United States as a Mililitia man in the Revolutionary war in 1776 under Capt William Smith and served as I have stated in my declaration According to the best of my Recollection I was a young man in the Revolutionary war and I was Most of my time out on duty the men of familys was Exempted from duty more than a young man on Account of there familys they was seldom calle out except amediate danger whilst the young men was kept on duty most all the time I served the most of my time at point Comfort where there was steady guard kept, that all the old men of this County knows, it was not only when the Enemy was in sight for there was as much danger Apprehended when the Enemy was not in Sight as there was when they was in sight for they could Reach our shores in three hours after thay got sight of it and then if we had to call a Company of men togather to defend our selvs we would be in bad order for battle but that was not the case we was always there to meat them at there comming. about the time I enlisted which I stated in my declaration under Capt Smith he having died and we being under Coln Syms he told me that as long as Capt Smith was dead who I enlisted under that thay could not compell me to serve any longer and I quited and came home and went into the Militia Servis and I was never afterwards call for I said in my declaration that the company was discharged by Coln Syms. I still think so tho I may be mistaken



NOTE: On 5 Dec 1836 Culley explained that he applied in Mathews County VA, because he "was bred and born" there, entered the service there, and lived there until 1821, then lived in Baltimore until 1824, then moved to Portsmouth until 1828, when he moved to his current residence of Baltimore. He signed thus:

