

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Loyde W8086

Elizabeth Armstrong

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State of Virginia Essex County to wit

On this 20 day of September 1843 personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace of the County Court of Essex, Elizabeth A Loyde a resident of the County aforesaid aged 71 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by Act of Congress passed July seven, 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows" – That she is the widow of George Loyde who was a Soldier during the war of the Revolution – that the said George Loyde enlisted in a company commanded by Captain John Sears [John Sayres, Sayers, etc.], which was attached to the first Regiment of the Virginia State line, for the term of three years which term he served out. During the time that he was in service, this deponent hath frequently heard her late husband the said George Loyde say that he was at the Storming of Stony Point [July 16, 1779], and that during a portion of the time that he was in the service he was attached to the Quarter Master's Department. So long an interval has elapsed since those occurrences transpired, and she is now so far advanced in life, and many of the incidents at one time fresh in her memory having faded away, she cannot pretend to state with entire accuracy these instances as they occurred during his service which were so frequently given by him to her after their marriage. She has frequently heard him state that the time he entered the service – and the time when he left it – the counties through which he marched, and the various battles in which he was engaged – but with the exception of the Storming of Stony Point all have escaped her memory. – She further declares that she was married to the said George Loyde on the ___ day of July 1793 – and that her husband the aforesaid George Loyde died on the 13th day of September 1813 that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service – but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 viz., at the time above stated.

S/ Elizabeth A. Loyde, X her mark

[p 5: Copy of a marriage bond dated July 23, 1793 certified by the clerk of the Essex County Virginia court on September 23, 1843 in which George Loyde and Benjamin Waggoner, bondsmen, were bound on the condition of the marriage of George Loyde, Bachelor, to Elizabeth Armstrong Waggoner, Spinster. The bond contains a certificate given by Benjamin Waggoner that Elizabeth Armstrong Waggoner is 21 years of age.]

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The affidavit of Carter Croxton, a pensioner for services rendered the United States of America

as a Soldier in the Revolutionary War, aged eighty-three years, taken this 21st day of September in the year 1843, this affiant being first sworn, deposed and saith that he was well acquainted with George Loyde late a Soldier in the Army of the revolution. That the said Loyde enlisted under one Captain John Sears for the term of three years, which term he served out, but this affiant does not at this time recollect to what Regiment the said Loyde belonged, as they belonged to different regiments, but he knows well that he did serve out his time and that he was well acquainted with him until the time of his death and further this affiant saith not.

S/ Carter Croxton¹



[Attested in Essex County Virginia September 21, 1843]

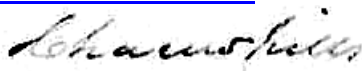
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The deposition of John Armstrong a pensioner for Services rendered the United States of America as a Soldier in the Army of the Revolution, aged eighty-two years, taken the 27th day of September 1843, this deponent being first duly sworn deposed and saith that he was born and resided in the County of Essex the greater part of his life until within a few years past, he also states that he was well acquainted with George Loyde late a native of Essex County and a soldier of the revolutionary Army, this deponent saith that the said Loyde enlisted under one Captain John Sears or Captain John Webb this deponent saith that so long a time has elapsed that he cannot say positively which it was but well knows that he did enlist for three years which time he served out, and during the time he was in the service he went North and was in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Monmouth [June 28, 1778], Cheraw hills [? Schuylkill?]², the Storming of Stony Point, and that at the end of his service he returned home and sometime in the year 1793 he intermarried with one Elizabeth Armstrong Waggoner – who is still living and has never since the death of the said Loyde then married to any other person and further this deponent saith not.

S/ John Armstrong,³ X his mark

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836 for her husband's service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

¹ [Carter Croxton S9250](#)

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I'm unable at this time to identify which battle this veteran may have been trying to name. I am unaware of any 'battle' that took place at Cheraw Hills in SC which involved Virginia continentals. I'm guessing the old veteran was actually saying the engagement was on the Schuylkill River.

³ [John Armstrong S6529](#)