

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Westwood Armistead (Armstead) W8100 Lucy Armistead f71NC
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State of North Carolina, Chatham County

This day the fifth March A.D. 1844 personally appeared before me Thomas Bell – one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for said County Westwood Armstead [sic] and after being Sworn, made the following declaration in order to obtain a pension under the acts of Congress made and providing for the benefit of certain Surviving Soldiers of the Revolutionary. This deponent Sayeth first that he is eighty one years old, that when very young he was drafted into the Army in the year of 1781 a short time before the Guilford Battle, that at the time he was drafted he lived in the County of Northampton in the State of North Carolina, and after being drafted he was ordered and did rendezvoused at Halifax on the Roanoke [River] in the State of N. C. and marched from thence under Captain Medrie [Cosimo Medici] to Guilford Court House, was in the Guilford Battle [March 15, 1781] his whole company fled, but again Rendezvoused at Troublesome Iron Works, and that he was then returned a Soldier for twelve months under Anthony Armstead his brother. Then marched to Camden in the State of South Carolina and was in the Battle¹ which there took place, from thence marched to the fort Mott [Fort Motte], from thence to Augusta in the State of Georgia and was there again in Battle [presumably the veteran is referring to the Siege of Augusta, May 22-June 6, 1781], from thence took up march for Ninety Six [again, presumably the veteran is referring to the Siege of Ninety Six, May 21-June 19, 1781], but was by the British taken prisoner on the way in a Skirmish, and carried to Charleston in the State of South Carolina, was there put on board a man of War, the name of the Vessel not recollected, remained in Charleston for some time, was carried from thence to England, a fight took place on the way between the Ship carrying this deponent and a French Vessel he was landed on the Island of Jersey in the English Channel, was there sick for a considerable time, on recovery was sent to Spithead prison and was there Confined until peace was made, was then Sent by Cartel to Havre de Grace in France, there saw the American Consul, from whom received some money and a pass, and went from thence to L'Orient, and there obtained passage on board an American Ship commanded by Captain Pearson, which landed in May or June 1783 at Boston in the United States. This deponent further declares on oath that he has not at any time received pay for any part of his Services. Sworn and subscribed to the day and date first written.

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S/ Tho. Bell, JP

S/ Westwood Armistead, X his mark

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State of North Carolina, Chatham County

This day came before me Thomas Bell an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County

1 Battle of Hobkirk's Hill on April 25, 1781.

Willie J. Fuller of Wake County in said State and after being duly Sworn Saith that 8 or 10 years past he had a conversation with Westwood Armistead relative to the part he played in the Revolutionary War and I saw in his possession a paper much soiled and written in a language that he the said Fuller did not understand but was informed by the said Armistead that it was his passport from the Consul at Harve de Grace the said Fuller then inquired why he the said Armistead did not apply to his Government for a Pension he said that he should not live long and if God would give him Health he thought he could live without being a Tax to his government.

Sworn to and subscribed this 27th of August 1844.

S/ Thos. Bell, JP

S/ William J. Fuller

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State of North Carolina, Chatham County

This day came before me Thomas Bell an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid Westwood Armistead of said County and State who after being duly Sworn according to Law maketh the following declaration in addition to his declaration now on file in the Office of the Commissioner of Pensions in his behalf in order to obtain the benefit of the Acts of Congress granting Pensions to the Soldiers of the Revolution he Sayeth that he entered into the service of the United States on or about the 1st day of March 1781 and continued in the same until about the 15th day of June following at which time he was taken prisoner by the British while on a march from Augusta to Ninety Six Sent to England and detained a prisoner until the Spring of the year 1783 and that he has no other evidence to prove the time of his Service than the evidence of Aron Robards in his former declaration, he further Sayeth that his reasons for not applying sooner for a Pension are that his brother Anthony Armistead under whom he served had removed to the State of Mississippi and there died and that he did not know until very recently that Aron Robards was living and that he resolved as he was then able to work for his living and not knowing any person by whom he could prove the facts not to apply to his Government for aid but old age and bodily affliction have driven him to the necessity of making application for the same. Sworn to and subscribed this 27th day of August 1844.

