

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Arrington <sup>1</sup> W5653      Susanna Arrington      f67VA  
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Virginia, to wit:

On this 29th day of November 1832 Personally appeared before the Court of the County of Halifax, John Arrington, a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged Seventy-five years, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed 7th June 1832, states that in the year 1781, the Militia was called to Irvin's ferry, and that they are he volunteered about the first of January, and served under Capt. Bird Wall and marched to Guilford, crossing Haw River, at the High rock Ford; and beyond Guilford Court house, NC he had one engagement, and not being aware of the retreat, he was left still firing: -- The Officers he recollects at the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] were Generals Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], Stephens [Edward Stevens] & Lawson [Robert Lawson], Col. Nathaniel Cock [Nathaniel Cocke], Major John Williams Capt. Mical Cunegame Mackdaniel (& John Thompson who) was killed near him in the time of the engagement. That after he returned from the battle at Guilford he went on to Nuces old fields on James River, with Col. Peter Rogers, Capt. John Faulkner, from thence crossing from Cobham, to old Jamestown, & from there to Little York, but before he got to York he enlisted in the United States service under Col. William Lea for during the War, and was put under Morgan, and was sent on from York after the surrender [October 19, 1781] of Lord Cornwallis, to Winchester, and from thence to the City of New York, and from thence marching in various directions until they arrived near the Maryland line, and there were discharged by General Washington in the latter part of the Winter following and got home the spring following, but cannot ascertain the precise time, he served -- but believes that he did not serve less than 12 months, in the Revolutionary War. -- That his papers was burnt in his father's house, his register and discharge also. -- That he can prove that he served as a soldier at the Siege of York by John Dunkley,<sup>2</sup> and at the battle of Guilford by \_\_\_. That can prove his services by several persons but has not an opportunity of procuring their affidavits, that he was born in Lunenburg County & State of Virginia, lived in Halifax County during the revolutionary War, and does now live in the same -- that he has no documentary evidence of his services. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

S/ John Arrington, X his mark

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt28552-160-55

<sup>2</sup> [John Dunkley W5267](#)

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid  
[Joshua James & Christopher White gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Halifax County State of Virginia

This day appeared before me a Justice of the peace for said County, John Dunkley and made oath that he was well acquainted with John Arrington a resident in the County and State aforesaid in the time of the Revolutionary War. That he was in the service with him under the command of Colonel Peter Rogers & Captain John Faulkner, and was with him at the Siege of York, and that he went on from there to Winchester. And that the said Arrington was thought to be a faithful & valiant soldier.

Given under my hand this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October 1832

S/ Wm Faulkner

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State of Virginia Halifax County, to wit

On this 4th day of May 1833 John Arrington a resident of the County aforesaid personally appeared before me James Pointer a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following additional declaration to his former declaration dated the 29th day of December 1832 in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th of June 18 32. That there was no clergyman in the neighborhood convenient. That Lewis Griffin, Wallace Wilson, Solomon Sizemore & Joshua James who are residents in his present neighborhood can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier in the revolution. That he was born in Lunenburg County in the year 1757. That there was a record of his age in his grandmother's Bible that was sold at her sale and he cannot tell where it is. That he may be mistaken in the Christian name of the officers that he enlisted him. That he thinks it was Col. William Lee of the troop of horse but it might have been Col. Henry Lee. That he recollects it was said that he was a cousin of General George Washington.

S/ John Arrington, X his mark

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State of Virginia Halifax County

James Willis<sup>3</sup> a resident of the County aforesaid made oath before me Samuel Pointer a justice of the peace in the said County That he was well acquainted with John Arrington who resides in Halifax County & State aforesaid in time of the revolutionary war, and that he has knowledge of his enlisting in the United States service as well as he can recollect in the year 1781 and that he enlisted during the war under Col. Lee and believes that he served until the expiration of the revolutionary war as a soldier in the revolution.

Given under my hand this 5th day of January 1833.

S/ James Pointer, JP

[p 11: On April 12, 1850, in Halifax County Virginia, Susannah Arrington, 81, filed for a widows pension stating that she is the widow of John Arrington, a pensioner of the United States for his services in the revolution at the rate of \$40 per annum; that she married him April 30

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<sup>3</sup> [James Willis S6417](#)

1790 and that he died November 26 1837. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 15: On April 12, 1850, in Mecklenburg County Virginia, John Vaughan, 79, made affidavit that he is the brother of Susannah Arrington; and that he knows his sister Susannah Vaughan and John Arrington were lawfully married in Granville County North Carolina on April 30, 1790. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[p 18: On May 17, 1855 in Mecklenburg County Virginia, the widow gave the necessary testimony to continue her pension under the 1848 act.]

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[On May 13, 1867, in Halifax County, Susannah Arrington, 90, applied to have her pension reinstated.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for one-year in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.