

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Arnold W5640

Mary Arnold

f94SC

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State of Alabama, Autoga [sic, Autauga] County

Personally came before me on this 16th day of April Eighteen hundred and thirty three in open Court of the Circuit Court of Autauga County and State of Alabama now sitting, Thomas Arnold, a resident of Autauga County, in the State of Alabama aged seventy 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in the State of South Carolina, under Capt. John Ridgeway in the year 1779,¹ in the District of Ninety-Six, that he was marched from thence under the command of Capt. John Ridgeway to the State of North Carolina, Rutherford County where he joined the Army of Genl Morgan [Daniel Morgan], a short distance from the Cowpens, that he was at the battle of the Cowpens² but was unable to fight in consequence of a wound he had previously received in a skirmish at Hammon's old Store [sic, Hammond's Old Store³] in the State of South Carolina, District of ninety six under the command of Col. William Sumpter.⁴ That he continued in the service in North Carolina about three months during which time he was marched through different parts of the state, in skirmishing expeditions. That after the expiration of his then stay in North Carolina, he was marched back to South Carolina, Ninety Six district, by Capt. John Ridgeway. That he continued under his command until he was killed by William Cunningham on Dirty [?] Creek in the District of Ninety Six. By reason of whose death he was unable to get a discharge from the service. That he served as a volunteer upwards of nine months. That he served with Col. Sumpter [Thomas Sumter], Genl Morgan, Col. Washington, Col. Elijah Clark [Elijah Clarke] and Lieut Walter Garner and others whose names he cannot remember. That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no

1 From the events petitioner describes, this date is probably sometime in late 1780.

2 January 17, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/cowpens.htm>

3 December 30, 1780. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/hammondsstore.htm>

4 It is difficult to know to whom petitioner is referring. Thomas Sumter was not present at Hammond's Old Store because he was still recovering from the severe wounded he suffered at Blackstock's Plantation the month before. Also, by the date of the engagement at Hammond's Old Store, Sumter had been promoted to the rank of Brigadier General of the SC militia. The reference, therefore, is most likely to Col. William Washington who was the commanding officer at the engagement at Hammond's Old Store.

person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except that present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Attest: M. P. Hokinan, Clk

S/ Tho Arnold



[Eli Terry, a clergyman, and Samuel S. Simmons, Thomas Hogg, Robert Brodnax & Redden Jones gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Int. 1. When & in what year was you born?

Answer. I was born in the State of Virginia Buckingham County in the year 1763.

Int. 2. Have you any record of your age; and if so where is it?

Ans. I have no record of my age, it is lost? [sic]

Int. 3. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the revolutionary war & where do you now live?

Ans. I lived in the State of South Carolina when called into service, since that time I have lived in the State of Kentucky Logan County & am now living in the State of Alabama Autauga County? [sic]

Int. 4. How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a Substitute? & if a substitute for whom?

Ans. I was a volunteer during the whole of my service.

Int. 5. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the Troops where you served, such Continental & militia regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your Service?

Ans. The names of the officers with whom I served were General Morgan, Colonel Washington, Colonel William Sumpter, Colonel Andrew Pickens, Colonel Eli Clark, the general circumstances of my service are above related.

Int. 6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the Service? If so by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans. I never received a discharge.

Int. 7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood & who can testify as to your character for veracity & their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution?

Ans. I am well acquainted with Eli Terry, Samuel Simmons, Robert Brodnax, Thomas Hogg & Redden Jones.

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State of Alabama Lowndes County: Personally appeared before me A J Rutherford a Justice of the Peace for the State and County aforesaid Thomas Hamilton⁵ at the prayer of Thomas Arnold, who deposeth & saith that Thomas Arnold aforesaid commenced service in the Revolutionary war in the month of March in the year 1783 being near the close of the

⁵ [Thomas Hamilton R4522](#)

war; as a volunteer under Colonel Casey & Captain George Martin, as a private & continued in the service for 12 months & was discharged in skirmishes against the outlying Tories in the Ninety Six district as then called into State of South Carolina this is a true and correct affidavit of Thomas Hamilton for the benefit of Thomas Arnold that he may obtain a pension. Taken by me this 8th day of March of the 1840.

S/ A J Rutherford, JP

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State of Alabama Autauga County