S/ Thos. Bell, JP

S/ Westwood Armistead, X his mark

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State of North Carolina, Chatham County

On this 7th September 1848, personally appeared before the Subscriber an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County Westwood Armistead a pensioner of the United States as a Soldier of the Revolutionary War and having been duly Sworn, doth on his oath make the following declaration, Supplementary to, and in support of, his former declaration made in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of an act of Congress passed the 7th June 1832. That as stated heretofore he was a Soldier of the Revolutionary War. That he entered the service as before stated twelve months of his time and was prevented from serving to the end of the War, for which he had engaged, by being taken prisoner as heretofore stated by the enemy, and carried out of the Country and detained as such to the end of the War. This declarant therefor applies for the increase of pension, or his Services to the end of the War, which he would have performed but, that he was detained a prisoner by the enemy.

Signed

S/ Westwood Armistead, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and date above written.

S/ S. Upchurch, JP

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State of North Carolina, Wake County

Aaron Robards a Soldier and pensioner of the revolutionary war being called upon by John

Hicks agent for Westwood Armistead to say what he knew of revolutionary Services of the said Armistead, this day personally appeared before me Jeremiah Morris one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for the said County and State, and after being duly Sworn, deposeth and sayeth as follows, (to wit) that he became acquainted with the said Armistead at Ramsey's ^{Mills} in the time of the revolutionary war on Deep River in Chatham County North Carolina on their march to South Carolina, that the said Armistead was in the Battle at Camden after that they marched together down into South Carolina to a Fort the name not recollected, from thence they marched together to Augusta in the State of Georgia, the said Armistead was there in Battle, from thence they took up March for a place called Ninety Six, on the way a skirmish took place and the said Armistead was taken prisoner, and this deponent understood he was carried to Charleston, after that this deponent saw nor heard no more of the said Armistead until after peace was made, and the said Armistead took up his residence in the County of Chatham, North Carolina and further this deponent sayeth not. The word Mills interlined before the signing of the above.

Sworn and subscribed to this the 27 day of March A.D. 1844.

S/ Jeremiah Morris, JP

S/ Aaron Robards,² X his mark

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State of North Carolina, Comptroller's Office

I William J. Clark Comptroller of Public Accounts in and for the State aforesaid do hereby certify that it appears of record in my office among the payments made by said State to sundry persons for Military services in the Revolutionary War, as follows, to wit:

Westwood Armistead [sic]

Book C, No. 17 page 56 £9 S6 specie

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal of office this 13th day of January A.D. 1852.

S/ Wm J. Clarke, Comptr.

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Raleigh NC Comptr. Office

I William F. Collins Comptroller of Public Accounts in and for the State of North Carolina do hereby certify that the Name of Westwood Armistead appears on an original Muster Roll of Drafts and delinquents received by Lieut. John McNees of the 3rd North Carolina Regiment at Halifax; the same Roll Shows thus he enlisted for the War; and it also Shows, he enlisted from Northampton County. Given under my hand and seal – as will be seen in bundle Marked Descriptive List of Troops.

S/ Wm F Collins, Comptr.

[p 19: On May 16, 1854 in Wake County North Carolina, Lucy Armistead, 69, a resident of Wake County formerly of Chatham County, made application for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Westwood Armistead late of Chatham County North Carolina, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$80 per annum; that she was married to Westwood Armistead in Chatham County in the year 1812 and had by him the following children, Emily, Westwood, May, Betsey, Rosa, Joseph, Anthony & Julia all of whom are now living except the first 2 mentioned who are now dead; that her maiden name was Lucy Clark; that her husband died in 1848; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p: 25: On August 22, 1854 in Wake County North Carolina, the widow filed another application for a

² The only pensioner with a name remotely like that attributed to this affiant who I found in the federal pension records was [Aaron Roberts S7430](#) but his description of his services does not exactly match that described above.

pension, this time under the 1848 act; in this document she states that her maiden name was Miss Lucy Minor. No explanation is offered for the discrepancy in her maiden name between her 2 applications.]

[p 35: Finding by the Clerk of the Chatham County North Carolina court that Westwood Armistead a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolutionary war died on the 10th day of November 1848 leaving a widow surviving whose name is Lucy Armistead.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]