

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to William Armstrong SC241
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[Note: This file contains documents relating to more than one veteran by this name. Use the page number of the file to identify the specific veteran to whom I believe the document relates. It is not always clear, however, which documents relate to specific veterans, so use my attribution with care.]

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To the Honorable the President of the Senate and the Honorable Members of the same
The Humble Petition of William Armstrong Sheweth; that your petitioner entered the service of his country at the commencement of the Revolutionary war as a private soldier in Captain Benjamin Kilgore's Company of militia Cavalry, General Williamson's [Andrew Williamson's] Brigade. That your petitioner was on the Cherokee expedition in said Brigade in the year 1776. Was in three hard-fought battles one of which is known by the name of the ring-fight [August 12, 1776]². That after the termination of this expedition your petitioner joined Captain Porter's Company of North Carolina militia and was at the battle of Ramseur's Mill [June 20, 1780] where he was wounded with two Balls one of which severely shattered his right leg, the other was received in his left shoulder and broke his collarbone. That your petitioner was in the service of his Country until the time of his being wounded. That when your petitioner entered the service of the State for the Cherokee expedition he was promised by his commanding officer a bounty of six hundred and forty acres of land, which he has never received, nor has he ever received a cent from the state for his services and sufferings.

That the wounds received by your petitioner have disabled him from making a competent provision for his family; the effect of his wounds are still severely felt after the lapse of more than forty years, that your petitioner is now in the sixty-ninth year of his age, and is in indigent circumstances needing the support of his country: Your petitioner therefore humbly prays your Honorable body to appreciate the motives & the value of his sufferings and to make suitable provision for him according to his age, his infirmities and his indigence – Your petitioner prays that he May receive a commutation for his bounty in land, that he may be placed on the pension

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² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_ring_fight.html

list, and receive from the liberality of the State, he has faithfully served such other and further relief as to your Honorable body shall seem meet –

And your petitioner will pray

S/ William Armstrong



State of South Carolina Richland District

Personally appeared William Armstrong and made oath to the truth of the facts set forth in the above petition and that he does not have it in his power at this late period to produce any other document or proof in the support thereof, other than the discharge from under the hand of Captain Kilgore, a copy of which is presented with this petition.

Sworn to before me this 30 November 1818

S/ D. J. McCord, Q.U.

[illegible signature]

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The Committee on Pensions to whom was referred the Petition of William Armstrong praying a commutation of his bounty in lands and to be placed on the pension list

Report that they have had his case under consideration and are of opinion that the commutation prayed for ought not to be allowed – But recommend that the said William Armstrong be placed on the pension list.

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Petition of Elizabeth Armstrong praying to be allowed the arrearages and the Continuation of the pension of her late Husband William Armstrong

Pension

report in favor if it is found

that her husband was a Pensioner

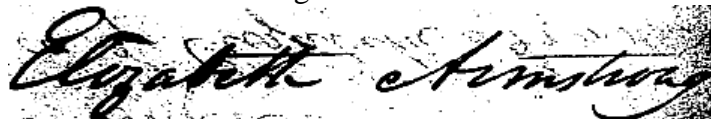
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To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina

The humble petition of Elizabeth Armstrong Sheweth, that her late husband William Armstrong who lately departed this life, was a pensioner of this State for some years before his death, that he died insolvent in October 1823 leaving your petitioner his widow aged infirm and helpless, that she is nearly seventy years of age and totally incapable of gaining a livelihood by industry. She therefore prays that she may be allowed the continuation of the pension allowed her husband as a support for her during her few remaining years, and that it be allowed her from the time of the death of her said husband.

And your petitioner will ever pray &c.

S/ Elizabeth Armstrong



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The Committee on Pensions to whom was referred the Petition of Elizabeth Armstrong praying for arrearages of Pension and to be continued on the Pension list,

Respectfully Report

That having had the same under consideration and find that her late Husband was a Pensioner and paid up to the 1st of March 1823 as a revolutionary Soldier, Therefore recommend to this house that the said Elizabeth Armstrong be placed on the Pension list during her Widowhood, at \$60 per annum December 1825

[Note: The file contains receipt for the annual pension up to January 9, 1834]