

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Lindsey Arnold W3750                      Elizabeth Arnold                      VA  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 1 Jan 2017.

State of North Carolina }              Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions  
Rutherford County        }              July Sessions 1821

On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July 1821 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record for the County aforesaid, Lindsey Arnold aged 63 years, resident in the County and State aforesaid, and has been for many years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 & 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820. That he the said Lindsey Arnold enlisted, during the war, some time in the month of February 1781 in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Capt Hughs [sic: John Hughes], in the Regiment commanded by Colonel [Anthony Walton] White, being the first Regiment of Cavalry in the Virginia Line, Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps until after the close of the war, when he was regularly discharged from the said service in the State of South Carolina at New Market. That he was in the Battles at Camden, South Carolina [Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden, 25 Apr 1781], & at the surrender of Lord Cornwallace at little york in Virginia [sic: Cornwallis at Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781], and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said service

And in pursuance of the act of 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

7 Head of Hogs, 1 Iron Pot  
1 Iron Pan 4 Delfth [Delft?] Plates  
½ Dozen knives & forks  
4 Pewter Spoons

The family of the said Lindsey Arnold consists of his Wife about 40 years of age & two Daughters the eldest daughter 20 years of age, the other 18 years of age. that the youngest daughter is afflicted with fits in such a manner as to render her a burthen to her parents & himself 63 years of age.

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NOTES:

On 4 Oct 1843 Elizabeth Arnold, 74, of Louisa County VA, applied for a pension stating that she married Lindsey Arnold in that county on 18 Nov 1785, and that “he went to the South many years ago, and died in North Carolina, as [she was] informed, on the 7th day of March, 1832.” The file includes a copy of a bond signed in Louisa County by Lindsay Arnold and Jeduthan Davis for the marriage of Arnold to Elizabeth Davis. Susan Arnold, 53, daughter of Elizabeth Arnold, stated that she was born on 2 Feb 1790 and “has a distinct recollection of her father Lindsay Arnold when he left Virginia for the South.” On 4 May 1844 Elizabeth Arnold applied for a pension under a later act.

Elizabeth Fleming (pension application W7284) stated the following: “I knew Lindsey Arnold intimately, he was born & raised in the adjoining County of Caroline, and was the son of Benjamin Arnold. I have heard my husband John Fleming & Lindsey Arnold often speak of their being in the Revolutionary War together: they were horseman. I don’t know that they were in the same Company. Lindsey Arnold married Elizabeth Davis of Louisa County, in which County he lived with his wife, after

he returned from the war and a near neighbor to me. I was at the wedding of Lindsey Arnold. I think he was married in the year 1785, the year before I was married. He left his wife many years ago, cant state the precise time, and went to North Carolina as I have understood, and lived there. I was called upon some years ago to give an affidavit for Elizabeth Arnold to get her pension which I then gave —“ Elizabeth Fleming also described the service of William Arnold, brother of Lindsey.

Also in the file is an application for a pension dated 5 Oct 1850 by Nancy Arnold, 75, of Coffee County TN, who stated that she married Linsey Arnold on 10 Aug 1791, that he drew a pension at Morganton NC, and that he was drowned on 1 Dec 1830. One Willis McRaw stated that Lindsey Arnold married Nancy Arnold in Spartanburg District of South Carolina, and he died in Feb 1831.

[The following is from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I do Certify that Lindsay Arnold Enlisted for the War in 1<sup>st</sup> Reg't L Dragoons & that has faithfully servd to the end of the War as Witness my hand

[William Barret VAS1197 Capt  
Baylor's Dragoons  
April 15<sup>th</sup> 84



NOTE:

The following federal census records may relate to Lindsay Arnold and his wife, Elizabeth.

1820

Rutherford County NC

Lindsey Arnold Male 45 or over; Females 1 16-25, 1 26-44

Louisa County VA

Arnold, Eliza Males: 3 0-10, 1 16-25, 1 26-44; Females: 2 0-10, 2 16-25, 1 26-44

1830

Rutherford County NC

Linsy Arnold Male 60-70; Female 50-60

Louisa County VA

Betsey Arnold Male 70-80; Females: 1 30-40, 1 40-50, 1 70-80