On this 17th day of March 1840 personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of the County Court now sitting Thomas Arnold aged seventy-seven years, a resident of the State of Alabama and County of Autauga and on his oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he entered the service as a volunteer as well as he remembers in the year 1779 under the command of Captain John Ridgway in the State of South Carolina in the district of Ninety Six. That he was principally engaged in scouting parties. That he was engaged in many skirmishes with the British and Tories. That he was in one engagement under the command of Colonel Elijah Clarke near the Long Cane⁶ in the District of Ninety Six State of South Carolina in which engagement Colonel Clarke was wounded in the shoulder. That he was in the battle of the Cowpens in the State of South Carolina under the command of General Daniel Morgan. That he well remembers the names of Colonel Washington and Colonel Pickens who ably supported General Morgan during the engagement. The deponent further declares that from the time of his in ring into service that he marched principally through South Carolina and North Carolina. That he served as a private soldier under the command of Captain John Ridgway eighteen months. That Captain John Ridgway was killed by a party of Tories under the Command of Colonel William Cunningham in the State of South Carolina Ninety Six District. That after the death of Captain John Ridgway he continued in the service under the command of Captain George Martin as a private for 12 months. That while under the command of Captain George Martin that he was engaged principally in ranging and scouting in the State of South Carolina. That Captain Martin's Company would occasionally unite with Captain Lewis Saxton's [Lewis Saxton's] Company & Colonel Casey [Levi Casey]. That while under the command of Captain Martin he was in no general Engagement. That he commenced service under the command of Captain Martin in the month of March 1783. That in consequence of the untimely death of Captain John Ridgway he never received any discharge from the service. This deponent further declares that during the time of the aforesaid service he was not engaged in any civil pursuit. This deponent further declares that by reason of the great lapse of time and old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise time of his service but he is confident he served as a private soldier for the period of 2 years & 6 months.

I do hereby relinquish all and every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State in the United States except Alabama.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

⁶ December 12, 1780 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/longcane.htm>

S/ Tho. Arnold

[The interrogatories were put to the veteran again and he gave a substantially the same answers as he gave in his first declaration except in this one he names the Reverend Joseph D. Lee, Thomas Hogg, Alexander Samples, Jesse R. Jones, Benjamin Davis and the Honorable John J. Crittendon as his witnesses.]

[Joseph D. Lee, a clergyman, Edmond Shackelford, Thomas Hogg, Benjamin Davis, Jesse R. Jones and Alexander Samples gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 8: On January 3rd, 1845 in Dallas County Alabama, Mary Arnold filed for the arrearages due her deceased husband as a pensioner of the United States; she states that she now resides in Dallas County having resided there for 2 years last past and that prior thereto she had been a resident of Autauga County Alabama. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 15: Of January 18, 1854 in Dallas County Alabama, Mary Arnold, 88, filed for a widow's pension under the 1844 and 1848 acts stating that she is the widow of Thomas Arnold a pensioner of the revolution for his service therein; that her husband died March 23, 1844; that she remains his widow; that she married him October 26, 1786. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 18-19: family record]

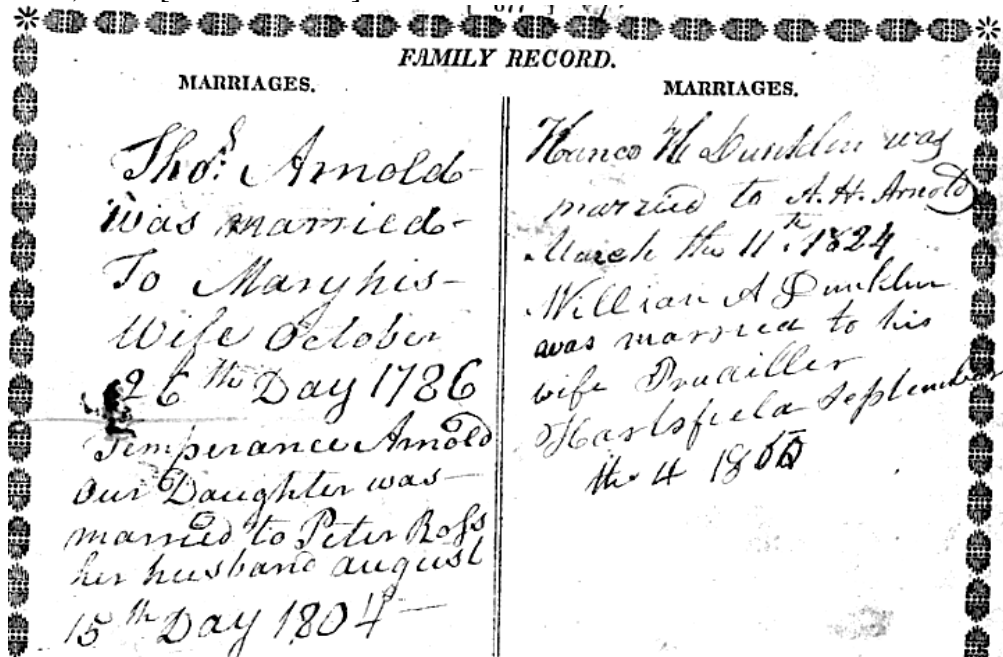
Marriages

Thos. Arnold was married to Mary his wife October 26, Day 1786

Temperance Arnold our Daughter was married to Peter Ross her husband August 15th Day 1804

Hance H. Dunklin was married to A. H. Arnold Marched the 11th 1824

William A. Dunklin was married to his wife Prudilla [sic, Drusilla?] Hartsfield September the 4, 1850 [could be 1860]



Births

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 Mary Arnold was born May the 13th Day 1766
 William B. Arnold was born July 1st 1791
 Temperance Arnold was born November the 25th Day 1789
 John Arnold was born April 4th, 1793
 Thomas H. Arnold was born March 7th 1797
 Sally P. Arnold was born April 27th 1799
 Ann H. Arnold was born June 29 Day 1802

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[The veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months service as a private. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]